

Matthew 1:1 - in review

(1) The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah [Lit. *the Christ* = *the anointed One*]...

- This genealogy proves to the Jew that Jesus is the Messiah and that He has Royal right to the Davidic Throne.

...the son of David, the son of Abraham (takes the reader back to the Davidic & Abrahamic Covenants):

Genesis 12:1-4

(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."

The families of the earth are blessed in two ways -

- Blessed in that salvation will be provided for ALL who believe in Christ (The promised seed of Abraham and David).
- Blessed in that Jesus Christ Himself will establish a righteous and just reign on earth when He sits on David's throne.

The pattern observed thus far is that the royal line of the Messiah is not without sin.

Sinners are used by God despite their flaws.

Matthew 1:5-7

(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**.

RAHAB:

- A Gentile prostitute who lived in Jericho.
- Note that in Hebrews 11:31 Rahab is listed in the "Hero's of Faith"

Hebrews 11:31

(31) By faith Rahab the harlot...

- The harlot
 - Greek: HE PORNE – a prostitute or one engaged in sexual immorality.
 - Verb – PORNEUO – to engage in prostitution or sexual immorality.
 - Substantive - PORNEIA – any sex outside of the will of God.

...did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace.

Joshua 2:1

(1) Then Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as spies secretly from Shittim, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went and came into the house of a **harlot**...

- Harlot = Hebrew Participle – ZANAH – to be a harlot or engage in prostitution.

... whose name was Rahab, and lodged there.

POD – No sin is too great to prevent the sinner from becoming part of God’s Royal Family.

- Christ paid for all sin on the cross therefore forgiveness is available to all.

POD – No sin is too great to remove the believer from God’s Royal Family once he has been placed there.

Joshua 2:6-11

(6) But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them in the stalks of flax which she had laid in order on the roof.

(7) So the men pursued them on the road to the Jordan to the fords; and as soon as those who were pursuing them had gone out, they shut the gate.

(8) Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof,

(9) and said to the men, (**Note Rahab’s faith in the Lord**) "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have melted away before you.

(10) "For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

(11) "When we heard it, our hearts melted and no courage remained in any man any longer because of you;

(Rahab’s statement of faith): for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

Joshua 6:16-17

(16) At the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city.

➤ **An expression of faith in the Lord.** He had not given them the city yet but they were trusting that the city would be delivered in light of His promise.

(17) "The city shall be under the ban [CHEREM – *something devoted*. In this case the city was devoted to destruction], it and all that is in it belongs to the LORD; only Rahab the harlot and all who are with her in the house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

➤ Rahab put herself in a place of great peril by hiding the spies because of her trust in the Lord.

➤ Not only was she saved but she was a beneficiary of the blessing portion of the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen 12:3 “I will bless those who bless you, and to the ones who curse you, I will curse”).

Rahab was blessed in four ways:

1. She was spared from “being devoted to destruction” – not under the ban (Joshua 6:17, 23-24).

(23) So the young men who were spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and her mother and her brothers and all she had; they also brought out all her relatives and placed them outside the camp of Israel.

(24) They burned the city with fire, and all that was in it. Only the silver and gold, and articles of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

2. She was provided a husband in the Abrahamic line (Salmon).

3. She has a son with Salmon by the name of Boaz.

4. She lives in the land and has a profound influence on her son (Joshua 6:25).

(25) However, Rahab the harlot and her father’s household and all she had, Joshua spared; and she has lived in the midst of Israel to this day, for she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

Ruth 2:1

(1) Now Naomi had a kinsman of her husband, a man of **great wealth** (a man of great valor and moral courage), of the family of Elimelech, whose name was **Boaz**.

Boaz became that “man of great valor and moral courage” because of the influence his mother (Rahab) had upon him. Rahab’s spiritual life bled over into her son’s life. And it had a profound influence on him.

Matthew 1:5

(5) **Salmon** was the father of **Boaz** by Rahab; Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of **Jesse**.

JESSE:

- An extremely modest man.
- Wealthy – owned several herds of sheep.
- Had eight sons.

Matthew 1:6

(6) Jesse was the father of **David the king**. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah.

King is emphasized because of the promise that God made to David in **2 Samuel 7:12-13**

(12) "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.

(13) "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

So, Matthew, under the ministry of the Holy Spirit, begins his gospel with the royal lineage of the King - (Matt 1:1 "...the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah [*the anointed One*], the son of David ...") demonstrating that Jesus Christ is that promised descendent of David.

DAVID:

- Matthew 1:6, in the original, does not mention Bathsheba’s name but merely refers to her.
- David committed adultery with Bathsheba and she became pregnant.
- David then had Uriah (the husband of Bathsheba) murdered (2 Samuel 11 and 12).

Divine discipline was pronounced on David. Important principle to note here – the promise to David was not conditioned on David’s obedience. Rather the promise was conditioned on the integrity of God.

2 Samuel 12:10

(10) 'Now therefore, the sword (reference all the family turmoil David would have to endure until he dies because he put Uriah to the sword) shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

(11) "Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own household; I will even take your wives before your eyes and give them to your companion, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight.

(12) 'Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and under the sun.'

- Firstborn son of David lived only 7 days – the 8th day would have been the day of circumcision (2 Sam 12:18).
- Solomon was his second son by Bathsheba and the Lord loved him dearly.
- David’s son Amnon raped his sister Tamar.
- David failed to discipline his son for that.
- Absalom, another son, later murdered Amnon to avenge Tamar.
- David was lax in disciplining his children.

- Absalom in rebellion helped himself to David's concubines on the roof of the palace in the sight of all Israel in fulfillment of 2 Sam 12:11.
- Absalom led a revolt against his father with a band of mercenaries. He was hung up in a tree by his hair and was run through with spears by one of David's men.
- Later another son, Adonijah, led a revolt as well and was executed under Solomon's order.

POD – Failure to discipline children in accordance with biblical standards and raise them with Bible Doctrine will result in parental grief (Proverbs 17:21, 25 cf. Prov 29:15, 17).

David had an extremely personal walk with the Lord. David loved the Lord very much and despite the discipline he received from the Lord he never had any bitterness toward the Lord. **HOWEVER**, David did not let that close personal walk with the Lord bleed over into the lives of his children. David led a compartmentalized spiritual life!

(Review) Divisions of Matthew's genealogy:

1. From Abraham to David – 14 generations - (vs. 2-6).
2. From David to the Babylonian exile – 14 generations - (vs. 6-11).

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SOLOMON:

- Started out with a very glorious reign and ended his life in apostasy.
- Placed an emphasis on strong military training and readiness.
 - Developed an extensive cavalry and chariot corp.
- Expanded the empire as a diplomat.
- Solomon became extremely wealthy.
- Was active in many building projects to include the temple.
- Controlled the greatest portion of the land promised to Abraham and his descendants.

1 Kings 11:1-2; 6-9 (Solomon's apostasy)

(1) Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women,

(2) from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, "You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, for they will surely turn your heart away after their gods." Solomon held fast to these in love.

Interracial marriage was forbidden by the Lord because it was a means by which Israel would become defiled. A protection from cultural assimilation by means of marriage. The Lord did not want the Israelites to be stained by the abhorrent practices of the Canaanites or any of those who dwelled in the land. Note the commands made in Deut. 20:16-18.

(6) Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not follow the LORD fully, as David his father had done.

(7) Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable idol of Moab, on the mountain which is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon.

1 Kings 11:8-9

(8) Thus also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

(9) Now the LORD was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice,

Just because someone is listed in the Bible as living “upright and righteous” does not mean that they were free from sin. “Being righteous” and “walking upright” means that they adhered to making the prescribed sacrifice for their sin in light of the dispensation in which they lived. Under the age of Israel the believer had to bring the prescribed sacrifices required under the Law for their sin to be sacrificed by the priest. In our day, the Church Age, Jesus Christ is the sacrificial Lamb and He has already made the sacrifice for us. Therefore, we receive the forgiveness and purification from sin when we confess them to our Heavenly Father as per 1 John 1:9. This is why God is *faithful and righteous to forgive and to cleanse* us when we confess our sins to Him.

Davidic Covenant was not conditioned upon man’s obedience!

Matthew 1:7

(7) Solomon was the father of **Rehoboam**, Rehoboam the father of **Abijah**, and Abijah the father of **Asa**.

REHOBOAM:

- The monarchy divided under Rehoboam’s reign.
- Rehoboam allows worship of other gods.

1 Kings 14:24-25

(24) There were also male cult prostitutes in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

(25) Now it happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, that Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem (Divine Discipline).

ABIJAH:

1 Kings 15:3

(3) He walked in all the sins of his father which he had committed before him; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, like the heart of his father David.

ASA:

- Wants to restore the divided kingdom.
- Starts by strengthening the military.
- At first he trusted in the Lord and began to turn the tide of pagan worship in the nation.
 - Completely destroyed his grandmother’s idol.
- People from the Northern Kingdom thought he was right and started heading south.
- Failed in making a treaty with an enemy kingdom (Aram).

2 Chronicles 16:6-12

(6) Then King Asa brought all Judah, and they carried away the stones of Ramah and its timber with which Baasha had been building, and with them he fortified Geba and Mizpah.

(7) At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, "Because you have relied on the king of Aram and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore the army of the king of Aram has escaped out of your hand.

(8) "Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubim an immense army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet because you relied on the LORD, He delivered them into your hand.

(9) "For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His. You have acted foolishly in this. Indeed, from now on you will surely have wars." (You either have trust in the Lord or you do not!)

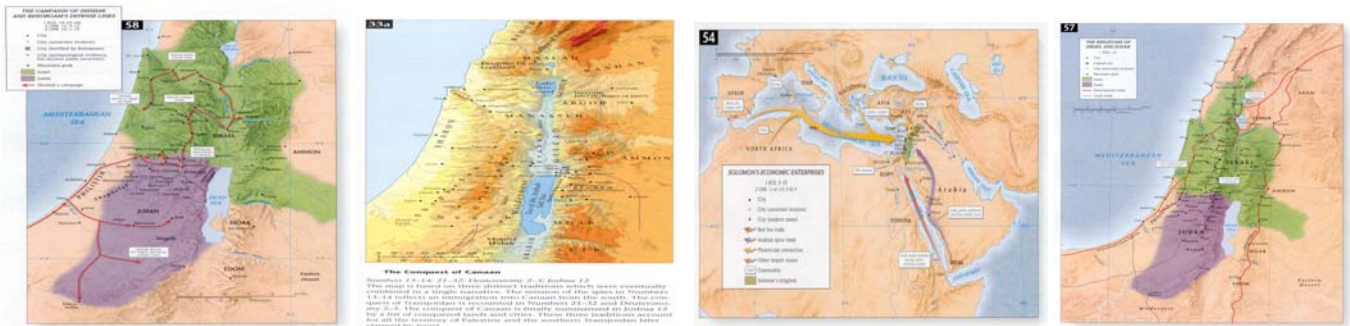
(10) Then Asa was angry with the seer and put him in prison, for he was enraged at him for this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time.

(11) Now, the acts of Asa from first to last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

(12) **(Divine discipline)** In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa became diseased in his feet. His disease was severe, yet even in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but the physicians.

- There is never a more opportune time to trust wholly in the Lord when the believer is sick.

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