

First Baptist Church
Sermon Notes—December 6, 2015

JESUS
God Breaks His Silence
(part 1)

Malachi 4:4-6

God's final words before His silence for 400 years

Matthew 1:1-17

God breaks His silence with a baby

Matthew Basics

1:1-17 Background

- Opening of the New Testament
- Genealogy: the Legal Ancestry of Jesus Christ through his earthly legal father Joseph
- Purpose: to validate that Jesus is the Messiah—Jesus had credentials
- The culmination of the Old Testament
- 3 sections with 14 generations each

1. Abraham to David 2. David to the Exile in Babylon 3. Exile to Jesus

Matthew 1:1 A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:

A record of the genealogy: lit. "book of genesis" (beginnings, origins)

of Jesus Christ: Jesus (Y'shua/Joshua)= The Lord's Salvation

Christ (Messiah)= anointed one, promised deliverer foretold by the OT prophets

Son of David: Messianic Title, a fulfillment of 2 Samuel 7:12-16

Son of Abraham: Father Abraham, a fulfillment of Genesis 22:18

POINT:

- Jesus is a true Jew
- Jesus is a descendant of King David
- Jesus is an ancestor of Abraham
- Jesus meets messianic qualifications

Matthew 1:2-17

- the legal ancestry of Jesus through Joseph the legal earthly father of Jesus
- Not exhaustive, deliberately selective
- 3 sections, 14 generations (not exact)

Why the Omissions?

1. 7 is the perfect number ($7 \times 2 = 14$)
2. The numerical value of David's name = 14 (gematria: numerical value to a word)
3. Names omitted to achieve literary symmetry
4. To give equal importance

OBSERVATIONS

1. The Good, The Bad & The Ugly—verses 7-10a (1 Chron. 3:10-14)
Kings of Judah: WICKED King Rehoboam fathered WICKED King Abijah who fathered GOOD King Asa who fathered GOOD King Jehoshaphat who fathered WICKED King Jehoram.

Point: People Need a Savior!

2. Four Women Identified as Mothers

Tamar (v.3-see Genesis 38)

Rahab (v.5-see Joshua 2)

Ruth (v. 5-see Ruth)

Bathsheba* (v.6-see 2 Samuel 11--Identified as Uriah's wife as a reminder of David's adultery and murder)

POINTS:

1. three were accused of questionable sexual activity same as Mary would be
2. all were Gentiles (non-Jews)
3. raises the importance of women

The Gospel revealed by the lives of four women.

- Salvation is for sinners (Tamar)
- Salvation is through faith (Rahab)
- Salvation is by grace (Ruth)
- Salvation is one of forgiveness (Bathsheba)

CONCLUSION: Jesus has the ancestry, lineage and pedigree to be Messiah and Israel's King

Jesus Came to Give You:

- Hope & a Future
- Restoration & Healing
- Forgiveness & Reconciliation
- Peace & Joy
- Fulfillment & Contentment
- Abundant & Eternal Life

**God has the answer for what all of you are going through this Christmas:
JESUS**