

# The genealogy of Jesus the Messiah

Matthew 1:1-17

Key Verse: 1:1

"This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham..."

1. How does Matthew introduce Jesus (1)? What does "Messiah" mean (Isa 7:14; 9:6-7, Mic 5:2)? How is Jesus the answer to God's promises to humanity through David and Abraham (Ge 22:18; 2Sa 7:12-13,16)? What kind of men were Abraham and David? (Ro 4:3,6-8)

2. How was God with his people from the time of Abraham to David (2-6a; Gen 49:10; Ruth 2:11-12)? From the time of David to the exile (6b-11; 2Ki 18:5-7a; 23:3)? How were most of the other kings in this list a bad influence to their people (2Ki 21:9-12)? How was God with his people in spite of their rebellion and corruption?

3. How was God with his people during and after the exile? (12-17; 2Ch 36:22-23; Ez 8:31,32,35; Hag 2:4)? How does God work in spite of tragic human events?

4. Why might Matthew have included five women in the genealogy (3,5,6,16)? How did each one show herself to be a woman of unique faith? (Gen 38; Heb 11:31; Ru 1:14,16; 1Ki 1:15-17,29-30; Lk 1:38)

5. How did God fulfill his promises (16-17)? What was God's purpose for Jesus? (Mt 1:21, 23)