

THE GENERATION OF JESUS

MATTHEW 1

Text: Matthew 1:1

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¹The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Introduction:

Often this portion of Scripture is skipped over when we read or study or Bible. However I think that there are some things in this genealogy that are very important. There are at least five things that can be gleaned from the lives of the five women in this genealogy.

1. THAMAR - DON'T TAKE ON GOD'S ROLE

(Mat 1:3) "And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram;"

Read the story From Genesis 38

- A. Judah left his brethren - (unequally yoked) (vs. 2)

- B. Took a wife for his son - (unequally yoked) (vs. 6)

- C. Attempted to undo what God had done.

- D. Thamar then sins and tricks Judah.

2. REHAB - GOD'S REDEMPTION IS LIMITLESS

(Mat 1:5) "And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;"

- A. She was a harlot

- B. She lived in a city that was going to experience God's judgment.

Read the Story in Joshua 2:1-19

- C. Was spared and her family because she believed God and trusted in God. (vs 11)

- D. Was mentioned three times in the New Testament.

1. In the genealogy of Jesus.

2. By Paul

(Heb 11:31) "By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace."

3. By James

(James 2:25) "Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?"

3. RUTH - PURPOSE TO COMMIT MY WHOLE LIFE TO GOD

(Mat 1:5) "And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;"

A. Her husband had died and left her with nothing.

B. Chose to God to the place of God's blessings and to make God her God.

(Ruth 1:16-17) "And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: {17} Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me."

4. BATHSHEBA - LEARN FROM PAST MISTAKES

A. Many believe that Bathsheba had no blame in this story but the Scripture doesn't give evidence to this.

1. Bathing in a visible place.

2. Committed adultery.

3. She wasn't guiltless but rather was fulfilling Lev 15:18

5. MARY - I AM WILLING TO SERVE HOWEVER GOD DESIRES.

There are three key statements recorded in scripture of Mary

(Luke 1:38) "And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her."

(Luke 1:46-55) "And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, {47} And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. {48} For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. {49} For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. {50} And his mercy is on them that fear him

from generation to generation. {51} He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. {52} He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. {53} He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. {54} He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; {55} As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever."

(John 2:5) "His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

- A. We see her humility - handmaid
- B. We see her gratitude - done to me great things.
- C. We see her willingness - whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.

Close:

Let's review what we should learn from the genealogy of Jesus.

1. Don't take on God's role.
2. God's redemption is limitless.

3. Commit my whole life to God.
4. Learn from my past mistakes.
5. Serve however God desires.