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READING PLAN



DAILY READING PLAN FOR
DECEMBER 1ST TO DECEMBER 25TH

FOR UNTO YOU IS
BORN THIS DAY IN
THE CITY OF DAVID A
SAVIOR, WHO IS
CHRIST THE LORD.

LUKE 2:11

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IN THE NEXT 25 DAYS WE WILL LOOK AT THE MESSIANIC PROPHECIES AND THE FULFILLMENT OF THOSE PROPHECIES REGARDING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST. WE WILL ALSO SEE HOW THROUGH CHRIST, GOD KEPT THE COVENANT MADE TO ABRAHAM.

CHRIST CAME INTO THIS WORLD, NOT TO DESTROY THE LAW, BUT TO FULFILL IT.

MATTHEW 5:17

"DO NOT THINK THAT I HAVE COME TO ABOLISH THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS; I HAVE NOT COME TO ABOLISH THEM BUT TO FULFILL THEM."

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DAY 1

JOHN 1:1-5

DAY 2

GENESIS 3:15

GALATIANS 4:4-5

1 CORINTHIANS 15:45-49

DAY 3

MALACHI 3:1

LUKE 1:5-25

MATTHEW 11:10-11

DAY 4

ISAIAH 7:14

LUKE 1:26-38

MATTHEW 1:16-20

DAY 5

LUKE 1:39-45

DAY 6

LUKE 1:46-56

DAY 7

LUKE 1:57-80

DAY 8

LUKE 1:13, 59-66

DAY 9

LUKE 1:67-80

DAY 10

MATTHEW 1:18-25

DAY 11

LUKE 2:1-7

DAY 12

MATTHEW 1:1-17

DAY 13

JEREMIAH 23:5

LUKE 3:23, 31

MATTHEW 1:5-6

DAY 14

MICAH 5:2

LUKE 2:1-7

DAY 15

ISAIAH 9:6

MATTHEW 1:23

LUKE 1:31

LUKE 2:21

DAY 16

LUKE 2:8-20

DAY 17

PSALM 72:10

ISAIAH 60:6

MATTHEW 2:1-12

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DAY 18

JEREMIAH 31:15
MATTHEW 2:13-18

DAY 19

LUKE 3:23-38

DAY 20

ISAIAH 11:1
LUKE 3:23, 32

DAY 21

GENESIS 49:10
LUKE 3:23, 33

DAY 22

NUMBERS 24:17
LUKE 3:23, 34

DAY 23

GENESIS 17:19
LUKE 3:23, 34

DAY 24

GENESIS 17:7
MATTHEW 1:1
GALATIANS 3:14-18

DAY 25

PSALM 2:7
MATTHEW 3:17

December 1

THE WORD

John 1:1-5

When thinking of where to start this plan, I figured the beginning was the best place. John says that the Word was there at the beginning with God and that the Word was God. John also tells us who this Word is:

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Christ is the Word made manifest. Christ lived among us - fully God and fully man. We can learn a lot by just looking at WHO Christ is.

Christ is the Word.	John 1:14
Christ is Love.	1 John 3:16, 4:8
Christ is Faithful.	1Thess 5:24
Christ is Truth.	John 14:6
Christ is God.	John 8:58

December 2

THE PROMISE OF A SECOND ADAM

Genesis 3:15

Galatians 4:4-5

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

At the fall of man, God promised a savior for man.

From the beginning, God knew we would need saving.

From the beginning, God had so much love for us that He made a way for reconciliation.

From the beginning, God knew the sacrifice that was going to be needed.

December 3

THE PROMISE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Malachi 3:1, 4:5

Luke 1:5-25

Matthew 11:10-11

The Angel to Zechariah that "many would rejoice at his (John's) birth", that he would be "great before the Lord" and that he would be "filled with the Holy Spirit".

Jesus himself confirms that John the Baptist is the fulfillment of this prophecy. There are a couple more passages in the old and new testament regarding John the Baptist.

December 4

THE PROMISE OF THE MESSIAH - BORN OF A VIRGIN

Isaiah 7:14
Luke 1:26-38
Matthew 1:16, 20

This prophecy was given about 700 years before the birth of Christ.

Matthew 1:16, 20 is evidence that Jesus was born of Mary, not Mary and Joseph, and that the baby was conceived through the Holy Ghost.

If Jesus had been the natural son of Joseph, that would have meant that He had a sin nature. He also would have been disqualified to rule because of the curse of Coniah.

December 5

MARY VISITS ELIZABETH

Luke 1:39-45

From the womb, the baby - John the Baptist - leaped with joy. There was recognition even from the womb that the Messiah was there. Remember, the Angel had told Zechariah that John would be filled with the Holy Spirit from the womb.

Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit at that moment and acknowledges Mary as the chosen woman to carry the Messiah, her Lord.

There are only a hand full of people in scripture to be filled with the Holy Spirit before Pentecost.

Today, once we believe we are filled with the Holy Spirit. We have a relationship only other believers can understand with our Lord, Jesus. We are connected, in unity with each other because of His Spirit living within us.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, let us also celebrate our spiritual birth through Him.

December 6

MARY PRAISES THE LORD

Luke 1:46 - 56

Mary praises the Lord after Elizabeth greets her as the "mother of her Lord".

Her "song" is very similar to Hannah's "song" (prayer) in 1 Samuel 2:1-10.

December 7

JOHN THE BAPTIST
IS BORN

Luke 1:57-80

December 8

THE NAME OF JOHN

Luke 1:13, 59-66

In those days, family names were important. You usually named your son after the name of someone in your family line.

The name "John" was not a family name for Zechariah and Elizabeth. "John" was the God gave to Him.

The name "John" means 'graced by God'

December 9

JOHN'S CALLING

Luke 1:67-80

December 10

AN ANGEL APPEARS TO JOSEPH

Matthew 1:18-25

Back in those days, the betrothal period was sacred and was considered just as binding as marriage. The man had time after the initial engagement to get a home ready for his bride. Even though Joseph has not 'claimed' Mary as his wife, they were still viewed as married.

Because Mary was now with child, Joseph had the right to deal with her how he saw fit:

- Stoning
- Divorce
- Continue in the Marriage

Joseph was considering divorce, but the Angel of the Lord came to him. This is important because through Joseph's line, Jesus has royal right to claim the kingly throne.

Since Joseph decides to stay with Mary, he is claiming Jesus as his earthly son.

December 11

TAX SEASON

Luke 2:1-7

December 12

JOSEPH'S GENEALOGY

Matthew 1:1-17

Joseph's genealogy is important because this gave Jesus the royal claim to David's throne.

Mary's genealogy - which we will get to on day 19 - is just as important. In Joseph's line, there was a curse put on Jeconiah (also known as Coniah). (Jer 22:28-30) Because of this king's wickedness, God cursed his line of descendants that none of them would sit on the throne of David.*

Joseph's genealogy shows us that Jesus - claimed as Joseph's legal son - is from the royal line of David - giving Him right to the throne.

In Mary's genealogy, we will see how her lineage bypasses the curse on Jeconiah's descendants.

December 13

OF THE HOUSE
OF DAVID

Jeremiah 23:5

Luke 3:23, 31
MARY'S GENEALOGY

Matthew 1:5-6

Being of the house of David gave Jesus right to the throne. From both Mary's and Joseph's genealogies, Jesus is from the line of David.

Being of David's house is also a fulfillment of prophecy that the Messiah would be a descendant of David.

December 14

BORN IN
BETHLEHEM

Micah 5:2

Luke 2:1-7

December 15

THE NAME OF JESUS

Isaiah 9:6

Matthew 1:23

Luke 1:31

Luke 2:21

More names of Jesus

I AM - John 8:58

Savior - Luke 2:11

Author of Life - Acts 3:15

The Way, Truth, and Life - John 14:6

The Good Shepherd - John 10:11

The bread of life - John 6:35

The Light of the World - John 8:12

December 16

THE SHEPHERDS VISIT

Luke 2:8-20

December 17

THE WISE MEN AND GIFTS

Psalm 72:10

Isaiah 60:6

Matthew 2:1-12

These gifts are symbolic because they point to Christ's king-ship, His right to be worshipped, and His eventual death.

Gold - holds monetary value; typically only possessed by kings; used throughout the bible to symbolize physical and spiritual wealth

Frankincense - "pure incense"; incense were used as part of worship

Myrrh - as valuable as gold; used on Jesus' body after his death

December 18

HEROD KILLS THE
CHILDREN

Jeremiah 31:15
Matthew 2:13-18

December 19

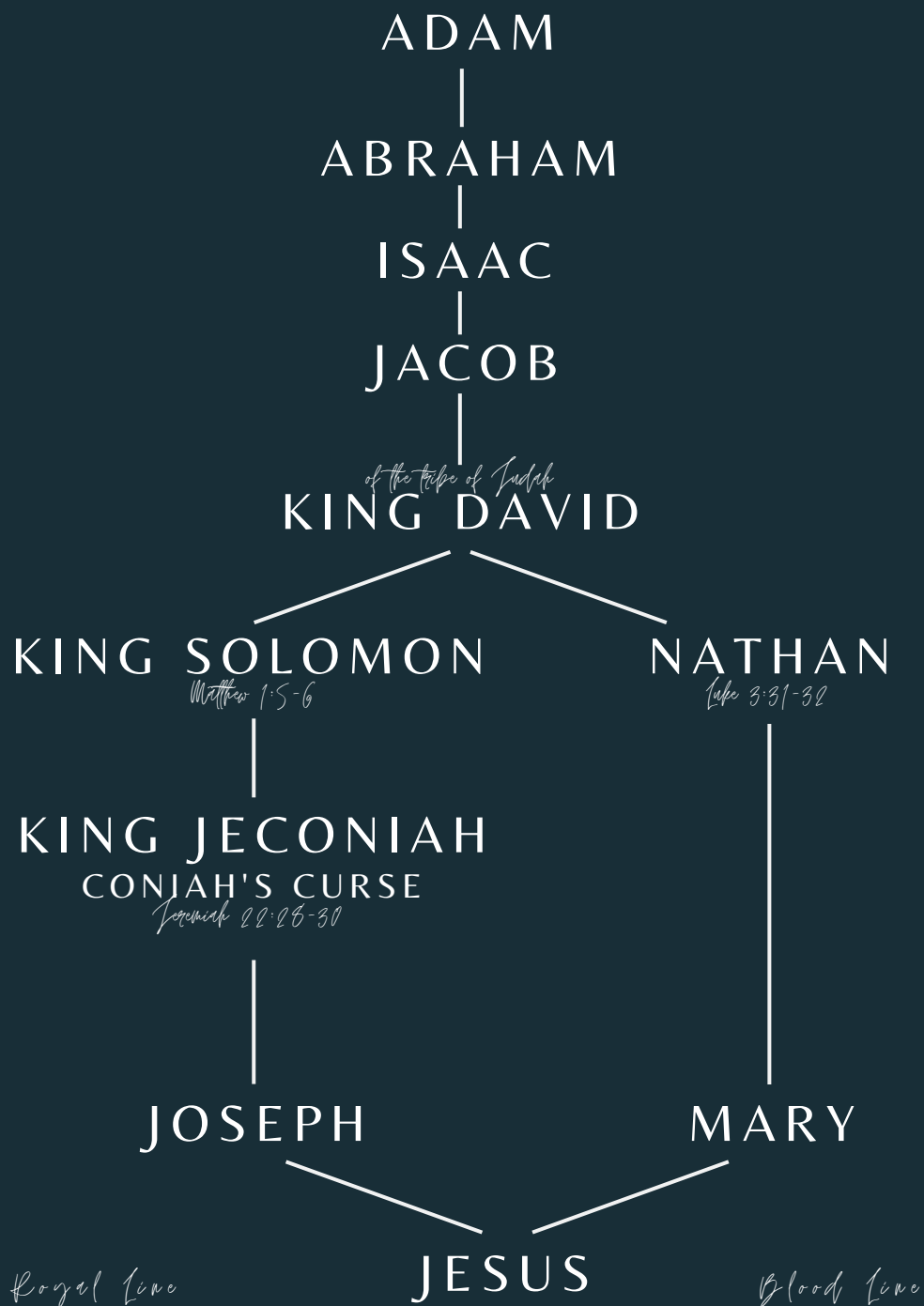
MARY'S GENEALOGY

Luke 3:23-38

Mary's genealogy is important because it bypasses the curse put on King Jeconiah's line. Mary is of the line of King David, giving Jesus access to the throne through the blood line.

JESUS' RIGHT TO RULE

Here is a flow chart to understand the lineage better:



December 20

OF THE LINE
OF JESSE

Isaiah 11:1
Luke 3:23, 32

December 21

OF THE TRIBE
OF JUDAH

Genesis 49:10

Luke 3:23, 33

December 22

THE SON OF JACOB

Numbers 24:17

Luke 3:23, 34

December 23

THE SON OF ISAAC

Genesis 17:19

Luke 3:23, 34

December 24

THE SEED OF
ABRAHAM

Genesis 17:7

Matthew 1:1

Galatians 3:14-18



December 25

THE SON OF GOD

Psalm 2:7
Matthew 3:17

More verses that point to Christ being God:

1 Timothy 2:5-6

Philippians 2:5-8

John 8:58 - Exodus 3:14

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THEIR FULFILLMENT REGARDING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST,
AND CONFIRMED COVENANT MADE TO ABRAHAM