

SUNDAY SERMON

**Hidden Hills Sovereign Grace Baptist Church
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Scripture Read: Matthew 1:1-25

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Subject: Genealogy and Promise of the Birth of Jesus Christ

Matthew 1:1 (KJV) *The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, -- The book of generation is a list of human progenitors. Therefore, this is a book of the pedigree of our savior, Jesus Christ humanly speaking.

The son of David, -- This term, "son of David" is used sixteen times in the New Testament by both the learned people and the common people. This name proves that Jesus is the Christ of God because of the Old Testament prophecies concerning David and his seed after him.

2 Samuel 7:12-13 (KJV) *And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.*

Luke 20:41-44 (KJV) [Jesus speaks to the scribes] *And he said unto them, How say they that Christ is David's son? 42 And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 43 Till I make thine enemies thy footstool. 44 David therefore calleth him Lord, how is he then his son?*

The son of Abraham – In Abraham, the lineage and descent of Jesus Christ of Nazareth begins. He is Christ, the seed of Abraham, and in him

shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 12:3 (KJV) *And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

Genesis 22:18 (KJV) *And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.*

Galatians 3:16 (KJV) *Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.*

Matthew 1:2-15 (KJV) **2 Abraham¹ begat Isaac; and Isaac² begat Jacob; and Jacob³ begat Judas and his brethren; 3 And Judas⁴ begat Phares and Zara of Tamar; and Phares⁵ begat Esrom; and Esrom⁶ begat Aram; 4 And Aram⁷ begat Aminadab; and Aminadab⁸ begat Naasson; and Naasson⁹ begat Salmon; 5 And Salmon¹⁰ begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz¹¹ begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed¹² begat Jesse; 6 And Jesse¹³ begat David the king; and David¹⁴ the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias; 7 And Solomon¹⁵ begat Roboam; and Roboam¹⁶ begat Abia; and Abia¹⁷ begat Asa; 8 And Asa¹⁸ begat Josaphat; and Josaphat¹⁹ begat Joram; and Joram²⁰ begat Ozias; 9 And Ozias²¹ begat Joatham; and Joatham²² begat Achaz; and Achaz²³ begat Ezekias; 10 And Ezekias²⁴ begat Manasses; and Manasses²⁵ begat Amon; and Amon²⁶ begat Josias; 11 And Josias²⁷ begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon: 12 And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias²⁸ begat Salathiel; and Salathiel²⁹ begat Zorobabel; 13 And Zorobabel³⁰ begat Abiud; and Abiud³¹ begat Eliakim; and Eliakim³² begat Azor; 14 And Azor³³ begat Sadoc; and Sadoc³⁴ begat Achim; and Achim³⁵ begat Eliud; 15 And Eliud³⁶ begat Eleazar; and Eleazar³⁷ begat Matthan; and Matthan³⁸ begat Jacob;**

Matthew 1:16 (KJV) *And Jacob³⁹ begat Joseph⁴⁰ the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus⁴¹, who is called Christ.*

We will notice this genealogy is different in some respects than the genealogy recorded in the gospel according to Luke. Luke's genealogy is found in chapter 3, verses 23 through 38 and traces Jesus Christ from God through Adam to Joseph, the husband of Mary and supposed father of Jesus. Supposed is the key word because we know the scripture teaches us from this same book, Luke, that Jesus was conceived when the Holy Ghost overshadowed the virgin Mary. The Angel, Gabriel told Mary this would happen and that "holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35).

And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, -- So Matthew's genealogy brings us to Joseph the husband of Mary. Both Joseph and Mary were of the lineage of David.

Of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. – Of whom (speaking of Mary). Jesus was born of the virgin Mary and He is called Christ. The word Christ comes from the Greek word "Χριστος Christos" which means "anointed."

Matthew 1:17 (KJV) *So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.*

In this 17th verse, we see three distinct periods in Israel and fourteen generations in each of those periods. These periods of Israel's history seem to go from the high point to the lowest ebb in their history. From Abraham to David was their very best time; from David to the carrying

away into Babylon was a steep decline for the nation as they turned from the LORD to idolatry and disobedience; and the final period was from the carrying into Babylon unto Christ. The following is a breakdown of the 42 generations by Albert Barnes.

| <i>1st division.</i> | <i>2nd division.</i> | <i>3rd divis.</i> |
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| Abraham, | David, | Josias, |
| Isaac, | Solomon, | Jechonias |
| Jacob, | Roboam, | Salathiel, |
| Judas, | Abia, | Zorobabel, |
| Phares, | Asa, | Abiud, |
| Esrom, | Josaphat, | Eliakim, |
| Aram, | Joram, | Azor, |
| Aminadab, | Ozias, | Sadoc, |
| Naasson, | Joatham, | Achim, |
| Salmon, | Achaz | Eliud, |
| Booz, | Ezekias, | Eleazar, |
| Obed, | Manasses, | Matthan, |
| Jesse, | Amon, | Jacob, |
| David. | Josias. | Joseph. |
| --14 | --14 | --14. |

When Christ came, Israel had been without a prophet for almost four

hundred years. The nation had degenerated until she had been chastened of the LORD till there was no king, no prince. The nation was still, as predicted by the prophet Hosea:

Hosea 3:4 (KJV) *For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim:*

It is no wonder that the Prophet Isaiah prophesied that the messiah would be a root out of dry ground (Isaiah 53:2).

Isaiah 53:2 (KJV) *For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.*

It is most interesting to this preacher that the number forty-two is connected with Israel and the coming of the Messiah in this genealogy. Brother G. E. Jones called forty-two the number of "Israel's oppression and the Lord's coming. In this genealogy, we see there was forty-two generations from Abraham to Christ – three fourteens. In the 33rd chapter of Numbers, we see forty-one moves for Israel from Egypt to the plains of Moab across the Jordan River from Jericho. Joshua 3:14-17 records the forty-second and final move from the plains of Jordan to the promised land.

The number forty-two will again be prominent in Israel's history in the book of Revelation at the rise of the man of sin which is recorded in the 13th chapter. He will begin a persecution of Israel which will continue for three and one half years or forty-two months until the 2nd coming of our LORD to destroy the beast, the false prophet, the kings of the earth and their armies which were gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

Matthew 1:18 (KJV) *Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.*

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: -- The term "this wise" means "in this manner, thus" according to the Oxford English Dictionary. So the birth of Jesus Christ was in this manner. This is how it occurred.

When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, -- None doubts that Mary was the mother of Jesus. Mary was espoused to Joseph. What does that mean? Espoused? This is a betrothal of marriage. Mary was promised to Joseph. Under Hebrew law, it took a divorce to break an espousal. When did this espousal occur? The next phrase tells us.

Before they came together, -- that is, before there was any intimate relations as husband and wife between Mary and Joseph.

she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. – Mary was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Let us see when this all came about.

Luke 1:26-38 (KJV) *And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. 29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he*

shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. 36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible. 38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Matthew 1:19 (KJV) *Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.*

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, -- What a blessing to see this! Mary's husband was a just man – a righteous man. The Greek word for just is most often translated as righteous. Joseph was minded, as he was wont to do, to do the right thing. He was not willing to make Mary a publick example or spectacle. This Greek word for "publick example" is also translated as "put to an open shame." Joseph was not willing to do that to her. Mary was with child and Joseph knew that the child was not his for they had not yet come together.

Matthew 1:20 (KJV) *But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.*

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, -- There can be no doubt that this was very much on Joseph's mind. He needed understanding. The LORD gave it to him as the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream.

saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. – The LORD gave Joseph clear guidance in the matter of his espoused one found to be with child. The angel of the LORD confirmed that she had conceived a child but that it was of the Holy Ghost. Of course, that is what we have seen in the book of Luke.

Matthew 1:21 (KJV) *And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.*

The dream continues with a wonderful revelation. Mary is going to bring forth a son. You shall call his name Jesus (which means "Jehovah is Salvation."). Why that name? For, he (Jesus) shall save his people from their sins. Consider this verse. Jesus shall positively save HIS PEOPLE from their sins. Who were his people? He was a Jew, but the Jews (as a whole) rejected him. He came unto his own, but his own received him not. Jesus had and still has a people. They are the people given Him by the Father.

John 17:1-2 (KJV) *These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.*

They are the same ones as the Father gave him whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8;

17:8).

Matthew 1:22-23 (KJV) *Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet – What prophet said this? It was the prophet, Isaiah. Here is the passage:

Isaiah 7:14 (KJV) *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. – This fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy should forever close the mouths of liberals and infidels who say Isaiah was not speaking of the coming Christ. Here is the prophecy and the fulfilment. That is enough for us as God's dear children. Here is the virgin birth. Here is the son of God and the son of man. Here is Emmanuel – God with us! God came to be among us – to save His people from their sins. And that he did when he offered himself in that precious body on the tree for all of His people.

Matthew 1:24 (KJV) *Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:*

Joseph knew the LORD had visited him and when he was raised from sleep, he did exactly as the LORD had told him. He married Mary –

taking her to him as his wife. But that is not all the story.

Matthew 1:25 (KJV) *And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.*

And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: --

And knew her not – meaning that he did not have physical relations with her as husband and wife until she had given birth to her firstborn son.

“Firstborn son” is a very important phrase. We know Jesus had sisters and brothers.

Mark 6:3 (KJV) *Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.*

So it follows that Joseph and Mary lived as husband and wife after the birth of Jesus.

And he called his name JESUS. – That is, Joseph, the husband of Mary, called his name JESUS. He continued to do what the LORD told him to do when the LORD appeared to Joseph in a dream. How wonderful! Why did Joseph call the child’s name, Jesus? It was because the LORD said Jesus would save His people from their sins! O, beloved, Jesus did save His people from their sins when he died on the cruel cross like a lamb slain from the foundation of the world. This is the manner chosen of the LORD so that Jesus’ blood would wash His people from their sins and thereby reconcile them to God.

Romans 5:8-10 (KJV) *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being*

reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Look at his marvelous golden chain of our redemption from the book of Romans, chapter eight:

Romans 8:28-31 (KJV) *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, (those same ones that God foreknew) he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them (those same ones) he also called: and whom he called, them (those same ones) he also justified: and whom he justified, them (those same ones) he also glorified. 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

How about you? Each and every one of you? Do you know Jesus? Were you one of those foreknown of God? Was your name written in the lamb's book of life from the foundation of the world? Did Jesus die for your sins? Was he buried in a borrowed tomb? Did he rise from the dead the third day? Has he now ascended to the right hand of God? Is he there today making intercession for your sins? Is he coming again soon to bring all his saints to himself? Will he not come with them to reign over this earth for a thousand years with a rod of iron?

Isn't Jesus Christ the only way to God? Is not Jesus the only name given among men whereby we must be saved? Are you ashamed of him? I am not ashamed to be called his disciple! I am not ashamed to be called a child of the living God? To be called a Christian! This preacher confessed Jesus as his savior before the Lord's congregation, the church, and was baptized like Jesus was baptized. After that, this man who was once by nature

a child of wrath even as others has now passed from death unto life because Jesus died in His place on the cross. Jesus saved me forever!

Are you one of his children? Did he die for you? Will you confess him before this church and follow him in baptism, then walk together with the church as we all follow our Lord?