

The Book of the Generations of Jesus Christ

Mat 1.1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: 2 Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. 3 Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. 4 Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. 5 Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, 6 and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. 7 Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. 8 Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. 9 Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. 10 Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. 11 Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. 12 And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. 13 Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. 14 Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. 16 And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.

► This opening was an absolute _____
to 1st century Jews. Its words are an exact quote of Gn _____
in the Septuagint, the Greek version of the OT.

► The OT was the “book of the generations” of _____.

► What is Mat. saying by quoting this language?

1) He is giving us the _____ of the NT.

2) He is declaring that Jesus is a new _____, the head
of a new human _____, and the inaugurator of a
_____ heavens and earth.

► The question that would pop into everyone’s mind is ____?
That’s the question everything else in the _____ was written
to answer.

► When Mat. tells us that Jesus is the Son of David & the Son
of Abraham (vs 1), he is telling us that all of God’s promises
have been _____ in Jesus Christ.

Gen 22.15 [T]he angel of the LORD called to Abraham ... 16 and said,
... 18 “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed ...”

Gal 3.8 [T]he gospel [was preached] to Abraham beforehand ...
16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does
not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your
Seed,” who is Christ.

2Sam 7.5 “Go and tell My servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD, ...
16 “Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever;
your throne shall be established forever.””

Isa 9.6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the
government will be upon His shoulder, And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be
no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it
and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward,
even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Luke 1.30 Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you
have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your
womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will
be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God
will give Him the throne of His father David.”

► Mat. gives us a genealogy that wraps a riddle inside an
enigma. The enigma is _____.

► Why did Israel need a new exodus, who was the real
Pharaoh, and what was the real slavery?

► Four times, Mat. mentions Israel's _____, but never a _____ (vs 11, 12, 17).

► _____ is the riddle Mat. inserts into the enigma that is Israel. How can Jesus be Abraham & David's son and also their _____?

Rev 22.16 "I, Jesus ... am the Root and the Offspring of David"

► Mat. drives his point home by adding something very unusual for ancient genealogies: He includes 4 _____, 3 of them _____ (vs 3, 5, 6):

1) Tamar (vs 3; Gen 38)

► Through this opening, Matthew is preparing us for the _____.

2) Rahab (vs 5; Josh 2; Heb 11.31)

► How has Jesus has made everything new and inaugurated a new human race and a new heavens & new earth?

3) Ruth (vs 5; Ruth 1-4).

1Cor 15.45 "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit ... 47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven ... 49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

4) Bathsheba (vs 6; 2Sam 11-12)