

## Luke 3:23-38 **Jesus began Ministry at age 30 – His Genealogy**

<sup>23</sup> Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age,

being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli, <sup>24</sup> the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Janna, the son of Joseph, <sup>25</sup> the son of Mattathiah, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, <sup>26</sup> the son of Maath, the son of Mattathiah, the son of Semei, the son of Joseph, the son of Judah, <sup>27</sup> the son of Joannas, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, <sup>28</sup> the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam, the son of Er, <sup>29</sup> the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, <sup>30</sup> the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the son of Eliakim, <sup>31</sup> the son of Melea, the son of Menan, the son of Mattathah, the son of Nathan, the son of David, <sup>32</sup> the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, <sup>33</sup> the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, <sup>34</sup> the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, <sup>35</sup> the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, <sup>36</sup> the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, <sup>37</sup> the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan, <sup>38</sup> the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

### Genealogy of Luke – Adam to Jesus

- ✚ Luke presents Jesus as the Son of Man, giving the literal line of genealogy which is the line of Mary and traces it to Adam the son of God. Luke shows Jesus to be the second Adam.
- ✚ Luke begins with Jesus the second Adam and goes backward to God the Creator of Adam.
- ✚ Like the first Adam, Jesus also had no earthly father, so God Himself is the Father of both. (To lay out the two genealogies to follow sequentially, I have reversed the order in Luke and set it forth chronologically starting with God and ending with Jesus, thus following the order of Matthew).
- ✧ God the creator, Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah, Shem, Arphaxad, Cainan, Shelah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Perez, Hezron, Ram, Amminadab, Nahshon, Salmon, Boaz, Obed, Jesse, David, [Luke 3:31-38]
- ✧ Nathan, Mattathah, Menan, Melea, Eliakim, Jonan, Joseph, Judah, Simeon, Levi, Matthat, Jorim, Eliezer, Jose, Er, Elmodam, Cosam, Addi, Melchi, Neri, Shealtiel, Zerubbabel, Rhesa, Joannas, Judah, Joseph, Semei, Mattathiah, Maath, Naggai, Esli, Nahum, Amos, Mattathiah, Joseph, Janna, Melchi, Levi, Matthat, Heli, Joseph, Jesus. [Luke 3:23-31]

### Genealogy of Matthew – Abraham to Jesus

- ✚ Matthew portrays Jesus as of the royal line of David fulfilling all the prophecies of Scripture as the one who will sit on the throne of David, whose kingdom will never cease. [Isaiah 9:6-7]
- ✚ Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus begins with Abraham and ends with Jesus the step son of Joseph, showing the Royal line as Matthew shows Jesus to be the King of the Jews.
- ✚ The Royal line is as follows:
  - ✧ Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Perez, Hezron, Ram, Amminadab, Nahshon, Salmon, Boaz, Obed, Jesse, David the king. [Matthew 1:1-6]
  - ✧ Solomon, Rehoboam, Abijah (Abijam), Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joram (Jehoram), Uzziah (Azariah), Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Amon, Josiah, Jeconiah, to Babylon. (this

genealogy skipped Ahaziah 1 year, and his mother Athaliah 6 years, between Joram and Uzziah). [Matthew 1:6-11]

- ✧ Jeconiah, Shealtiel, Zerubbabel, Abiud, Eliakim, Azor, Zadok, Achim, Eliud, Eleazar, Matthan, Jacob, Joseph the husband of Mary of whom was born Jesus the Christ. [Matthew 1:12-16]
- ✧ So all the generations from Abraham to David are 14 generations. From David to captivity in Babylon were 14 generations, from captivity in Babylon to Christ are 14 generations. [Matthew 1:17]

There are two genealogies given of JESUS, one in the book of **Matthew** and one in **Luke**, both are different from each other. This is a favorite point of attack on the HOLY SCRIPTURES by those who deny its divine origin and inerrancy and a puzzle to others. However, the answer is very simple:

The genealogy given in Matthew is the genealogy of Joseph, the acknowledged father of JESUS, HIS father in the eyes of the Law. The genealogy given in Luke is the genealogy of Miryam (**Mary**), JESUS' mother and is the "human" genealogy of JESUS in actual fact. The Gospel of Matthew was written for the Jews. All through it, Joseph is prominent, Miryam is scarcely mentioned. In Luke, quite the opposite, Miryam (**Mary**) is the most important person in the whole account of the SAVIOUR's conception and birth. Joseph is brought in only incidentally and because he was Miryam's (**Mary**) husband. In this, there is great significance.

In the Book of Matthew, JESUS is shown as the MESSIAH, the KING. In Luke, JESUS appears as "THE SON OF MAN" our BROTHER and REDEEMER. So in Matthew the genealogy descends from Abraham to Joseph and Jesus, because all the predictions and promises touching the MESSIAH are fulfilled in HIM. But in Luke, the genealogy ascends from JESUS to Adam, because the genealogy is being traced back to the head of the whole human race and shows the relation of the SECOND ADAM (**CHRIST JESUS**) to the first.

Joseph's lineage in Matthew is the strictly royal line from David to Joseph. In Luke, though the line of descent is from David, it is not the royal line. In this, JESUS is descended from King David through Nathan, David's son, but not in the royal line and the list follows a line quite distinct from the royal line.

THE MESSIAH, according to prophecy, was to be the actual SON of David according to the flesh. [2 Samuel 7. 12-19; Psalms 89. 3-4; 34-37; 132. 11; Acts 2. 30; 13. 22-23; Romans 1. 3; 2 Timothy 2. 8] These prophecies are fulfilled by JESUS being the SON of Miryam (**Mary**), WHO was a lineal descendant of David, though not in the royal line. Joseph, who was

of the royal line, was not HIS father according to the flesh, but was HIS father in the eyes of the Law.

Miryam (*Mary*) was a descendant of David through her father, Heli. It is true that Luke 3:23 says that Joseph was the son of Heli - -the explanation here being that Miryam (*Mary*), being a woman, her name according to Jewish usage, could not appear in the genealogy, males alone forming the line; so Joseph's name is introduced in the place of Miryam's since he was her husband. Heli was his father-in-law, and so Joseph is called the "**son of Heli**" and the line thus completed. While Joseph was the son-in-law of Heli, according to the flesh, he was in actual fact the son of Jacob. [Matthew 1. 16]

Two genealogies are absolutely necessary to trace the lineage of our LORD & SAVIOUR YESHUA ha'MASHIACH, the one the royal and legal, the other the natural and literal; and these two genealogies we find - the "**legal**" and "**royal**" in Matthew, the Gospel of Law and Kingship; the "**natural**" and "**literal**" in Luke, the GOSPEL of humanity.

Jeremiah tell us that no descendant of Jeconiah would ever sit on the throne of David. "**Thus said the LORD: 'Record this man as without succession, one who shall never be found acceptable; for none of his offspring shall be accepted to sit on the throne of David and to rule anymore in Judah.'**" [Jeremiah 22. 30 Tanakh, *Nevi'im*] Since Joseph was of this lineage, and while his genealogy furnishes the royal line for JESUS, his son before the Law, nevertheless - - Jeremiah's prophecy is fulfilled to the very letter; for JESUS (*precisely speaking*) was not Joseph's descendant and therefore was not of the "**seed of Jeconiah.**" If JESUS had been the son of Joseph in reality, HE could not have come to the throne as expressed by God through Jeremiah, but HE is Miryam's (*Mary*) SON through Nathan and can come to the throne legally by her marriage to Joseph and so providing HIS way legally to it. Thus Jesus satisfies both Law and Prophecy.