

# *The Family Heritage of the Messiah*



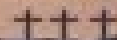
# Two Genealogies – One Savior

- Is the Bible wrong?
- Does one add names the other skips?
- Was one genealogy of Joseph and one of Mary?



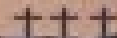
# The Importance of Genealogies

- First, ancestry determined one's claim on land. (*See Numbers 26.52-56*)
- Second, ancestry determined claims to the right inheritance. (*See Ruth 3-4*)
- Third, ancestry in Israel established the basis of taxation. (*See Luke 2*)
- Fourth, any claim to the priesthood or royalty had to be verified by genealogy. (*See Ezra 2.61-63*)



# Genealogical Comparisons

- Both genealogies are the same from Abraham until King David.
- Both genealogies show the royal blood line of Jesus.
- Both genealogies bear the names of Zerubbabel and Shealtiel after the lineage of David.
  - *Two leaders of the Jews returning from the exile to Babylon.*



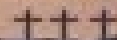
# The Genealogical Comparisons

## Matthew's Account

- Traces the lineage forward.
- Begins at Abraham
- Divided into three sections of 14

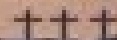
## Luke's Account

- Traces the lineage backward.
- Traces the lineage to Adam.
- Includes many more people.



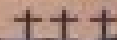
# Women in the Genealogy

- Tamar, who was involved in a scandal with Judah (*Genesis 38*)
- Rahab, the Canaanite harlot of Jericho (*Joshua 2*)
- Ruth, who was not an Israelite, but a Moabite (*Ruth 1:4*)
- Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah (*2 Samuel. 11:1–12:23*)



# What do the Genealogies mean?

- The Son of God had a troubled genealogical past.
- The genealogy of Matthew shows the divinity of Christ.
- The genealogy of Luke shows the humanity of Christ.
- No one ever questioned the fact that Jesus was a descendant of David.

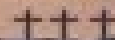


# Your Genealogy or Heritage?

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**“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of the darkness into his marvelous light.”**

*(1 Peter 2:9, ESV)*





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**“Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”**

*(1 Peter 2:10, ESV)*

