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The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah

1 This is the **genealogy**^a of Jesus the Messiah^b the son of David, the son of Abraham:

²Abraham was the father of Isaac,
Isaac the father of Jacob,
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

³Judah the father of **Perez** and **Zerah**,
whose mother was **Tamar**, **Perez** the father of **Hezron**, **Hezron** the father of Ram,

⁴Ram the father of **Amminadab**, **Amminadab** the father of **Nahshon**, **Nahshon** the father of **Boaz**, whose mother was **Rahab**, **Boaz** the father of **Jesse**,

⁶and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been **Uriah's** wife, ⁷Solomon the father of **Rehoboam**, **Rehoboam** the father of **Abijah**, **Abijah** the father of Asa, ⁸Asa the father of **Jehoshaphat**, **Jehoshaphat** the father of **Jehoram**, **Jehoram** the father of Uzziah, ⁹Uzziah the father of **Jotham**,

a1 Or *is an account of the origin* **b1** Or *Jesus Christ. Messiah* (Hebrew) and *Christ* (Greek) both mean *Anointed One*; also in verse 18.

Jotham the father of Ahaz,
Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,

10 Hezekiah the father of Manasseh,
Manasseh the father of Amon,
Amon the father of Josiah,

11 and Josiah the father of Jeconiahs and his brothers
at the time of the exile to Babylon.

¹²After the exile to Babylon:
Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel,
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,
¹³Zerubbabel the father of Abihud,
Abihud the father of Eliakim,
Eliakim the father of Azor,
¹⁴Azor the father of Zadok,
Zadok the father of Akim,
Akim the father of Elihud,
¹⁵Elihud the father of Eleazar,
Eleazar the father of Matthan,
Matthan the father of Jacob,
¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus
who is called the Messiah.

¹⁷Thus 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 Messiah.

Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about:^d His mother Mary was **pledged** to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet^e did not want to **expose** her to **public disgrace**, he had in mind to divorce her **quietly**.

C11 That is, Jehoiachin; also in verse 12 d18 Or The origin of Jesus the Messiah was like this e19 Or was a righteous man and

²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is **conceived** in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, f because he will save his people from their sins."

²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³"The **virgin** will **conceive** and give birth to a son, and they will call him **Immanuel**"⁹ (which means "God with us").

²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵But he did not **consummate** their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

The Magi Visit the Messiah

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi^h from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³When King Herod heard this he was **disturbed**, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

6" 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a **ruler** who will shepherd my people Israel.' "

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the **exact** time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to

f21 Jesus is the Greek form of Joshua, which means the LORD saves. 923 Isaiah 7:14 h1 Traditionally wise men i6 Micah 5:2,4