

There are two genealogy lines of Jesus found in the New Testament: **(Matthew 1:1-16 & Luke 3:23-38)** and two in **Genesis: 5:1-32 & 11:10-32**. **Matthew** refers to the line of Joseph while **Luke** refers to the line of Mary. Matthew shows Jesus' lineage through David the King by way of Solomon while Luke writes of the lineage of Jesus through Mary, the mother of Jesus, by way of Nathan, David's oldest son, averting Jeconiah's curse (**Jeremiah 22:30**).

Two traditions are helpful to understand and keep in mind:

1. First, the "seed" is passed through the father so the lineage of the father establishes which tribe a Semite/Hebrew comes from.
2. The Jews establish someone as being Jewish by having a mother who is Jewish.

Both of these traditions help in the understanding the seeming differences in the genealogies of Matthew and Luke. These two genealogy lines of Jesus have confused some and have even been the basis of arguments by infidels stating that the Gospels are unreliable because the two genealogy lines conflict with each other but to the eye of faith God's sovereignty in grace and righteousness government.

There is some disagreement as to whether the Genesis genealogies are telescoped (some names missed for various reasons) and this of course makes a big difference in calculating the time from Adam to Abraham. Up until Shem the four Genealogies are the same and it will be seen that even after Shem the Genesis genealogies and Luke's genealogy are the same, except for the deletion of Cainan, who was cursed by Noah and also omitted in Genesis because he was not in the line of Shem but included in Luke where the emphasis is grace to all as he was included as a servant in Shem's house. Genesis and Luke being the same is strong evidence that the Genesis genealogies showing the time and ages from Adam to Abraham are not telescoped.

THE CHRONOLOGY CAN BE SUMMARIZED: (FROM JND)

	<i>Years</i>
From the creation to the flood, when Noah was 600 years old (Gen. 5. 3-29; 7: 11)	1,656
From the flood to the birth of Terah (Gen.11:10-25)	222
When his father died at the age of 205 years, Abraham was 75	<u>130</u>
Which fixes his birth, from the creation of the world	2,008
His entrance into the land of Canaan took place 75 years later (Gen. 12. 4).....	75
Up to the exodus from Egypt (Gen. 15. 13, 16; Ex. 12. 40)	430
Up to the building of the temple 480 years later.....	480
Length of Solomon's reign, less three years already past (I Kings 6. 1)	37
37 Kings of Israel and Judah, up to the Babylonish captivity	370
Length of the captivity 70 years, and up to Nehemiah 80 years.....	150
Sixty-nine 'weeks' less 33 years (Dan. 9. 26)	<u>450</u>
From the creation to the birth of the Messiah.....	4,000

NOTE #1: Luke seems to contradict Matthew here with a different name for Joseph's father. Luke is the lineage of Mary and the name Heli, Mary's father, is the father-in-law of Joseph. There are several points to note:

- The Jerusalem Talmud indicates that Mary was the daughter of Heli (Haggigah, Book 77, 4).
- Since the "seed" is passed through the father, Luke did not interject "Jesus the Son of Mary". Luke would only name men who were the fathers of sons in the lineage and did not include any women/mother's names. Thus Heli is mentioned and just appears to be the father of Joseph.
- Original sin is passed through the father. Thus God would not have Jesus conceived by Joseph but rather, the sinless Son of God, is conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Second, there is a curse on the throne of David mentioned in the **Jeremiah 22:30**. Joseph is directly related to Solomon (the son of David the King) by the lineage found in Matthew and thus Joseph inherits the curse. Through the conception of Jesus by Mary and the Holy Spirit, both original sin and the curse of David's throne are bypassed. Notice that our Lord Jesus is still a descendant of David through Mary's line by way of David's other son, Nathan. As well, Joseph, the legal father of Jesus, is a direct descendant to the throne of King David via Solomon as written in Matthew, and legally "adopts" Jesus and makes both the marriage to Mary and the birth of Jesus legally official and a Jewish family.

- This legally brings Jesus into the lineage of King David as a Jew without inheriting the original sin of mankind or the curse on David's throne.

NOTE #2: Matthew 1:17 states that there are **14 generations** from Abraham to David, which is clear on the list to the right, and **14 generations** from David to the exile to Babylon which happens with the birth of Jeconiah (note that Jeconiah and the exile are counted twice).

As the verse says, "there are 14 generations from David TO THE EXILE TO BABYLON". So, David is #1 and the exile is #14. From the Exile to Jesus, the Exile is again counted up to Jesus.

- Abraham to David = 14
- David to the **Exile** = 14
- the **Exile** to Jesus = 14

NOTE #3: In Matthew there is obvious "telescoping" with some names missing. Jeconiah (Jehoiakim or Coniah) is included, though cursed, as he as he is a marker for the exile to Babylon.

GENESIS 11:10-32 5:1-32 (REVERSE ORDER)	MATTHEW 1:4-16 (REVERSE ORDER)	LUKE 3:23-38
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BLUE is used when the name is especially significant.

YELLOW is used when the genealogies are the same.

- 14
- 13
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- 5
- 4
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- 14
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- 12
- 11
- 10
- 9
- 8
- 7

JESUS CALLED CHRIST	
Joseph (husband of Mary)	
	Heli
	Matthat
Jacob	Levi
	Melchi
Matthat	Janna
	Joseph
Eleazar	Mattathias
	Amos
Eliud	Naum
	Esli
Achim	Nagge
	Maath
Sadoc	Mattathias
Azor	Semei
	Joseph
Eliakim	Juda
Abiud	Joanna
	Rhesa
Zorabbablel	
Salathiel	
	Neri
	Melchi
Jechonias (Jehoiakin/Coniah)	
	Addi
	Cosam
Josias	
	Elmodam
Amon	
	Er
	Jose
Manasses	Eliezer
	Jorim
Ezekias	
Achaz	Matthat
Joatham	Levi
Ozias	Esli
	Nagge

NOTE #4: The awful sins of Ahaziah, Athaliah (the daughter of Jezabel and Ahab), Joash (after the death of his faithful uncle Jehoiada) and Amaziah are given in **2 Kings chapters 8-14**. These ungodly kings are excluded from the genealogy in Matthew and are a solemn reminder of the government of God. When God gives us privileges He will expect that we carry out these privileges with fear and faithful responsibility before Him.

Note #5: This is the point where the split between Mary the Mother of Jesus, and Joseph the father of Jesus occurs. Almost all of the names in the genealogy lines found in Matthew and Luke match up until this point. In Matthew, the lineage leading to Joseph starts with **Solomon**, and in Luke the lineage leading to Mary starts with **Nathan**. Solomon the younger brother takes the throne. Note that the first born inherits the rights EXCEPT when God changes it. This is one of these exceptions where God allows the younger brother to take the throne.

(See **1 Chronicles 3:4-9** and **2 Samuel 5:14**) for proof that Nathan is the older brother. This is yet another wonderful example of God's sovereignty!

NOTE #6: Abram, who is later called Abraham, is God's Sovereign choice to carry the "elect" lineage of the Creator after Adam failed regardless of the fact that Haran was the oldest son. He was God's sovereign choice.

(Note: In **Gen. 15:13** and **Acts 7:6** it is 400 yrs because it is from **Abram's seed (Isaac)** to the exodus but in **Exo. 12:40** and **Gal. 4:17** it is 430 yrs being from Abram's call up to the exodus).

The 30 years difference is related to the fact that Abram was 75 when called out of Ur of the Chaldees (**Gen. 12:4**) and 100 when Isaac was born (**Gen.21:5**). The extra 5 years was when Abram sojourned in Haran until his father Terah died rather than going directly to Caanan. (**Gen. 11:31 & Josh. 24:2**)

NOTE #4

Note that 4 kings are omitted here:

Ahaziah (1 yr)

Athaliah (6 yrs)

Joash (40 yrs)

Amaziah (29 yrs)

TOTAL approx 75 years.

A careful study of 2 Kings 8:25- 9:37 and 2 Chron. 22 will explain why!



Maath
Neri
Semei
Simeon
Juda
Joseph

6

Joram	Jonan
	Eliakim

5

Josaphat	Melea
	Menan

4

Asa	
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3

Abia	
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2

	Mattatha
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1

Roboam	
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14

Solomon	Nathan
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13

DAVID THE KING	
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12

Jesse	
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Obed	
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Booz	
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Salmon	
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Naasson	
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Aminadab	
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6

Aram	
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Esrom	
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4

Phares	
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3

Judas	
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2

Jacob	
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1

Isaac	
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ABRAHAM	
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Terah
Nahor
Serug
Reu
Peleg
Eber
Shelah

Genesis 11:10-32



Thara
Nachor
Saruch
Ragau
Phalec
Heber
Sala

NOTE #7: Cainan had been cursed by Noah (**Genesis 9:20-27**). Noah drank too much wine and while drunken, became unclothed and naked. Ham saw his father naked and instead of looking away and covering him, he does nothing and tells his brothers about it. This led Noah to curse the son of Ham whose name was Cainan. Noah did not curse Ham, but cursed the descendants of Ham. The curse however included the terms that Cainan shall dwell in the house of Shem as a servant. Luke thus includes Cainan in between Shem's son, Arphaxad, and Arphaxad's son, Shelah. The name Cainan is not mentioned in Genesis because he is not in the line of Shem while Luke in grace mentions him. (**Gen. 9:26, 27**) as a servant and thus in his genealogy line. This is another example of God's wonderful grace to someone under a curse and not even in the genealogical line by birth.

NOTE #8: The genealogy line continues with Shem. Out of Noah's three sons, Shem is the only one to carry on The Creator's "elected" seed lineage. Most translations state that Japheth is the oldest (**Genesis 10:21**) but God's sovereign choice was Shem.

The first born USUALLY inherits the birth rights and that is the way it is UNLESS the Creator changes it.

NOTE #9: Who is missing here? It is Cain and Abel. Both are not part of the lineage because Abel was murdered by Cain and had no descendants and Cain and his descendants were cursed by God. (**See Genesis 4:11-26**)

NOTE #10: Why is the Creator first? The Creator is the Son of the Father, the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ who created heaven, earth and all mankind.

The Creator JESUS, our Saviour and Lord came in flesh in order to glorify God about the question of sin and sins of mankind and to grant salvation to those who would have faith in Him. He did this as an act of love for His Father and for His created sons and daughters of Adam.

Cainan omitted
Arphaxad
Shem
Noah
Lamech
Methuselah
Enoch
Jared
Mahalaleel
Cainan
Enos
Seth
Adam
God (The Creator)

Genesis 5:1-32

Cainan included
Arphaxad
Sem
Noe
Lamech
Mathusala
Enoch
Jared
Maleleel
Cainan
Enos
Seth
Adam (son of God)
God

1. Grace is the sweetest sound
That ever reached our ears,
When conscience charged and justice frown'd,
`Twas grace removed our fears.
2. `Tis freedom to the slave,
`Tis light and liberty;
It takes its terror from the grave,
From death its victory.
3. Grace is a mine of wealth
Laid open to the poor;
Grace is the sov'reign spring of health;
`Tis Life for evermore.
4. Of grace then let us sing !
(A joyful, wondrous theme !)
Who grace has brought, shall glory bring,
And we shall reign with Him.
5. Then shall we see His face
With all the saints above,
And sing forever of His grace,
For ever of His love.

Little Flock hymns #10 – T. Kelly

1. Not to ourselves we owe
That we, O God, are Thine;
Jesus, the Lord, our night broke through
And gave us light divine.
2. The Father's grace and love,
This bless'd mercy gave,
And Jesus left the throne above,
His wandering sheep to save.
3. No more the heirs of wrath-
Thy sovereign love we see;
And, Father, in confiding faith,
We cast our souls on Thee.
4. Our hearts look up to see
The glory Thou hast given,
And dwell e'en now where we shall be
With Christ, Thine heirs, in heaven.
5. With the adopted band,
Soon shall we see Thee there:
With them and Him in glory stand,
And all His honours share.

Little Flock hymns #117 - Toplady