

**Bloodlines: The Genealogy of Jesus**



# **Redemption For The Exiles**

**MATTHEW 1:1-17**

# What Is the Exile?

- ▶ In Matthew's genealogy, in verse 17, "*the exile to Babylon*" figures prominently in Jesus' genealogy.
- ▶ In exile, everything is disoriented.
- ▶ Adam and Eve were sent into exile, to live in a place that was not their home.
- ▶ By 516 BC, all the people of God had returned to the promised land from their exile in Babylon.
- ▶ God sent prophets to His people, and they told them that their exile was not over yet.
- ▶ In the Bible, the exile is a picture of our human condition.

# What Does the Exile Mean for Us Today?

- ▶ Jesus is the king sent by God to bring redemption for those who are separated from Him.
- ▶ Jesus Himself was in a sense an exile:
  - ▶ He knew that His permanent home was yet to come.
  - ▶ He came to rescue sinners like us so that we could live with Him in His Father's home.
- ▶ Jesus knew that all people have lost their way.
- ▶ Jesus wants us to show others the way to their true home.
- ▶ Peter acknowledged that all believers are "*foreigners and exiles*" in this world.
- ▶ We are called to keep our conduct among Gentiles honorable.

# Conclusion



- ▶ We are to see people who are separated from God restored to a right relationship with Him.
- ▶ The Church must keep proclaiming the truth of the Gospel.
- ▶ Remember that we are exiles; we are not yet home.