

Facts About the Genealogy of Christ



- Matthew 1:1-17 contains Matthew's list
- Luke 3:23-28 contains Luke's list
- 1 Chronicles 109 gives a more complete list.
- The family line was transmitted through some 4,000 years.
- Matthew shows Jesus' legal right to the Davidic throne through line of Solomon.
- The genealogy given in Matthew is abridged. Although some names are omitted, the line of descent is not invalidated.
- Matthew's list contains 42 generations in 3 groups of 14 each, covering 2,000 years. The 3rd group, however, names only 13 generations, the 14th evidently being intended for Mary.
 - 1st group covers 1,000 years
 - 2nd group covers 400 years
 - 3rd group covers 600 years
- Matthew's list is in descending order. ("begat")
- Luke's list is in descending order. ("was the son of")
- Matthew goes back to Abraham
- Luke goes back to Adam
- From David they are separate lines, touching in Shealtiel and Zerubbabel.
- Mary's genealogy, in accord with Jewish usage, was in her husband's name.
 - Joseph was the "son of Heli" (Luke 3:23) meaning "son-in-law." Jacob was Joseph's father (Matthew 1:16).
 - Through Mary, Jesus had no legal right to the throne of David. This had to come through Joseph.
 - If Jesus had been born to Mary without her being legally the wife of Joseph, a son of Solomon, His royal claim could have been rejected from the outset.