

Son of Abraham, Son of David (Matthew 1:1)

Introduction

- What do you get when you start reading the New Testament?
- Why did genealogies matter to the Jews at the time of Christ?
- So why does Matthew start with a genealogy?

i Son of Abraham

- Where does Matthew start his genealogy?
- Jot down a few facts about Abraham.
- What does the Lord promise Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3?
- How does the Lord's promise in Genesis 22:18 clarify that earlier promise?
- Were the old covenant people of Israel the complete fulfilment of that promise?
- Which passage proves you right?
- What might a Jewish man around the year 6BC have thought about the promise?
- What is Matthew saying about Jesus?
- In which passage does Peter say that Jesus is the offspring of Abraham referred to in Genesis 22:18?
- What blessings does Jesus bring?
- What did bringing those blessings cost him?
- To whom does blessing come?

- What should this do to you if you are a Christian?
- What should this do to you if you are not a Christian?

ii Son of David

- What is the story in II Samuel 7?
- What does God promise David there?
- Was David's son Solomon the complete fulfilment of the promise?
- What happened to the house of David through to the years when BC became AD?
- What were many Jews waiting for then?
- What is Matthew saying about Jesus?
- Note four passages which speak about the sort of king Jesus is and summarise what they are saying about him.

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- How does this make Jesus precisely the king we need?
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