



# Seed of the Woman

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Bible Readings:

**Galatians**

3:26-4:7

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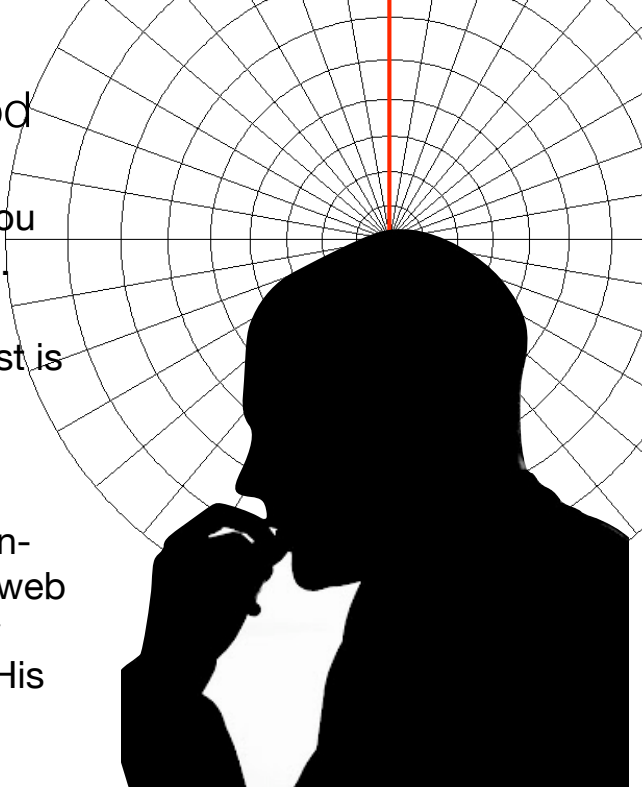
**Luke 1:39-56**

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## Saying Yes To God

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- Nothing God asks you to do is unimportant.
- Behind God's request is a delicate web of events.
- Beyond that decision-point lies a delicate web of consequences by which God weaves His master plan.



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- When Mary said “Yes” to God to become the mother of God’s Messiah she knew it was a critical step in God’s plan.
- God’s request to her was unique and obedience had far reaching consequences.
- Every act of obedience to God will have consequences far beyond what we can imagine.



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- Ephesians 2:10  
“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”
- This is true for everyone not just a few special people.



# The Seed of the Woman

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- Genesis 3:15  
“And I will put enmity  
Between you and the  
woman, And between your  
seed and her Seed; He  
shall crush your head, And  
you shall strike His heel.”
- This is a prophecy of the  
Messiah, God’s Anointed  
King, Who will fatally  
wound Satan.



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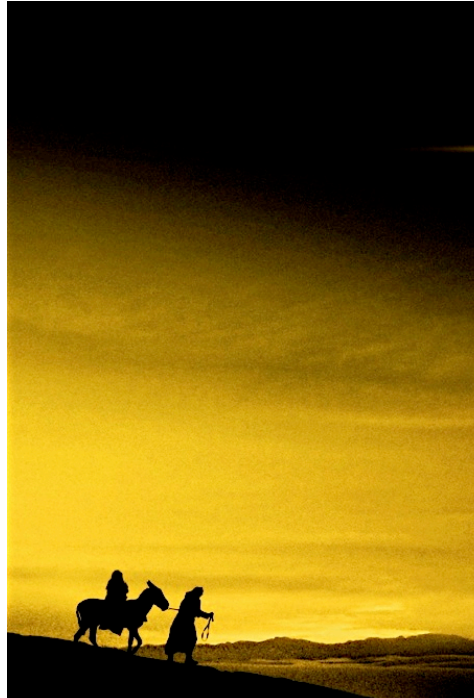
- “Seed of the woman” meant that the genealogy of the Messiah would be through a woman.
- This was very strange - legal descent and national identity was always taken from the father.
- There was no explanation.



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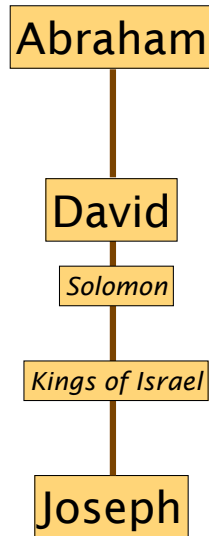
- Isaiah 7:14  
“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”
- Immanuel = “God with us”
- “the virgin” refers back to Genesis 3:15
- The Messiah could only be  
7 the son of a virgin.



# Messiah's Genealogy in Matthew's Gospel

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- Why did God choose Mary? Why not another virgin?
- Matthew's genealogy - starts with Abraham and goes forward to David and on to Joseph.
- Matthew 1:16 "And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus Who is called Christ."

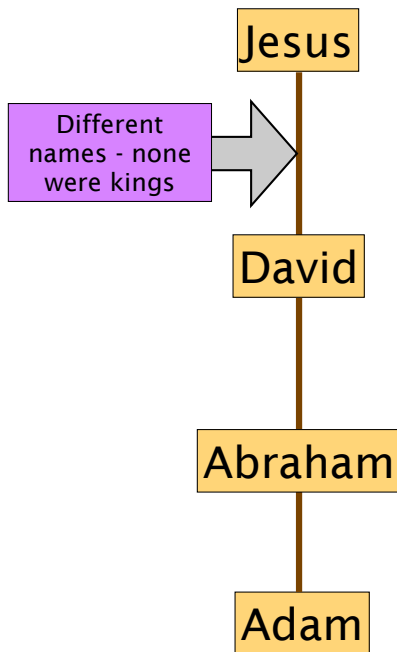




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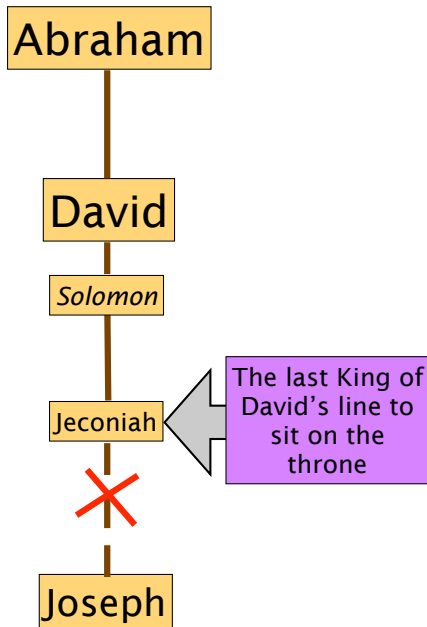
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- Luke's genealogy - starts with Jesus and goes backward to David and on to Abraham and Adam.



# The curse of Jeconiah

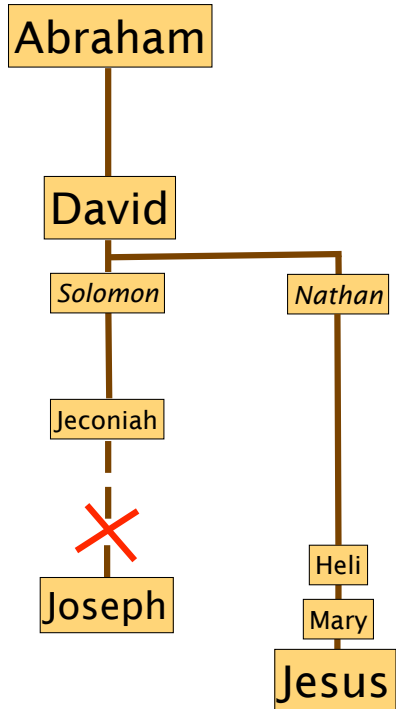
- Matthew traces the line through Solomon to Jeconiah.
- Jeconiah was the last and evil king on whom God pronounced a curse.
- Jeremiah 22:29 - 30  
“O land, land, land, Hear the word of the Lord! Thus says the Lord: ‘Write this man down as childless, A man who shall not prosper in his days; For none of his descendants shall prosper, Sitting on the throne of David, And ruling anymore in Judah.’ ”



# The the line of Heli

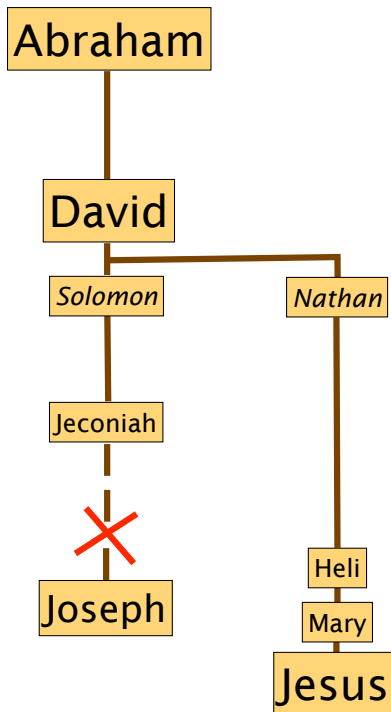
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- Luke traces a line from David through his son Nathan.
- Nathan's line did rule or become kings. They were of the royal house of David but not affected by the curse of Jeconiah.



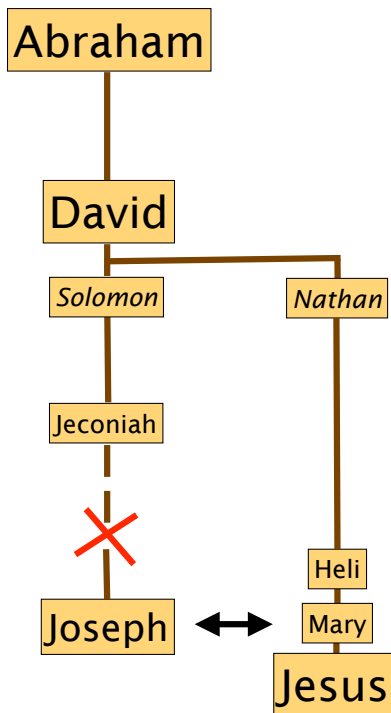
## The the line of Heli

- What is the evidence that Luke is giving Mary's genealogy?
- The Talmud (Jewish historic writings) lists Mary as the daughter of Heli. (Sanhedrin 23:3)
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Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli,
- “as was supposed” = “by law, by custom”
- Joseph was the son in law of Heli and the husband of Mary.
- Only Jesus the Son of Mary could fulfil the prophecy. He was a descendant of David and the seed of the (virgin) woman.
- Mary’s husband had to be of David’s line so that they would be in Bethlehem for the census and birth to fulfil prophecy.



# God Prepared

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- Luke 1:26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.
- Revealing Questions:
  - The families of Mary and Joseph had already agreed to the marriage before God asked her. How did God prepare that?
  - How come Joseph's family that belonged to Bethlehem was living in Nazareth?
- **God prepared for this moment from the dawn of history.**



# God Respects Our Free Will

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- Each person down through the ages, including Mary and Joseph acted according to their own free will.
- God did not “make” Mary say “Yes”. She obeyed freely and willingly.
- God respected her freedom to say YES or NO.
- God gives each of us the same privilege and responsibility.



# God Has Prepared Good Works for Us.

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- The good works that God has prepared for us can have consequences far beyond what we know or think possible.
- The good works form part of God's complex pattern of events woven by God to complete His plan of salvation.
- Our "Yes" is important to God.

