
SPECIAL WOMEN

Matthew refers to four women (Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba) in his list of people from Abraham to Christ. Rahab was involved in a very sinful lifestyle before turning from her sins and trusting the true God, who is gracious to repentant sinners. Only one of the four (Bathsheba) was an Israelite. Nevertheless, God allowed all of them to be included in the ancestry of His Son.

PROPHECIES

The prophecies concerning the promised Messiah were made between 400 and 4,000 years before Jesus was born. A few of those prophecies are listed here, along with the places in Scripture showing where they came true.


The Messiah would be:

- Born in Bethlehem—Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1.
- Presented with gifts—Psalm 72:10; Matthew 2:1, 11.
- Called Lord (a reference to His deity)—Psalm 110:1; Luke 2:11.
- Called Almighty God and Father of Eternity—Isaiah 9:6; John 20:28.
- Born of a virgin and called Emmanuel—Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23 (cf. Genesis 3:15).
- Riding into Jerusalem on the foal of a donkey—Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:5.
- Pierced in His hands and feet—Psalm 22:16; compare the whole Psalm with the details of the crucifixion.

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DO YOU KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF JESUS' GENEALOGY?

Take a peek at the Messianic Genealogy chart showing the lineage from Adam to Christ.

FROM ADAM TO CHRIST

When Adam disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, the perfect fellowship he had enjoyed with his Creator was destroyed. God promised that one day, Someone would be born—a descendant of Adam—who would rescue His creation from the Curse that God had subjected it to (Genesis 3:15). This person was Jesus Christ, the Messiah—God-man. This special chart lists all the men who were descendants of Adam and ancestors of Jesus.

A PROBLEM & SOLUTION

God promised that King David would always have a descendant on his throne (Jeremiah 23:5–6; 1 Chronicles 17:10–14). The legal right to this throne was passed through David's son, Solomon, to his descendants. Jeconiah (also known as Jehoiachin), a great, great ... grandson of Solomon and king of Judah, was so wicked that God punished him by declaring that none of his children would ever again sit on the throne (Jeremiah 22:17–30). This caused a problem since Joseph, the supposed "father" of Jesus, was a descendant of Jeconiah. If Joseph had been Jesus' biological father, Jesus would have had the legal right to the throne, but would have been unable to occupy it due to being under Jeconiah's curse. God solved this problem by using Mary: Jesus is the Son of God and was the first-born son of Mary, a virgin (Matthew 1:23) and a descendant of David through another son, Nathan. So Jesus has the right to sit on the eternal throne of David—legally, through his adoptive father, Joseph; and physically, through His natural mother, Mary. In this way, God's promise, mentioned above in Jeremiah and Chronicles, was fulfilled.

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