



“A Christmas Story”
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“Every good and PERFECT GIFT is from ABOVE.” James 1:17

“If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give GOOD GIFTS to those who ask him!” Matthew 7:11

“Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Christ.” Matthew 1:17

“For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the HOLY SPIRIT.” 2 Peter 1:21

Why would God make a pattern in the ancestry of Christ?

- Because the line of descendants was crucial to THE PROPHECY of who the Messiah would be!
- God left us a PAPER TRAIL!
 - Long before Jesus was even born, God put His STAMP OF APPROVAL on Him, so know all of the Old Testament looked forward to the birth of this one little boy in Bethlehem.

To God, the list of names in Matthew 1 is His FAMILY ALBUM!

- “Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was TAMAR.” verse 3
 - In Genesis 38, Tamar practiced PROSTITUTION.
- “Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was RAHAB.” verse 5
 - Rahab was also a PROSTITUTE.
- “Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was RUTH.” verse 5
 - Ruth is included in the line of the Messiah in spite of her NATIONALITY.
- “DAVID was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah’s wife.” verse 6
 - Both David & Bathsheba are included in the Messianic line in spite of their ADULTERY.

The GRACE OF GOD is recognized in each of these people in the line of the Messiah!

- “For, I did not come to call the righteous, but SINNERS, to repentance.” Matthew 9:13