

MORE THAN A LIST OF NAMES

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

MATTHEW 1:12-17

LUKE 2:2-20

Matthew 1:12-17

**After the exile to Babylon;
Jeconiah was the father of**

Shealtiel,

Shealtiel the father of

Zerubbabel,

Zerubbabel the father of

Abihud,

Abihud the father of Eliakim,

Eliakim the father of Azor,

Azor the father of Zadok,
Zadok the father of Akim,
Akim the father of Elihud,
Elihud the father of Eleazer,
Eleazer the father of Matthan,
Matthan the father of Jacob,

And Jacob was the father of Joseph,
the husband of Mary, and Mary was
the mother of Jesus who is called the
Messiah.

**1. The exile to
Babylon**

2. The birth of Jesus

Matthew's genealogical groupings

1. Abraham - Jesse the father of David
2. David - The Exile to Babylon
3. The Exile to Babylon - the Birth of Jesus

Exile to Babylon

=

70 years in Captivity

1. The exile created a profound longing for the Messiah.

2. The exile represented Israel's failure to uphold the covenant with God.

It also highlights the need for a lasting covenant of salvation through Jesus.

Luke 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and the line of David. He went there to register with Mary who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds
living out in the fields
nearby, keeping watch over
their flocks at night. An
angel of the Lord appeared
to them, and the glory of
the Lord shone around
them and they were
terrified.

But the angel said to them,
“Do not be afraid. I bring you
good news that will cause great
joy for all the people. Today in
the town of David a Savior has
been born to you; he is the
Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign to you: You
will find a baby wrapped in
cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

When the Angels had left them
and gone into heaven, the
shepherds said to one another,
“Let’s go to Bethlehem and see
this thing that has happened
which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found
Mary and Joseph and the baby
who was lying in the manger.

When they had seen him, they spread word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds had said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds
returned glorifying
and praising God for
all the things they had
heard and seen,
which were just as
they had been told.

**This wasn't what
anyone had expected.**

**Not Mary, not Joseph,
not the shepherds,
and not the people
waiting.**

John 3:16

For God so loved the
world that He gave His
one and only Son, so
that whosoever believes
in Him shall not perish
but have eternal life.

**1. When it comes to
God - Expect the
Unexpected**

Isaiah 55:9

As the heavens are
higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher
than your ways and my
thoughts than your
thoughts.

God often does the unexpected and He also chooses people we wouldn't expect.

Noah - Faithful, also drunk

Abraham - Faithful, also a
liar and didn't trust God's
timing.

Jacob - liar

**Judah & Tamar -
Dishonest and wasn't
faithful to God**

Rahab - Prostitute

Ruth - Foreign Widow

Boaz - Faithful man of God

David and Uriah's wife
Bathsheba -
Adultery and murderer

Asa and Jehosophat - Faithful

Abijah and Manassah -
Wicked, idol worshipers and
murdered their own children

2. Jesus came for all of us.

He came from the sinners, for the sinners.

He came from the faithful, for the faithful.

He came from the hurting, for the hurting.

He came from the messy, for the messy.

He came from the broken, for the broken.

Romans 10:13

**For everyone who
calls on the name of
the Lord will be
saved.**

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