

Thursology 76: Jesus INVALIDATED??? Joseph's Son COULDN'T Be Israel's King!!! (Jesus' Preposterous Claims-Pt 3)

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--The (preposterous) claims of Jesus of Nazareth:

--I AM the Great I AM...and...I AM the Messiah!!!

--Ten fulfilled prophecies: The astronomical mathematics

--The incomprehensible probability of meeting just TEN of the Old Testament prophecies:

--Approximately 9.3×10^{17} (9,300,000,000,000,000,000!!!)

--The Historical Timing of the Life and Death of Messiah: Threading the historical needle

--An Old Testament threat to Jesus' Messiahship

--A Big Problem for Jesus: There's a very serious issue within His very _____ that appears to _____ Jesus' claim to be Israel's Messiah!!!

--II Sam 7:4, 9, 12-13: But in the night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying...“Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David...When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

--The mandate of royal ancestry: The Messiah had to be an _____ to _____ throne

1. Messiah had to be a descendant of _____
--Gen 12:1-3: Now the Lord said to Abram, “...I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”
2. Messiah had to be a descendant of _____
--Gen 17:18-19: And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before You!” But God said, “No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.
3. Messiah had to be a descendant of _____
--Gen 28:12-14: “...and (the Lord) said (to Jacob), “I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants. Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”
4. Messiah had to be a descendant of _____
--Gen 49:8, 10: Judah, your brothers shall praise you...Your father's sons shall bow down to you...The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes...”
5. Messiah had to be a descendant of _____
--Isa 11:1-2: Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse...And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

--Complication #1: The _____ unfaithfulness of _____ and his descendants

--Psa 132:11-12: The Lord has sworn to David a truth from which He will not turn back: "Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne. If your sons will keep My covenant and My testimony which I will teach them, their sons also shall sit upon your throne forever."

--God's promise to David and his descendants: The promise that his descendants would sit on the _____ of Israel...was _____!!!

--1 Kings 2:1-4: As David's time to die drew near, he charged Solomon his son, saying, "I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man. Keep the charge of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn, so that the Lord may carry out His promise which He spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons are careful of their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

--God's promise to Solomon and his descendants: The promise that his descendants would sit on the _____ of Israel...was _____!!!

--1 Kings 11:4-6: For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites. Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not follow the Lord fully, as David his father had done.

--Vv. 9-11, 28-31, 34, 36: Now the Lord was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel...but he did not observe what the Lord had commanded. So the Lord said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant...Now the man Jeroboam was a valiant warrior...and it came about at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the road. Now Ahijah had clothed himself with a new cloak...Then Ahijah took hold of the new cloak which was on him and tore it into twelve pieces. And he said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and give you ten tribes...Nevertheless I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand...But to his son I will give one tribe...'".

--A major problem: Because of Solomon's unfaithfulness...his sons were no longer heirs to the _____ throne of _____

--Complication #2: The specific _____ of Jehoiachin and his _____ from Israel's _____ (Jer 22:24, 30)

--"As I live," declares the Lord, "even though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were a signet ring on My right hand, yet I would pull you off...Thus says the Lord, 'Write this man down childless, a man who will not prosper in his days; for no man of his descendants will prosper, sitting on the throne of David or ruling again in Judah.'"

--The specific disqualification: Jeconiah's descendants could not sit on the throne of _____...and could not rule in _____!!!

--Matt 1:16: Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

--Genealogy Point #1: Jesus was the son of _____

--V. 6: Jesse was the father of David the king. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah.

--Genealogy Point #2: Joseph was a direct descendent of _____... whose descendants could not sit on the throne of _____!!!

--V. 1, 11: "The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham...and Josiah became the father of Jeconiah and his brothers..."

--Genealogy Point #3: Joseph was a direct descendent of _____ whose descendants could not sit on the throne of _____!!!

--Jer 22:30: "Thus says the Lord, '...no man of (Jeconiah's) descendants will prosper sitting on the throne of David or ruling again in Judah.'"

--The consequence of Solomon's and Jeconiah's disobedience: No son of _____ could sit on _____ throne.

--The Matthew pattern of the genealogy: →

--1:13: "...to Zerubbabel was born..." → 1:14: "...to Azor was born..." → 1:15: "...to Eliud was born..." → 1:16: "...to Jacob was born Joseph..."

--What the next phrase would it say if the pattern was unaltered:

--"...and to Joseph was _____ Jesus..."

--The dramatic change in pattern: (Matt 1:16)

--Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born..."

--What do we find instead? "...and to Jacob was born Joseph the _____ of _____, by whom was _____ Jesus..."

--Why does the pattern of Jesus' genealogy change??? Because Jesus' true Father was not _____...His true Father was _____!!!

--The incredibly important point of Joseph's relationship to Jesus: Joseph was Jesus' _____ father!!!

--The Prophetic mandates of Messiah's lineage:

--Mandate #1: The prophets had foretold that the Messiah's _____ lineage had to come through _____!!!

--Mandate #2: Messiah's lineage had to _____ Solomon and Jeconiah!

--Key Concept: For Jesus to be _____...we must show that _____ Son was an heir to the throne of Israel!!!

--Luke 3:31-34: "...the son of David, the son of Jesse...the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham..."

--V. 23: "...When He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being supposedly, the son of Joseph, the son of Eli..."

--A telling point of the Luke genealogy: Jesus was " _____ " the Son of Joseph.

--An apparent contradiction: Who was Joseph's father?

1. Joseph was _____ to Jacob. (Matt 1)
2. Joseph was the _____ of Eli/Heli. (Luke 3)

--The resolution: Eli was Joseph's father- _____ - _____...and Mary's _____

--Three key genealogical facts:

1. Jeconiah is not in _____ lineage!!!
2. Mary's lineage comes directly from _____...through his son _____...and _____ Solomon!!! ([Luke 3:23, 31](#))

--When He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being supposedly, the son of Joseph, the son of Eli...the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David..."

3. While Joseph's sons would not be...Mary's Son is an _____ to the _____ of Israel!!!

--**Application #1**: There are reasons why God put _____ lineages of Jesus in the Scripture

--Point #1: Joseph's line reveals God's _____

--Point #2: Mary's line reveals God's _____ and _____

--Point #3: Mary's line also reveals God's _____!!!

--**Application #2**: When confronted with someone who's skeptical about Jesus...if you've been on _____...stop _____!!!

--[www.Reasons.org](#) (Reasons to Believe: Hugh Ross)

--**Application #3**: The Scripture and common historical facts point _____ to the _____ of Jesus' claims!!!

--**Application #4**: When you boil all of _____ down...Jesus Christ stands at its _____!!! → [Malcomb Muggeridge](#):

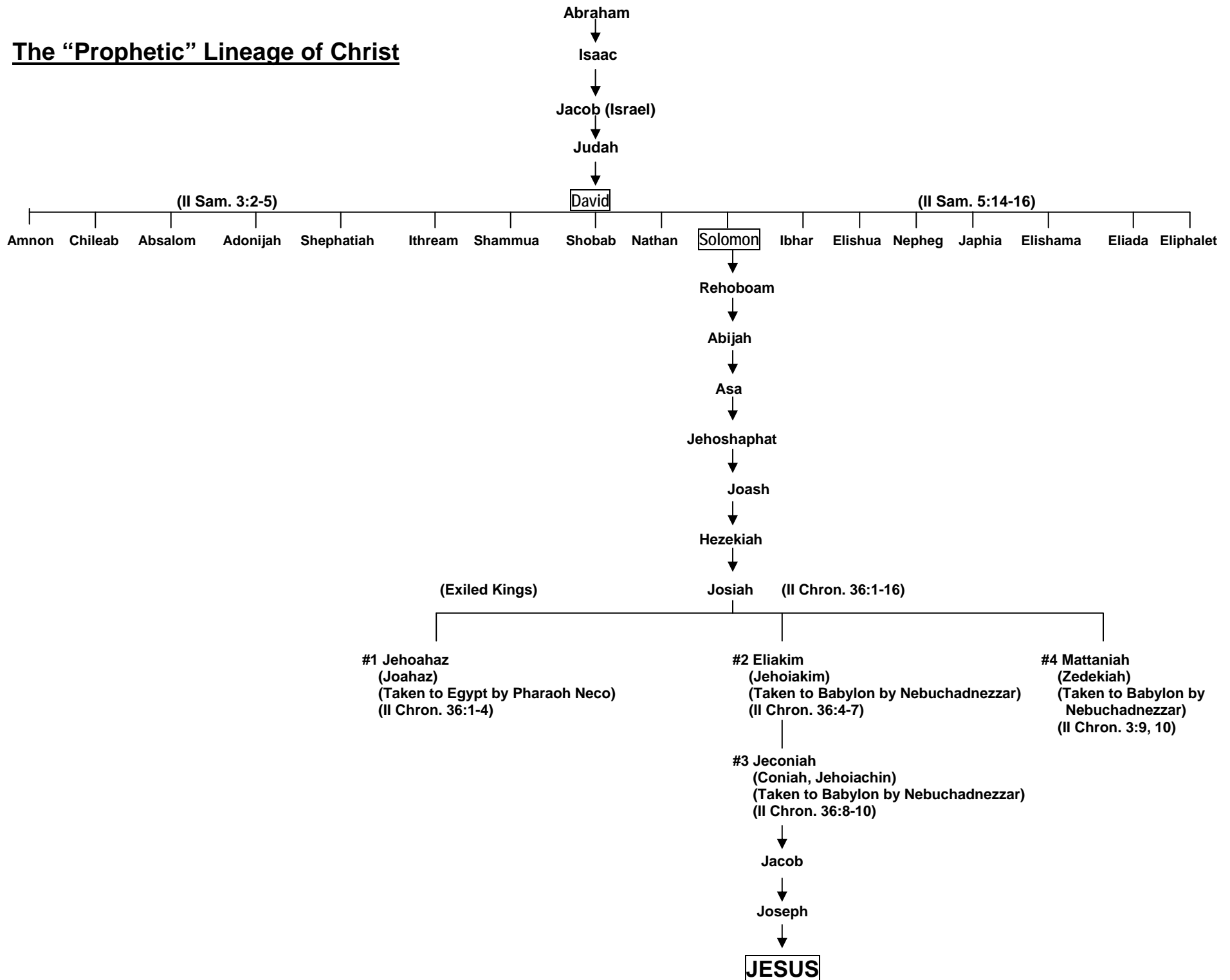
"We look back upon history and what do we see? Empires rising and falling...Revolutions and counter-revolutions...wealth accumulated and wealth disbursed. Shakespeare has spoken of the rise and fall of great ones that ebb and flow with the moon. I look back upon my own countrymen, once dominating a quarter of the world...most of them convinced of the words in the still popular song that "the God who made them mighty...will make them mightier yet."

I've heard a crazed, cracked Austrian announce the establishment of a Reich that would last a thousand years. I've heard an Italian clown say that he was going to stop and restart the calendar with his own ascension to power. I've met a murderous Georgian brigand in the Kremlin acclaimed by the intellectual elite of the world as wiser than Solomon...more humane than Marcus Aurelius...more enlightened than the Schokar. All in one lifetime...all in one lifetime...all gone...gone with the wind.

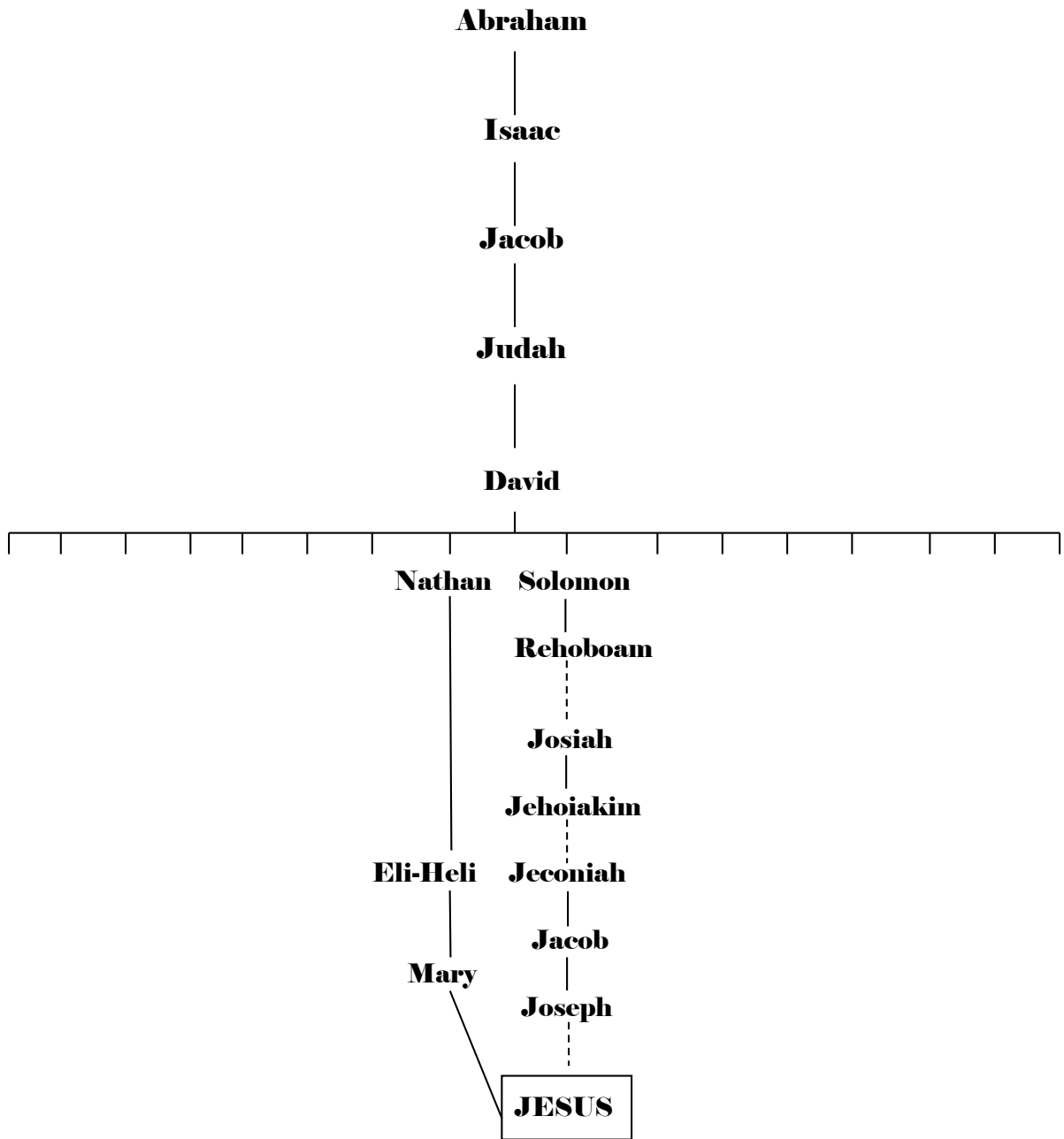
England, part of a tiny island off the coast of Europe, threatened with dismemberment and even bankruptcy...Hitler and Mussolini...dead and remembered only in infamy. Stalin, a forbidden name in the regime that he helped found and dominate for three decades. America, haunted by fears of running out of those precious fluids that keep her motorways roaring and the smog settling with troublesome memories of a disastrous campaign in Vietnam and the victories of the media as they charged the windmills of Watergate. All in one lifetime...all gone.

Behind the debris of these solemn supermen and self-styled imperial diplomatists...stands the gigantic figure of One Person...because of Whom...by Whom...in Whom...and through Whom ALONE Mankind may still have hope...the Person of Jesus Christ.

The “Prophetic” Lineage of Christ



Jesus' Messianic Lineage Through Mary's Line (Luke 3)



DEFENDING THE FAITH

JESUS OF NAZARETH FULFILLED OVER 300 PROPHECIES

- Dan 9:24-25a: EXACT date of Triumphal Entry.
- Dan 9:26a: "Cut off" before destruction of the sanctuary in AD 70.
- Exod 12:1-3: Passover Lamb taken from flock on Nisan 10 (Triumphal Entry).
- Exod 12:5-6: Lamb slain on Nisan 14.
- Gen 49:10: Born BEFORE scepter taken from Israel.
- Micah 5:2, 4-5a: Born in Bethlehem.
- Psa 22:18: Lots cast for His garments: Luke 23:33-34
- Zech 11:10-12: 30 shekels of silver paid for betrayer's wages: Matt 26:14-15
- Exod 12:43-46: Bones could not be broken.
- Psa. 22:16: Cut off by being CRUCIFIED.
- Likelihood of a Hebrew male fulfilling just **10** prophecies:
Approximately **1 in 9,300,000,000,000,000** (As likely as winning a state lottery **THREE** times in a row without **LOSING** in between).

TIMING OF LIFE OF MESSIAH:

- Commonly accepted fact: Jesus was crucified by Rome in the 4th decade AD.
- Dan. 9:24-26a: Had to die BEFORE AD 70 when the Romans destroyed the temple.
- The right of Israel to declare capital punishment was taken away in AD 7 by Rome: John 18:28-32
- John 8:56-59: If the Jews had executed Jesus, He would have been STONED.
- Had to be crucified:
 - Hands and feet pierced: Psa. 22:16 Note: The form of execution was prophesied nearly 1000 years BEFORE it was even invented by the Romans.
 - Had to be LIFTED UP: Num. 21:4-9, John 3:13-15: 12:23-24, 27, 32; Deut. 21:18-23a → Gal. 3:13
- Gen. 49:10: After the scepter departed in AD 7, it was forever too late for Messiah to be born.

SUMMARY— Messiah:

- Had to be born BEFORE AD 7
- Had to die AFTER AD 7
- Had to die between AD 7 and AD 70
- Could not be identified after AD 70-Genealogies were destroyed with the temple by General Titus of Rome.

A THREAT TO JESUS' MESSIAHSHIP

- The Messiah had to be an heir to David's throne: II Sam 7:8-9, 12-13:
- PROBLEM #1**: The GENERAL unfaithfulness of SOLOMON and his descendants.
 - Psa 132:10-12: The promise that David's descendants would sit on the throne of Israel was CONDITIONAL.
 - I Kings 2:1-4: The promise that SOLOMON'S descendants would sit on the throne of Israel was CONDITIONAL.
 - I Kings 11:1-8: Solomon broke covenant with God.
 - Vv. 9-12, 30-31, 38: Because of Solomon's unfaithfulness, his descendants were no longer heirs to the THRONE of ISRAEL.
- PROBLEM #2**: The specific CURSE on Jehoiachin and his DESCENDANTS.
 - Jer 22:24-30: Jeconiah's descendants could not sit on the THRONE of JUDAH.
 - Matt 1:16: Jesus was the son of JOSEPH.
 - V. 6: Joseph-direct descendent of SOLOMON-couldn't be king of ISRAEL.
 - V. 11: Joseph-direct descendent of JECONIAH-couldn't be king of JUDAH.
 - Matt 1:13-16: What's missing? "...to JOSEPH was BORN JESUS..."
 - Instead: "...Joseph the HUSBAND of MARY, by whom was born JESUS..."
 - Why? Jesus' TRUE Father was not Joseph...His TRUE Father was Jehovah.
 - Joseph was Jesus' ADOPTIVE father.
 - Therefore, MARY'S Son had to be an heir to the throne of Israel → Luke 3:23-34.
 - Joseph was BORN to Jacob (Matt 1), but, Joseph was the SON of Eli (Luke 3)
 - Joseph had two fathers: One by flesh (Jacob) and one by law (Eli).
 - Eli was Joseph's FATHER-IN-LAW. Eli was MARY'S FATHER → Luke 3 is MARY'S LINEAGE. AND...it shows Mary's lineage comes directly from DAVID and bypasses Jeconiah and Solomon.

Books to Read and Recommend

- Mere Christianity*: CS Lewis
- The Case for Christ*: Lee Strobbel
- Christian Apologetics*: Norman L. Geisler
- When Critics Ask*: Norman Geisler & Thomas Howe
- He Walked Among Us*: Josh McDowell (Amazon.com-Used Section)
- The Case for Faith*: Lee Strobbel
- Evidence that Demands a Verdict*: Josh McDowell
- Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties*: Gleason L. Archer, Jr
- Can Man Live Without God?* Ravi Zacharias

Thursology 75: Perfect Proof That Jesus is Messiah: Rome & Capital Punishment (The Preposterous Claims of Christ-Pt 2)

(Thursology Live! 3/31/22)

--The (preposterous) claims of Jesus of Nazareth:

--I AM the Messiah...and...I AM the Great I AM

--The incredibly high bar set for Messiah: Any and all apparent **INCONSISTENCIES** between Jesus' life and the Messianic prophecies must be **RESOLVED**...or the entire foundation of Christianity **CRUMBLES**!!!

--Ten fulfilled prophecies: The astronomical mathematics

- 1) Exod 12:1-4: The Passover Lamb was taken out of the flock on Nisan 10 to be observed
- 2) Exod 12:5-6: The Lamb was SLAIN by Israel on Nisan 14
- 3) Dan 9:24-25: Prediction of the EXACT date of the Triumphal Entry
- 4) Dan 9:26: Messiah had to DIE...and it had to happen BEFORE the destruction of the Temple in AD 70
- 5) Gen 49:10: The Prince of Peace had to be born BEFORE the scepter was taken away from Israel.
- 6) Micah 5:2, 4-5: Messiah had to be born in BETHLEHEM
- 7) Psa 22:18: LOTS would be cast for His GARMENTS
- 8) Zech 11:10-13: Exactly 30 shekels of SILVER would be paid for the betrayer's wages...and the silver would go to the POTTER to buy a field.
- 9) Exod 12:43, 46: The BONES of the Lamb could not be BROKEN
- 10) Psalm 22:16: MESSIAH would be CRUCIFIED

--The incomprehensible probability of meeting just TEN of the Old Testament prophecies:

--Approximately 1 in 9,300,000,000,000,000

--The Historical Timing of the Life and Death of the Jewish Messiah: Narrowing the Timeframe

--Historical Fact #1: There is an **EXPLICIT** historical **END**-point...after which the Messiah could no **LONGER** come

--Dan 9:24-26: Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city...So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off...

--The prophetic end-point: No one living **AFTER** AD 70...could possibly be the Jewish **MESSIAH**!!!

--The practical end-point: When General Titus destroyed the Temple in AD 70...the **GENEALOGIES** were also destroyed...and thus...after this it was no longer possible to verify the **LINEAGE** of any potential Messiah

--Historical Fact #2: That Messiah had to be **CRUCIFIED**...is an *incredibly* important factor in the historical **TIMING** of His death...and reflects specific prophecy of the **HIGHEST** order!!!

--Key Concept: The battleground for belief is not the **MIRACLES** of Jesus...the battleground is Jesus **HIMSELF**!!!

--The mundane, commonly-known, non-controversial, universally-accepted event from history: Jesus of Nazareth was **CRUCIFIED** by Rome in the **4th** decade AD

--John 18:28-32: Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover. Therefore Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" They answered and said to him, "If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him to you." So Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death," to fulfill the word of Jesus which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.

--Why where the Jews not permitted to put Jesus to death? The right of Israel to declare **CAPITAL** punishment was taken away in AD **7** by Rome

--John 8:56-59: Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

--What does this Scripture make clear?

--If the Jews had **EXECUTED** Jesus...He would have been **STONED**

--A Messianic disqualification: Anyone who was **STONED** could not be the **MESSIAH!!!**

--A series of Crucifixion-related Messianic requirements:

--Requirement #1: To be Messiah...His hands and feet had to be **PIERCED**

--Psalm 22:15-16: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; and You lay me in the dust of death. For dogs have surrounded me; a band of evildoers has encompassed me; they pierced my hands and my feet.

--Requirement #2: To be Messiah...He had to be **LIFTED UP**

--Numbers 21:4-9: Then they set out from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the people became impatient because of the journey. The people spoke against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this miserable food." And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. So the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the Lord and you; intercede with the Lord, that He may remove the serpents from us." And Moses interceded for the people. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live." And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.

--John 3:13-16: No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

--Requirement #3: → He had to be lifted up...to **SAVE** the **WORLD**

--John 12:27, 32: "Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour...And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself."

--V. 33: But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.

--The point of being "lifted up": Stoning would have **KILLED** Jesus...but it wouldn't have **SAVED anyone!!!**

--Why??? → Malachi 4:6: "And he will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse."

--What did humanity need? To save the world...someone had to come Who could **TAKE** the **CURSE** away!!!

--A key biblical concept: To take the curse away...the Messiah couldn't just **DESTROY** sin...He had to **BECOME** sin!!!

--II Cor 5:21: "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us..."

--Deut 21:22-23: "And if...you hang him on a tree...he who is hanged...is the curse of God."

--Galatians 3:13: "Christ redeemed us from the **CURSE** of the Law, having **BECOME** a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a **TREE**.'"

--Historical Fact #3: There is an explicit historical **END**-point...for the Messiah's **BIRTH**...and the "**SCEPTER**" is the key!!!

--Esther 4:10-11; 5:1-2: Then Esther spoke to Hathach and ordered him to reply to Mordecai: "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that for any man or woman who comes to the king to the inner court who is not summoned, he has but one law, that he be put to death, unless the king holds out to him the golden scepter so that he may live. And I have not been summoned to come to the king for these thirty days."...Now it came about on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace in front of the king's rooms, and the king was sitting on his royal throne in the throne room, opposite the entrance to the palace. When the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she obtained favor in his sight; and the king extended to Esther the golden scepter which was in his hand. So Esther came near and touched the top of the scepter.

--Gen 49:10: "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes..."

--The Genesis 49 prophecy...interpreted in historical context...means:

--The Messiah would come into the world **BEFORE** Rome **REMOVED** Israel's right to declare Capital Punishment

--The Messianic starting point:

--Jacob's prophecy meant that **AFTER** the right of Capital Punishment was taken away from Israel in AD 7...it was forever too **LATE** for Messiah to be **BORN**

--Spectacularly threading the historical needle

--Messiah's Prophetic Timeline: Threading the Needle between 7 AD and 70 AD

Abraham				Today
2000 BC	(Too early to come)		(Too late to come)	2022 AD
----- <u>Stoned</u> rather than crucified-----			-----Had to be born before the Scepter departed (7 AD)-----	
-----Daniel's prophecy-----			-----Messiah must die before Temple destroyed-----	

--**Application**: Through Scripture and the unfolding of verifiable history...God has given us indisputable **EVIDENCE** that Jesus is the Savior of the world...but this leads to the enormous question of whether we'll **SHARE** it with **OTHERS**!!!

--I Peter 3:14-15: "...sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a **DEFENSE** to everyone who asks you to give an **ACCOUNT** for the hope that is in you..."

--The conclusion of I Pet 3:14-15: **EVERY** believer is responsible to be **PREPARED** to defend the faith!!!

--Six attributes of Apollos...a defender of The Faith:

--Attribute #1: Despite being "merely" a **LAYMAN**...Apollos was **MIGHTY** in the Scriptures!!!

--Acts 18:24: Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures.

--Attribute #2: Despite being without formal theological **TRAINING**...Apollos was **ACCURATE** in his teaching about Jesus!!!

--Acts 18:25: This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John...

--Attribute #3: God used him to speak **BOLDLY**...even though he didn't have **PERFECT** understanding of the Scriptures

--Acts 18:26a: "...and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue..."

--Attribute #4: He was **OPEN** to being **CORRECTED**...even though he was mighty in the Scriptures!!!

--Acts 18:26b, c: "...But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately."

--Attribute #5: Even though he wasn't a rabbi or preacher or missionary...Apollos was willing to sacrificially **DISRUPT** his life...to take the **TRUTH** to others!!!

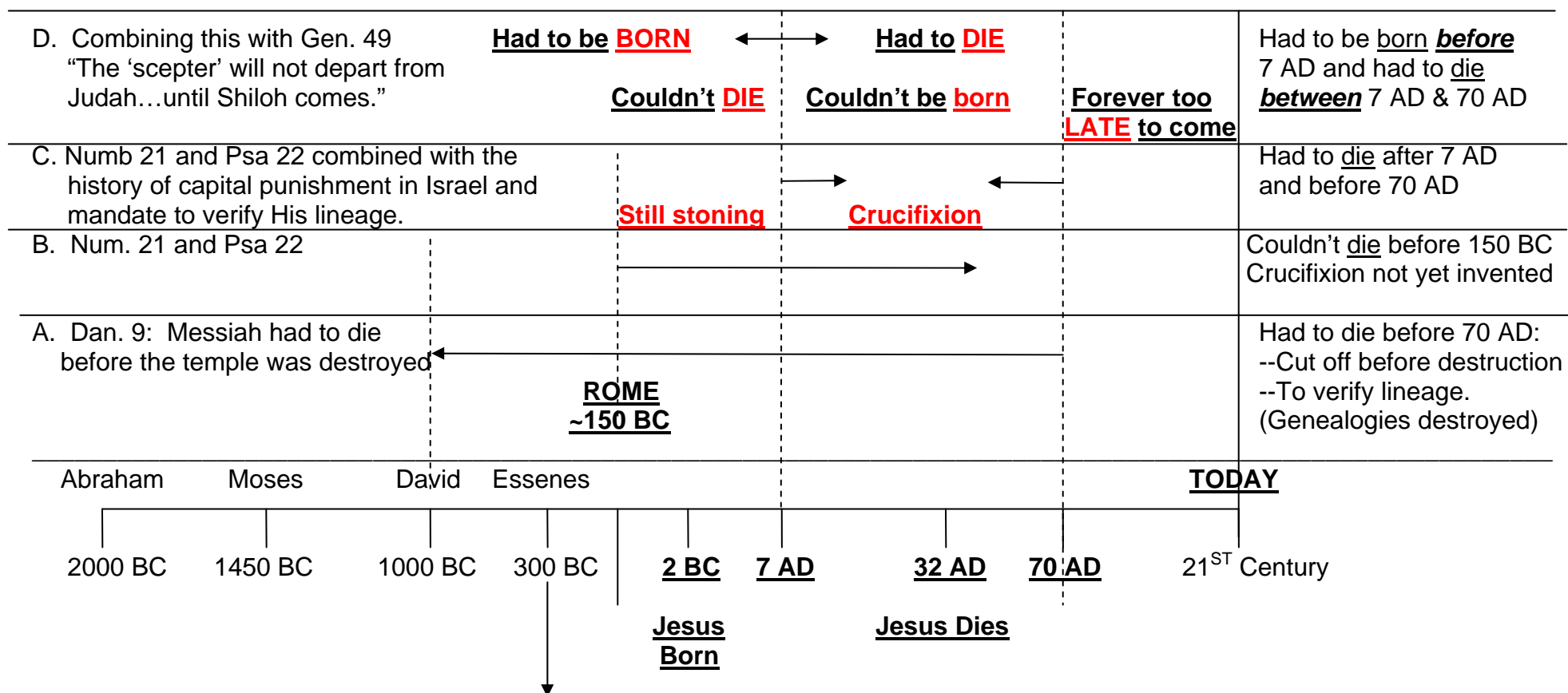
--Acts 18:27: And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace..."

--Attribute #6: He clearly understood that one of the highest callings of **EVERY** believer is to **DEMONSTRATE** by the Scriptures that Jesus is the **CHRIST**!!!

--Acts 18:28: "...for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ."

BIBICAL TIMELINE OF THE COMING OF THE JEWISH MESSIAH

The ultimate example of God threading the historical needle to prove Jesus of Nazareth to be the Christ



Dead Sea Scrolls prove that all of the OT was written before Rome came to power.
Thus, death by crucifixion was true prophecy of a mode of execution that had not
yet even been conceived. ALL prophecies about Jesus were written IN ADVANCE.