



Jesus Birth: Before and After Treasures From the Family Tree

The Generation of Yeshua

In the first 17 verses of Matthew 1, we meet 46 people whose lifetimes span 2,000 years. God's work in history is not limited by human failures or sins, and He works through ordinary people. Just as God used all kinds of people to bring his Son into the world, He uses all kinds today to accomplish His will. And God wants to use you.

The Hidden Treasures of Matthew 1:1-17

1. A New Generation *Gen 5:1; Matt 1:1*

- The 'generation' of Adam: Death *Gen 5:1-32*
- The 'generation' of Jesus: Life *Matt 1:1-17*
- The Greek word for 'genealogy' or 'generation' is the word 'genesis.' It appears in this form ONLY here and *Gen 1:5* in the Septuagint.
- Adam brought sin on humanity but the last Adam (Jesus) came through the nativity to undo the sin problem by bringing redemption. A new 'genesis' generation.

2. The Son of David and Abraham *Matt 1:1*

The first thing that Matthew does is identify Jesus as the "**Son of David**" and the "**Son of Abraham.**" Both David and Abraham were promised sons.

- The Son of David: The royal kingly line!
 - Solomon was the promised son
 - He had great wisdom and built the temple
 - His name means peaceful
- The Son of Abraham: Line of promise and grace!
 - Isaac: The father of Jacob who became Israel.
 - A blessing to all nations *Gen 22:15-18*
 - Offered on the altar—a father offering a son. *Gen 22*
- Jesus came to fulfill all the promises that were given to Abraham's son and David's son.

3. God's Grace: Four Women *Matt 1:3-6; Gen 1:27*

These are parenthetical inclusions that violated the all-male Jewish genealogical system.

- Tamar: The Canaanite daughter-in-law of Judah. *Gen 38*
- Rahab: The prostitute that hid the spies.
 - She became the wife of Salmon and the mother of Boaz, David's great-grandfather. *Josh 2:2-21; 6: 22-25*
- Ruth: A loving Gentile who accepted God.
 - She became the grandmother of David. *Book of Ruth*
- Bathsheba: The mother of Solomon

God sent his Son as Savior of all people—Jews, Gentiles, men, and women. No matter what the sins of the people, God's plan was never thwarted. It continues to unfold. That plan includes you.

Matthew 1:1-16

- 1 The book of the genealogy [*generation*] 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 [**Bathsheba**]).

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 Achim, and Achim begot Eliud.

15 Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob.

16 And Jacob begot Joseph (the husband of Mary), of whom was born **Jesus who is called Christ**.