

Bloodlines: The Genealogy of Jesus



The Son of David

MATTHEW 1:1-17

Jesus Fulfills God's Promise

- ▶ The first thing Matthew wanted his readers to know is that Jesus was "the son of David."
- ▶ If the readers did not understand who David was, they would not understand Jesus.
- ▶ God promised David that one of his offspring would become king and reign forever on the throne.
- ▶ To ensure that no one else claimed to be a descendant of King David, God allowed all the genealogical records to be destroyed in the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.
- ▶ God fulfilled His promise of sending a King who will sit on the throne of David.

Jesus Establishes God's Kingdom

- ▶ At the time of Jesus' birth and life, the people of God were expecting a military man who would raise an army and get victory over the Romans.
- ▶ Jesus came to liberate the people from spiritual oppression.
- ▶ Jesus' Kingdom is spiritual.
- ▶ Jesus is more than a Savior, He is the eternal King with an eternal, universal Kingdom.
- ▶ Because Jesus is the eternal King, we must obey Him and anticipate His return.

Conclusion



- ▶ One day, Jesus will return to earth and say, *"People of God, I have returned!"*
- ▶ Because Jesus is the eternal king, we can anticipate his return.
- ▶ We must surrender ourselves wholeheartedly to Jesus' kingship over our lives.
- ▶ If you are not a Christian, your cruel slave driver is Satan, and eventually you will discover what a monster he is.