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GETTING BEYOND THE “BEGOTS”

Matthew 1:1-18

Matthew 1:1-4

"The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ..."

Matthew 1:5-10

"and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah ..."

Matthew 1:10-15

"the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of ..."

Matthew 1:15-18

“Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.”

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**MATTHEW HIGHLIGHTS THE
EXPECTED LINEAGE**

Matthew 1:1

"The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham ..."
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Promises to Abraham

- "And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

(Gen 12:2-3, ESV)

- "And in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

(Gen 22:18, ESV)

Promises to David

"And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son."

(2 Sam 7:11b-14a, ESV)

Promise to Israel

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore."

(Isa 9:6-7, ESV)

Father of ... (*gennaō*)

- The best translation is actually not “father of.”
- It means source, cause of, or ancestor
- It is best understood—“from the line of.”
 - This genealogical list is not exhaustive, but representative.

Three “Sets” of 14

$$\text{DaViD } (4 + 6 + 4) = 14$$

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**MATTHEW HIGHLIGHTS AN
UNEXPECTED PEDIGREE**

Expected Names

"The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ ...
Abraham was the father of **Isaac**, and Isaac the
father of **Jacob** (?), and Jacob the father of **Judah**
(??) and his brothers." (Mt 1:1-2, ESV)

Unexpected Names

"Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of **Abijah**, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of **Joram**, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of **Manasseh**, and Manasseh ..."

(Mt 1:7-10, ESV)

Unknown Names

"Zerubbabel the father of **Abiud**, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of **Azor**, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of **Achim**, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of **Matthan**"
(Mt 1:13-15)

Women's Names

"Zerah by **Tamar**, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by **Rahab**, and Boaz the father of Obed by **Ruth**, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by **the wife of Uriah**"

(Mt 1:3-6)

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**MATTHEW HIGHLIGHTS
UNMET EXPECTATIONS**

Matthew 1:17

“So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.” (ESV)

From Abraham to David

Humble beginnings to great prestige.

From David to Exile

Those who followed David as king were not godly. When the nation of Israel took their eyes off God, they fell from glory to disgrace.

From Exile to Obscurity

Israel was carried off into a foreign land and became obscure. With the exception of Zerubbabel, we find names we know little or nothing about.

Why This Lineage? To demonstrate ...

- The proper lineage has always included all people.
- That Jesus was the Messiah, but not the Messiah they were expecting.
- Christ's true purpose for coming.

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

(Mt 1:21, ESV)

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- That God uses ordinary, broken people for his purposes. All are sent.

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- Remember this about others—no matter their background. God wants to redeem them and God can use them.

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GETTING BEYOND THE “BEGOTS”

There is room at the table for everyone at
Christmas dinner.

Next Steps

- ☐ I will keep my eyes focused on God and encourage others to do the same.
- ☐ I will invite _____ to join me for Christmas.
- ☐ I will pray for God's guidance on how I can be sent for his purpose.