



9:00 Live Sunday School at FBJ

Lesson 5: Jesus's Family Tree: God's Timing and His Plan

I. 2nd Samuel 7:11b -17 – The Davidic Covenant

A. The Curse of Jeconiah – Jeremiah 22:24-30

II. Matthew's Genealogy – Matthew 1:1-17

A. v.1 – Why start off with David and Abraham? Two COVENANTS

B. v.17 – 3 sets of “14’s”? Not accurate?

1. Jewish genealogies very often called someone a son who may have been a grandson, etc.
2. Notice in v.1 again – Jesus was not the “son” of either Abraham or David directly
 - Matthew is showing his Jewish audience that Jesus of Nazareth fits the pattern and the promise

C. Dr. Ivan Panin's *Numerics in Scripture*

1. He found patterns in Matthew's genealogy that could be divided by 7:

- # words divided by 7
- # letters / 7
- # vowels / 7
- # consonants / 7
- # names / 7
- # male names / 7
- # generations / 7
- # words start with cons. / 7
- # words start with vowels / 7

- He found over 30 patterns

2. Assume we make a rule that it takes 7 tries to get 1 pattern correct that will divide by 7

- 7 x 1 rule: 7 attempts to get 1 right
- 7 x 2 rules: 49 for 2 “ “
- 7 x 3 rules: 343 for 3 “ “
- 7 x 9 rules: 40,353,607
- 10 minutes / 8 hrs. day / 40 hrs. week / 50 weeks year = 3,362 years

III. Luke's Genealogy - Luke 3:23-38

A. Note Luke starts at Joseph and works toward Adam (v.38) - Why would Luke go to Adam? For us Gentiles

B. What about Jeconiah's curse? - Luke 3:23 - "as was supposed"

- Strong's G 3543 *nomizo* - means supposed or deemed

- Acts 16:27 *When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, **supposing** that the prisoners had escaped.* (ESV)

C. v.31 - *the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David*"

- The curse of Jeconiah did not come through Nathan/Mary but came through Solomon/Joseph
- The "throne of David" line was through Joseph and the bloodline through Mary

D. Daughters of Zelophehad - Numbers 27 and 36

1. v.8 - "... *'If a man dies and has no son, then you shall transfer his inheritance to his daughter.'*"
2. v.11B - *And it shall be for the people of Israel a statute and rule, as the LORD commanded Moses.*
3. 36:6 - *This is what the LORD commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad: 'Let them marry whom they think best, only they shall marry within the clan of the tribe of their father.'*

E. How does Joseph get two fathers? Nick's theory: Heli, Mary's father, had no sons and did a two-fer:

1. Levirate marriage and adopted Joseph
2. Used the daughters of Zelophehad for Mary to marry Joseph
3. Mary and Joseph had to be in same tribe and clan

IV. Where's the Sunday School lesson?

A. Thy will be done - A curse of Jeconiah still has a way

B. Repentant sin is blessed by God - Nathan son of Bathsheba and David gives the bloodline to Jesus

C. God's timing is perfect - We rarely see it until it's over

D. Scripture is designed perfectly - Its exactly what God wants us to have

Questions? Comments? Thoughts? nick@nickwalters.org

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