

# *Designer Genes*

*Matthew 1:1-17*

*Christmas*  
*According to Matthew*

# Jesus' Genealogy

*“The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judah and his brethren...”*

*~Matthew 1:1-2 (KJV)*

*“Judah begat Perez and Zerah, whose mother  
was Tamar, Perez begat Hezron, and  
Hezron begat Ram...”*

*~Matthew 1:3 (KJV)*

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# Our Statement of Faith

*“The Bible is the inspired Word of God, inerrant in all that it affirms, the only authoritative and infallible rule of faith and conduct.”*

**Does that include the “begats”?**

# The Begats

- The “*begats*” are here by God’s design for our benefit.
- The “*begats*” contain the historical thumb-print that provides context to the ongoing story of human life.
- The “*begats*” not only tell us how Jesus got here, they tell us the story of who God is.

# Two God-Stories

**One, God is the God of promise.**

*“A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham.”*

~Matthew 1:1

The God of the Bible is a God who makes promises, and is faithful to keep every one of them!

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# *The Davidic Covenant: An Enduring Throne*

*“When your days are over and you go to be with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom...I will establish his throne forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son...I will set him over my house and my kingdom forever; his throne will be established forever.”*

*~I Chronicles 17:11-14*

# *The Abrahamic Covenant: A Universal Seed*

*“I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”*

*~Genesis 12:1-3*



# *Promise & Fulfillment*

Every time you read Biblical genealogies, you are seeing how the God of history, in his sovereign timing, fulfills what he has promised.

Every time you read this Christmas genealogy, you are seeing that the God who promises is the God who fulfills.

# Two God-Stories

**Two, God is the God of grace.**

The genealogy of Jesus includes both  
*royalty and rejects.*



# There By Grace

## (1) Tamar ...

*“Judah the father of Perez and Zerah,  
whose mother was Tamar.”*

~ Matthew 1:3



# There By Grace

## (2) Rahab ...

*“Salmon the father of Boaz, whose  
mother was Rahab...”*

~Matthew 1:5

# There By Grace

## **(3) Ruth ...**

*“Boaz was the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse.”*

~Matthew 1:5



# There By Grace

## (4) Bathsheba ...

*“Jesse the father of King David, David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah’s wife.”*

~Matthew 1:6

This genealogy is a moving testimony to God's grace, who through the ministry of his Son, the friend of sinners, "*Came not to call the righteous but the unrighteous.*" (Matthew 9:13)

If the God of grace called sinners to be the forefathers of his Son, he will certainly call sinners to be his children.

Genealogically, Jesus was perfectly and solely qualified to take the throne of David as  
Messiah and King.

Spiritually, Jesus is perfectly and solely qualified to take the throne of your heart as  
Messiah and King.

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