

MATTHEW CHAPTER ONE

Opening comments

The Bible contains four Gospels within its 66 Books

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—Are the FOUR Gospels that offer a unique perspective on the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

(MATTHEW, MARK AND LUKE) ARE CALLED THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS because they are very similar in context and the flow of Jesus life and events.

So Why Did God Give Us FOUR Gospels?

1. Multiple Perspectives

Each Gospel writer tells the story of Jesus from a different viewpoint, emphasizing different aspects of his life and mission:

- **Matthew** was written for Jewish Christians, focuses on Jesus as the Messiah and King, *fulfilling Jewish prophecy.*
- **Mark** was written for Roman Christians, presents Jesus as the suffering servant and Son of God, *highlighting action and immediacy.*
- **Luke** was written for Gentile Christians, emphasizes Jesus' compassion and outreach to marginalized people, *showcasing the universality of the Gospel.*
- **John** was written for ANYONE who wants to know Jesus, explores the divine nature of Jesus more deeply, *focusing on his identity as the Word of God made flesh and John also focuses on the simplicity of getting saved.*

2. Complementary Accounts

The four Gospels complement each other by filling in details that the others might leave out. Together, they provide a fuller, richer, and more complete picture of who Jesus was and what he accomplished.

3. Historical Reliability

Having multiple independent accounts helps with the historical credibility of the events. *The differences and similarities among the Gospels show that they were written by different people with different experiences and audiences, which adds authenticity and proves a lack of collusion.*

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The genealogy of Jesus in the Book of Matthew (1:1-17) is fascinating for several reasons—Here's what makes it interesting:

1. Matthew tells of Jesus' Connection to King David and Abraham

Matthew FIRST traces Jesus' lineage back to **Abraham** (the father of the Jewish nation) and **King David** (Israel's greatest king). *This is hugely important because it establishes Jesus' rightful place in Jewish history and prophecy:*

- Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the promises made to Abraham, especially the blessing to all nations through his descendants.
- Then Matthew shows that being a descendant of David fulfills messianic prophecies who must come from David's royal line.

2. Be sure and note the Structure of 3 Groups of Fourteen Generations

Matthew organizes the genealogy into three sets of fourteen generations:

- From Abraham to David,
- From David to the Babylonian exile,
- From the exile to Jesus.

This structured format helps readers remember the lineage and emphasizes God's orderly plan throughout history—even through difficult times like the exile.

3. There is the Inclusion of Women by Matthew, some unexpected

Unlike typical Jewish genealogies of the time, Matthew's list includes five women: **Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba (referred to as "the wife of Uriah"), and Mary**. This is notable because:

- Some of these women had unusual or even scandalous backgrounds.
- Their inclusion highlights God's grace and the surprising ways God works through imperfect people.
- It foreshadows the inclusion of Gentiles and outsiders in Jesus' mission.

4. Jesus' Human and Divine Identity

Matthew's genealogy roots Jesus firmly in human history, showing he was a real descendant of Jewish AND Gentile ancestors. At the same time, Matthew begins with the title "**Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of**

Abraham”, linking Jesus to the promises of God’s salvation and kingship to BOTH of these Great Men!

In short, the genealogy in Matthew is more than just a list of names—it’s a theological statement about who Jesus is, where he comes from, and how God’s plan of salvation unfolds through history for ALL NATIONS through the ONLY TRUE GOD, Jesus the Messiah.

OUR TEXT FOR TODAY

Matt. 1:2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. ³ Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram. ⁴ Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon. ⁵ Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse. ⁶ Jesse was the father of **David the king**. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah. ⁷ Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa. ⁸ Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah. ⁹ Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. ¹⁰ Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah. ¹¹ Josiah became the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. ¹² After the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah became the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel. ¹³ Zerubbabel was the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor. ¹⁴ Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud. ¹⁵ Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob. ¹⁶ Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom **(feminine relative pronoun) Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.** ¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David **are fourteen generations;**

from David to the deportation to Babylon, **fourteen generations**; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, **fourteen generations**.

GOD DIVINELY orchestrated history in THREE SETS OF FOURTEEN

GENERATIONS from Abraham to the birth of Jesus (3 the number of God) and hence the Jewish nation **expected the Messiah** because every 14 generations, God was doing something significant with Israel. God's divine timing is always perfect as the NUMBER THREE is the number of Divinity and God's perfect and complete timing!

MATTHEW IN HIS GENEALOGY HAS JUST PRESENTED JESUS AS FOLLOWING: JESUS IS TRULY A HUMAN "KING" BY BIRTHRIGHT THROUGH "KING" DAVID AND JESUS IS TRULY THE DIVINE "KING", (IMMANUEL, GOD WITH US) THROUGH VIRGIN BIRTH!

JESUS IS TRULY THE "KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS" and the complete fulfillment of the entire Old Testament Law that began with "HIS" promise, (as the Pre-incarnate Christ), to Abraham AND GIVER THE LAW, given to Moses some 430 years later!

NOW WATCH THIS-ABRAHAM would become the Father of a great nation (Who would provide the Messiah) ISRAEL THAT STILL EXISTS TODAY!

Gen. 12:1

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; ²And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; ³ And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. **And in you ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH WILL BE BLESSED."**

BUT WAIT THERE IS MORE!!!!!!

Gen. 15:1 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great." ² Abram said, "O Lord God, what will You give me, since I am childless,

and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir.” **(WATCH AS GOD PROMISES TO PROVIDE A “SUPERNATURAL” SON TO ABRAHAM, THROUGH WHICH WOULD COME THE “SUPERNATURAL” SON OF GOD, JESUS, SOME 1900 PLUS YEARS LATER)** ⁴ Then behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir.” ⁵ And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

(Spiritual Children, descendants)

Rev. 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands;

⁶ Then he (Abraham) **believed** in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as **righteousness**. ⁷ And He said to him, “I am the **Lord** who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it.” ⁸ He said, “O Lord God, how may I know that I will possess it?” ⁹ So He said to him, “Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰ Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds. ¹¹ The birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away. ¹² Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror *and* great darkness fell upon him. ¹³ *God* said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. ¹⁴ “But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions. ¹⁵ “As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ “Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.” ¹⁷ It came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed

between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram...

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM WAS TRULY UNILATERAL AND REQUIRED "NOTHING" OF ABRAHAM, BECAUSE HE HAD "ONLY" ONE THING...and it was enough!!!!!! "FAITH" IN YHWA JESUS!

IN THE SAME WAY GOD'S COVENANT WITH YOU AND I IS UNILATERAL AND REQUIRES "NOTHING" FROM US EXCEPT ONE THING...."OUR FAITH" WHICH EVEN THAT, IS A GIFT FROM GOD (Eph. 2:8-9)

STEVE: CLOSE WITH THE UNILATERAL COVENANT OF GOD

- 1. THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IS A UNILATERAL COVENANT OF GOD!**
- 2. THE COVENANT OF GOD (JESUS) TO ABRAHAM WAS ALSO A UNILATERAL COVENANT OF (LAND, SEED AND BLESSING) was fulfilled by Jesus Christ Himself!!!!!!**

PROMISED LAND... WITHOUT BORDERS EXPLAINED IN (Heb. 11:8-10)
By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; ¹⁰ for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

SEED, DECENDANTS THAT OUTNUMBERED THE STARS IN THE SKY
(Heaven is going to be a busy place with multitudes that no one could count as John records in Revelation. **GEN 22:18a** *"In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed!* JESUS is the one who promised this blessing and JESUS is the promised blessing to ALL the nations of the whole earth!!!!!!

BLESSING, ABRAHAM WAS TO BE A BLESSING TO THE WHOLE WORLD
AND ABRAHAM WOULD BE, THROUGH THE GENEALOGY THAT MATTHEW GIVES US FROM ABRAHAM TO JESUS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD!!!!!!

SO WHAT'S IN A GENEALOGY? Salvation for the WHOLE WORLD!