

### **Recap of 12/24/17:**

1. "The first gospel opens by presenting the evidence that Jesus Christ is indeed the true Son of David, the Son of Abraham, the Son of God, and is the true Messiah of Israel and the Savior of the world. Such a far-reaching claim must be supported by the best evidence. Accordingly, Matthew presents in an orderly way first the genealogies establishing legal claim of Jesus Christ to be the King of Israel. Then it accounts for the supernatural conception and deity of Jesus Christ by explicitly detailing the virgin birth. In the process, the genuineness of His claim to be the King of Israel is demonstrated, and the damaging suspicion that Christ was illegitimate, a slander propagated by unbelievers, is completely answered. This material, as well as the rest of Matthew 1-2, is found only in this gospel." (John Valvoord)
2. Matthew links Jesus with both the Abrahamic covenant (Genesis 12,15,22) and the Davidic covenant (2 Samuel 7:8-16). This is important because in the Abrahamic covenant God promised that all the world would be blessed through Abraham's seed (Paul relates this promise of a "seed" to Jesus in Galatians 3:16,22,24). Secondly, in the Davidic covenant God promises that one of the line of David would reign forever on David's throne.
3. Matthew's genealogy carefully demonstrates that Jesus is of the royal line and has a legal right to the throne of David.
4. Matthew's genealogy also clearly demonstrates that Jesus is virgin-born, in verse 16. Matthew does not say "Joseph, the father of" but rather he changes the expression used in the rest of the genealogy to "Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom (in Greek, a feminine relative pronoun) was born Jesus. . ." This is essential to God's saving purpose.