

The 1st Christmas Tree:

Jesus' Family Tree!

Matthew 1:1-17

“Your branches teach a lesson”

More Than Just a List of Names



More Than Just a List of Names

Credentials and Qualifications

- Father Abraham
 - God’s unconditional covenant with Abraham: Gen 12, 13, 15 - Land, Descendants, Blessing
- King David
 - God’s eternal covenant with David: II Sam 7
House, Kingdom, Throne
- Babylonian Captivity
 - Sin does have consequences for God’s people!
Northern tribes 722 B.C.; Southern 586 B.C.
- Messiah – ‘the Christ’

More Than Just a List of Names

Credentials and Qualifications

Details... Details... Details

- Matthew: from Abraham *down* to Jesus
- Luke: from Jesus back *up* to Adam
- Matthew: Jesus' ancestry through *Joseph*
- Luke: Jesus' ancestry through *Mary*
 - Joseph is Jesus' *legal* father, but not His *biological* father.
 - Mary's line goes to King David through *Nathan*; Joseph's to David through *Solomon*

More Than Just a List of Names

Credentials and Qualifications

Details... Details... Details

- Matthew: from Abraham *down* to *Jesus*
Luke: from Jesus back *up* to *Adam*
- Matthew: Jesus' ancestry through *Joseph*
Luke: Jesus' ancestry through *Mary*
- See King Jeconiah (vs. 11,12)
 - Jeremiah 22:30 – the reigns of his sons will not prosper or be blessed. Including a son of Joseph
 - Jesus is Mary's physical son: no curse on that royal line. His kingdom shall prosper forever!

More Than Just a List of Names

Credentials and Qualifications

Details... Details... Details

- Matthew: from Abraham *down* to Jesus
- Luke: from Jesus back *up* to Adam
- Matthew: Jesus' ancestry through *Joseph*
- Luke: Jesus' ancestry through *Mary*
- See King Jeconiah (vs. 11,12)
- Virgin birth of Christ affirmed (vs. 16)
 - 'of whom' = fem. singular - refers only to Mary
 - See Luke 3:23; Matt 1:18

More Than Just a List of Names
Credentials and Qualifications
Details... Details... Details
Fruit of Grace Jesus' Family Tree

- Abraham
- Judah
- Rahab
- Ruth
- Bathsheba and David
- Solomon
- Mary

More Than Just a List of Names

Credentials and Qualifications

Details... Details... Details

Fruit of Grace Jesus' Family Tree

- Prostitutes, murders, adulterers, liars, scoundrels, Jews, Gentiles, half-breeds, saints, sinners and everything in between...
- *If God graciously called people like them to be Jesus' forefathers, we can be sure He graciously calls the same kind of people to be His children today – including you & me!*