

The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

(Matthew 1: 1-17)

(Luke 3: 23-38)



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From Abraham to King David

- 14 generations between Abraham and King David.
- God promised Abraham to make from him a great nation (Genesis 12: 1-3).
- God promised that Abraham's children would possess the land of Canaan (Genesis 12: 7).
- God promised Abraham that his seed would be as the stars of heaven (Genesis 15: 5).
- God's promises passed to Isaac (Genesis 26: 1-5).
- God's promises passed to Jacob, who became Israel.
- Israel had 12 sons, and leadership was promised to Judah (Genesis 49: 8-12)
- David descended from Judah. God establishes his kingdom (2 Samuel 7: 8-17).

From King David to the Exile

- 14 generations between King David and the Exile to Babylon.
- Solomon, the son of David and Bathsheba, succeeded David on the throne of Israel.
- Nathan was another son of David, born through another of his wives in Jerusalem.
- Israel had committed idolatry and did not honor the jubilee (Leviticus 25: 8-22).
- Israel also did not let the land rest one year out of every seven (Leviticus 25: 1-7). All of this bad behaviour went on for 490 years.
- So God judged Israel by allowing the Babylonians to defeat them and drag them off into exile for 70 years (2 Chronicles 36: 20-21).

From the Exile to Jesus Christ

- 14 generations After the Exile to Jesus Christ.
- In 538 BC, Israel returned from the exile to Babylon.
- The Davidic monarchy ceased to exist and the priests ruled in their stead, until Herod the Great (37 BC).
- Joseph, the son of Jacob descended from the line of Solomon (Matthew 1: 16)
- Mary, the daughter of Heli descended from the line of Nathan (Luke 3: 23).
- Jesus was born in Bethlehem to fulfill the prophecy of Micah 5: 2.
- Jesus is the "Messiah." He is also the "Son of Man" (Daniel 7: 13-4) and the "Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53. He is the Son of God.