

DESIRING CHRIST

Selected Scripture
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INTRODUCTION: A MOST REWARDING STUDY

Genealogy

a line of descent traced continuously from an ancestor

1. Genealogies are a major part of Scripture.
2. Genealogies are inspired by God and offer theological truth.

Genesis 4:25; Genesis 5:24; 1 Chronicles 5:11-22 (v. 20)

3. Genealogies provide a framework for understanding the Bible.

? How is this content organized?

Proposition: God organized Scripture around the framework of genealogies so that we can understand the content and purpose of Scripture.

I. BIBLICAL GENEALOGIES POINT BACK TO OUR CREATOR

Genesis 2:4

Luke 3:38

the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Isaiah 46:9, 10

Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, "My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure;"

II. BIBLICAL GENEALOGIES POINT FORWARD TO OUR SAVIOR

Genesis 3:15

Genesis 4:1, 2

A. ALL BIBLICAL GENEALOGIES POINT TO CHRIST OR PETER OUT.

Genesis 4, 5, 9, 10, 11:27, 17:7; 25:12, 19; 36:1; 37:2; 38; 49:10;
Exodus 6

2 Samuel 7

summation: All biblical genealogies either point to Christ or peter out.

B. ALL GENEALOGIES STOP WHEN WE GET TO CHRIST

The Old Testament begins with many names, but as the Old Testament continues, we see fewer lists of names. By the time we come to the New Testament, we only have two genealogies.

Galatians 3:16

Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and his seed. He does not say “And to seeds,” as referring to many, but rather to one, “And to your seed,” that is Christ.

Not only do the genealogies end with Christ, we are commanded not to follow them.

Titus 3:9

But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.

? Why?

III. BIBLICAL GENEALOGIES PROVE CHRIST

? How do we know that He is the Christ?

A. THE LEGAL LINE

Matthew 1:1-17

There are two adoptions in Jesus’ genealogy.

Zerubbabel (seed of Babylon)

B. THE BIOLOGICAL LINE

Luke 3:23-37

summation: Genealogies point to and prove Christ as Messiah, the promised seed of the woman who conquers sin and Satan.

CONCLUSION: BEYOND GENEALOGY

Genealogies don't tell us everything we need to know.

1. Genealogies point you back to the Creator.
2. Genealogies lead you to Jesus.
3. Jesus' biological genealogy leads to a spiritual genealogy.

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

You can be included in the genealogy of Jesus Christ if you become a child of God.

Philippians 4:3; Revelation 2:17; 3:5; 20:12

Genesis 10:5, 20, 31; Revelation 7:9

? Are you a descendant of Jesus today? Are you acting like a descendant of Jesus today?