

**Introduction:** Each and every person is important to God, both as an individual and as part of His Plan for His people as His Kingdom family. The greatest covenant blessing between God and His people is corporate worship when His people bow down to Him together. \*\*\* From before creation, God's Plan was that all people would be able to bow before Him in humble obedient faith ONLY through His Son who died for all (*Revelation 13:8*): The Savior-King. Jesus said Abraham's obedient faith came because he saw His day and was glad (*John 8:54-58*). \*\*\* Our Matthew passage shows Jesus is descended from king David and, therefore, is the eternal king God spoke about to David through His prophet Nathan (*2 Samuel 7:4-17*; *1 Chronicles 17:1-15*). \*\*\* Our Psalm, written after the remnant returned from Babylonian exile, expresses the yearning of that remnant for righteousness and the joy that flows from it. And, it has petitions in hope for the coming of the eternal Messiah-King. \*\*\* Let's look at all this in more detail.

**I. The genealogy of Jesus beginning with Abraham.** (*Matthew 1:1-17*)

Setting the stage. Book of generation of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham. (*Verses 1*)

**Genealogy:** This is the genealogy of Jesus (Yahweh is salvation) Christ (anointed messiah king). King David had received the word that one of his descendents would be the eternal king. And Abraham is the human father of faithful humans.

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**Highlights:** Every name on this list is important, but we will look at twenty of the forty-eight people referenced in this chapter.

A. From Abraham to David through two foreign women. (*Verses 2-6a*)

1. We get from Abraham to Jacob-Israel's grandsons. (*Verses 2-3a*)

**Judah:** Judah (praise) the fourth-born son of Israel-Jacob is the only one of the twelve sons named. These twelve brothers had four different mothers. (*Genesis 29:31-35:20*)

**Tamar:** Her name means palm tree. Her story is sordid. Judah took her to be the wife of his firstborn son. His two sons died in their sins and the third son was too young to marry. She waited for him but Judah did not give her to him. So she played a prostitute and seduced Judah and had twin sons by him (*Genesis 38*). She is the first of five women in Jesus' family tree.

2. The line is then traced from the firstborn of these twins to David who became king. (*Verses 3b-6a*)

**Amminadab:** His name means 'prince of the people'.

**Boaz:** We find out here that his mother was Rahab. This makes him unique because he became the husband of Ruth. So, he is connected with two of the most unique and interesting women in Scripture.

**Rahab:** She was a non-Israelite prostitute who lived in Jericho. She believed God was with the people of Israel and hid their spies in return for the lives of her and her family. She married into Israel.

**Ruth:** She is the third woman and was from Moab and married an Israelite man sojourning with his family in Moab due to a famine. She loved her mother-in-law and put her faith in Naomi's God. She was a woman of noble character.

**David:** The son of Boaz and Ruth, Obed (serving), was king David's grandfather.

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B. The kings of Judah from Solomon until the Jews were carried off to Babylon. (*Verses 6b-11*)

1. The line is traced from David's son Solomon to Uzziah. (*Verses 6b-8*)

**Solomon from Uriah's wife:** Matthew was not led to use Bathsheba the name of Solomon's mother, referring to her as Uriah's wife. Uriah was a convert to faith in Yahweh while serving under David. He took a Hebrew name meaning 'my light Yahweh'. Bathsheba was attempting to seduce David. The only two story home in Jerusalem was his palace. She knew only David would see her bathing.

**Abiah:** His name means 'my father Yahweh', but he did not live up to his name.

**Asa:** His name ironically means 'physician' or 'cure'. He was a good king until his final years when he relied on Syria rather than his God; imprisoned the prophet who confronted him with this error; and only relied on human healers in his final illness.

**Joram:** His name means 'Yahweh exalted, yet he was a bad king.

**Uzziah:** His name means 'my strength is Yahweh'. He was also called Azariah. Three kings are left out from Jehoram to Uzziah: Ahaziah ('Yahweh possesses'), Joash ('Yahweh fire') and Amaziah ('Yahweh mighty': *2 Kings 8-15*).

2. The line is now traced from Uzziah to the Babylonian captivity. (*Verses 9-11*)

**Hezekiah:** His name means 'might of Yahweh' and he restored Temple worship and celebrated a memorable Passover.

**Josiah:** His name means 'whom Yahweh heals'. He was the last good king of Judah.

**Jeconiah:** 'Whom Yahweh establishes' was a bad king and was removed by Nebuchadnezzar after three months and ten days.

**Babylon:** After his uncle ruled for eleven years the Jews were carried off to Babylon.

C. The royal line in servitude to the nations until Mary's son being called Messiah is born. (*Verses 12-17*)

1. The line is then traced through the remnant to Joseph's father. (*Verses 12-15*)

**Zerubbabel:** His name logically means 'born in Babel'. He became the governor of the exiles under the rulers of Persia when they returned.

**Eliakim:** His name means ‘raised up by God’, but only under the ruling world power.

**Zadok:** His name means ‘righteous’ and that is all we know about him.

**Achim:** There is no one with his name in any other genealogy in Scripture.

2. Jacob’s son Joseph was the husband of Mary from whom was born Jesus being called Christ. (*Verse 16*)

**Joseph:** His name means ‘he will add’.

**Mary:** The meaning of her name is surprising: ‘rebellion’; yet, she surrendered herself fully to the word of God through Gabriel.

**Jesus:** His name means ‘Yahweh is salvation’.

**Anointed:** Christ is the Greek word for ‘anointed’, *messiah* in Hebrew. Kings were anointed.

**Abraham:** We have established the kingship of Jesus through David. Now let’s go back and see how Abraham fits.

He is called the father of all who believe (have faith: *Romans 4:9-12*). Jesus is being faithful to Him who appointed Him high priest and his faithful Son (*Hebrews 3:1-6*). In addition to Jesus being faithful, as we have already said, He established a link between himself and Abraham (*John 8:54-58*).

Summary. In all there were fourteen generations from: Abraham to David, David to the captivity, the captivity to the Messiah. (*Verse 17*)

**Three times fourteen:** If each generation is a Biblical forty years, each of the three groups is 560 years.

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## **II. Yahweh’s people ask Him to remember the Temple David directed to be built and to restore the priesthood and establish the eternal King. (*Psalms 132:1-12*)**

- A. Yahweh’s people ask Him to remember David’s passion to build a dwelling place for Him. (*Verses 1-5*)

1. Yahweh, remember David’s affliction and his vow. (*Verses 1-2*)

**Affliction:** His afflictions were greatest when he was running from Saul for many years.

2. He said he would not enter his house or sleep until he found a dwelling place for Yahweh. (*Verses 3-5*)

**Nathan:** Nathan was given the word from Yahweh that David could not build the Temple, but could only plan for its building. David bought the land and prepared everything for his son Solomon to build the Temple.

- B. They recall their former worship in the Temple and ask that the priests would again be clothed in righteousness. (*Verses 6-9*)

1. God’s people say they heard of it in the ‘place of fruitfulness’ and found it in the field of the ‘woods’;

They exhort themselves to go to His dwelling place to worship at His footstool. (*Verses 6-7*)

**Worship:** These are the pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem for the three annual feasts in order to worship their Covenant God – Yahweh.

2. Arise Yahweh to Your resting place, You and Your ark of strength; Your priests will be clothed in righteousness and Your holy ones will make a joyful noise. (*Verses 8-9*)

**Resting place:** The resting place is the second Temple, it contained the Ark of the Covenant in which the presence of the mighty God dwelled.

**People:** Clothing with righteousness and joy in sanctification were always available by faith in Yahweh, but are now more accessible to all in Jesus The Savior whose birth as a human baby (fully God and fully Man) we celebrate at Christmas.

- C. They conclude by asking Yahweh to keep His word that one of David’s sons will be the eternal King. (*Verses 10-12*)

1. They pray for their current ruler in David’s line, calling him the anointed until the true ‘Anointed’ comes. (*Verse 10*)

**Not turn away:** They petition Yahweh to not turn away from this ruler until the next one in his line takes his place.

2. They remember what Yahweh swore through Nathan to David, concerning his descendants on the throne. (*Verse 11*)

**Eternal king:** God will not turn back on the truth of this word until the eternal king comes.

3. If the sons of David keep My covenant and My testimony which I will teach them, their sons will be on the throne forever. (*Verse 12*)

**Faithful obedience:** Faithful obedience was necessary; and, after the exile it was a governor’s throne, not an independent king’s throne.

**Salvation:** The only way to receive salvation in Jesus is to rest in Him (*Hebrews 4:8-11*). We can do this by faithfully obeying all He has commanded (*Matthew 28:16-20*) in gratitude for the gift of His death and resurrection on our behalf to be both our Savior and eternal King. Humanly speaking this is through David and all the way back to Abraham.

**Bottom line:** But, we have seen that in twenty-eight generations after David The Eternal God took on human flesh, born a baby to Mary, to be The Eternal King and Savior.

*Jesus is The One to sit on David’s throne forever*

**Conclusion:** The beginning of The Good News about Jesus is that He is descended from David and is therefore the eternal king spoken to David through Nathan the prophet. And, before Jesus came, God’s people asked Him to remember the Temple David directed to be built, and to restore His priesthood and establish His eternal king.

**Homiletical Idea:** *Jesus The Messiah IS the son of Abraham and of king David*