# "Christmas: the Long Game"
## Matthew 1:1-17

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**Take a closer look at Matthew 1:1-17.**

**Two clear themes:**
(**1) Jesus is truly the Jewish _____.**

**(2) He is also the _____ of all people**.

**Insights:**

**I. God works in history through every_____ to bring about His good purposes. This is _____.**

    *1. The _____ from Abraham to Jesus Christ are represented in the genealogy.*

    *2. There is a _____ _____ to these generations, as Matthew arranges them in three groups of 14 generations each.*

    *3. In each generation, the purposes of God could have been thwarted through human _____ and adverse _____, but God turned these bad circumstances into good results.*

**II. God works through_____ to bring about His good purposes. This is _____.**

    *1. There are people of truly _____ standing in the history of the Messiah/Christ.*

    *2. There are others who are true cases of _____ in the history of the Messiah/Christ.*

**III. God prepared _____through whom He would fulfill His good purposes. This is _____.**

    *1. The selected history told by Matthew emphasizes _____ _____ through the chosen people, the descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob.*

    *2. He includes _____ _____ and their role in God's purposes, regardless of their individual choices and character.*

Take it to heart (applications)