

Luke 3:23-38 – The Genealogy of Jesus Christ, Part 2

Introduction:

1. The New Testament Opens with a List of Names
2. How often do we skip the Genealogy?
3. The Genealogy is a Summary of the Whole of Scripture
4. The Biblical Narrative: Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration

Main Idea: Jesus Christ is the culmination of Redemptive History. He is the Second Adam who has come to reverse the fall of man into sin, and to redeem and to restore His people.

What is the Difference between Matthew and Luke? (v 23)

1. The Gospel of Matthew
 - a. List of 41 names divided into 3 Groups
 - b. Begins with Abraham, through David, ending at Jesus
 - c. Royal, Legal Line through Joseph
2. The Gospel of Luke
 - a. List of 77 names, no divisions
 - b. Works backwards from Jesus, through David and Abraham, ending with Adam
 - c. Physical Descent through Mary

What about Coniah's Curse? (Mat 1:11-12; Jer 22:28-30)

1. In Matthew's Gospel, the Legal Line came through David
2. The legal, royal descent established the throne
3. The problem: If Jesus physically descended from Joseph, he would not be able to sit on the throne
4. King Jehoniah's offspring was not permitted to the throne
5. The Lord Circumvented (Bypassed) this Curse in 2 Ways:
 - a. Jesus was Virgin Born by the power of the Holy Spirit
 - b. Jesus was Physically Descended through Mary's Line
6. The Virgin Birth demonstrated the humanity of Christ

What can We Learn from Luke's Genealogical Record? (v 38)

1. Matthew emphasizes Jesus' Jewish Kingship, Luke emphasizes Jesus as Savior of the World (Gentiles)
2. Creation: Luke traces Jesus' lineage back to Adam
 - a. Adam was a literal human being
 - b. The Creation account of Genesis 1 is literal
 - c. Adam was formed from the dust of the ground
 - d. Adam and Eve are father and mother of the human race, including Jesus our Savior
 - e. We are ALL descended from Adam

3. The Fall of Man: Depravity and Corruption
 - a. We ALL know there are issues with the Human Race
 - i. Broken, Strife, Violence, Conflict, Disharmony
 - ii. Disconnectedness with Ourselves and Neighbors
 - iii. Disease and Pestilence
 - b. How We Ended Up Here: Adam plummeted the world into Sin
 - c. Lineage of Jesus Christ: *Sinner begat Sinner begat Sinner*
 - i. A line of Sinners from Adam to Christ (Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, etc.) – all sinners
 - ii. The Common Denominator in the Family Tree of Jesus: SIN!
 - d. We are all Sinners because we are in Adam, and He reproduces what He is, A Sinner by Nature
 - e. Created Order Moved to Chaos
4. Redemption: God Sent His Son
 - a. The Incarnation of Jesus Christ
 - i. Jesus was Flesh and Blood and Bone
 - ii. He was 100% Human
 - iii. God became what He was Not – veiled in human flesh, the Word of God tabernacled among us, descended from Adam, born of Woman
 - iv. Different from the Rest of Adam's Offspring – Jesus was without Sin (**Luke 1:35**) – He was Holy
 - b. The Atonement of Jesus Christ
 - i. The Genealogy is a Chronicle of Grace: The Rebellious Rogue Has A Redeemer! A Savior to Deliver from Sin
 - ii. Atonement was Made by Blood of Christ
 - iii. The Hero of the Genealogy is God
 - iv. All of Redemptive History Foreshadowed Christ's Atonement (Clothing Adam & Eve, Noah's Ark, the Sacrifice of Isaac, Crossing the Red Sea, Return from Exile)
 - v. Jesus Substituted Himself for the Sinner – Sin would be imputed to Jesus & Righteousness imputed to sinner
 - vi. God's Wrath would be Poured out on Christ instead of the Sinner who would be Saved by Grace
 - c. Heaven and Hell – Christ saves from a literal Hell to usher His people into a literal Heaven for Eternal Life
5. Restoration: The New Creation
 - a. Restoration was Inaugurated by Christ and is Still Future
 - b. Jesus is Coming Again where we will experience our Final Salvation and be Fully Restored
 - c. All of Creation will be Restored from the effects of the Fall
6. Our Response: Repentance from Sin and Faith in Christ