

## GENEALOGY OF JESUS: Abraham to David Ju

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## **Matthew 1: 2-6**

To Abraham was born Isaac; and to Isaac, Jacob; and to Jacob, Judah and his brothers; and to Judah were born Perez and Zerah by Tamar; and to Perez was born Hezron; and to Hezron, Ram; and to Ram was born Amminidab, Nahshon; and to Nahshon, Salmon; and to Salmon was born Boaz by Ruth; and to Obed, Jesse; and to Jesse was born David the king.

**Definition of** *genealogy*: an account of the descent of a person, family, or group from an ancestor

## Why study genealogy?

- Validate Family Stories
- Discover Famous People
- •Family's Relationship to History
- Trace Medical Conditions
- Settle Inheritance Issues
- Determine Land Ownership
- •Finding Birth Parents

- Abraham "Father of many, multitude"
- Isaac "He laughs, laughter"
- Jacob "To follow or be behind", "To supplant, circumvent, assail, overreach, holder of the heel"
- Judah- "Praise"
- Perez- "To breach or burst forth" (Son of Judah & Tamar)
- Hezron "To begin to cluster, gather. Enclosure, cluster, village" "Court, Enclosure" His son, Caleb, founded Bethlehem
- Ram- "Elevated, sublime, high, exalted, High- meaning at the apex- ready to be picked"
- Amminadab "My kinsmen are noble", "Generous, freewill offering, to give and by implication to be noble"
- Nahshon "Serpent, bronze, oracle" His sister was the wife of Aaron, representative and military leader of the tribe of Judah, first to dedicate his tribe's gifts at the new altar of the Tabernacle. The first to lead his tribe out when the camp was disassembled to set out of their journey from the wilderness of Sinai.
- Salmon "Peaceable, perfect, he that rewards, Garment, Mantle, to enclose or envelop"
- Boaz "Swiftness, Strength is within him, In strength, by strength"
   (-az portion of his name means to bring into safety, a place or agent of safety)

  (Boaz, generations later, would be the name of the left pillar in Solomon's temple
- Obed "Servant, serving, worshipping"
- Jesse "Gift"
- David "Beloved"

This name was never repeated throughout Bible history

## Why is the genealogy of Jesus important?

- •The genealogy of Jesus verifies numerous prophecies about His life.
- •Family has value in God's Kingdom.
- •Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, and each ancestor is a prophetic foretelling of His character.
- •Jesus came, not to escape or hide from the sin and disgrace of our choices, but to reveal His grace, which even works through our failures.