

**Series "Behold Your King"**  
**"The Linage of The King"**  
**Matthew 1:1-17**  
**Part-1**

**We are going to cover 3 areas in our study**

1. Introduction to Matthew
2. Men in The Family Tree
3. Women in The Family Tree

**1. Introduction to Matthew**

Matthew's Gospel has been called "The most important book of the New Testament" Because it is the bridge that leads us from the chasm of the Old Testament into the New Testament.

- *Malachi 4:5-6*
- Matthew 1:1 the son of David,

The Author –

"Matthew" means "the gift of God."

- *Matt 9:9-13*

Tax collectors were among the most hated people in Jewish society.

1. To begin with, they were traitors to their own nation because they "sold themselves" to the Romans to work for the government.
2. Each tax collector purchased from Rome the right to gather taxes; and the more he gathered, the more he could keep.
3. They were considered thieves as well as traitors. (Extortionist)
4. Their constant contacts with Gentiles made them religiously suspect, if not unclean.

When Written – 58-68 A.D. Covers 4 B.C. – 33 A.D.

Purpose – “Matthew is the gospel written by a Jew to Jews about a Jew.”

Matthew used at least 129 quotations or allusions to the Old Testament in this Gospel.

- *John 21:25*

So God has given to us four Gospels. The first 3 are Matthew, Mark, and Luke and are called the "Synoptic Gospels." Synoptic is made up of two Greek words meaning, "To see, together."

Matthew - was written to the Jews. The theme is "Jesus Christ the King"

Mark - was written to the Romans. The theme is "The Servant who Rules."

Luke - was written to the Greeks. The theme is "Jesus the Perfect Man."

John – That we might believe. The theme is "The Deity of Jesus Christ."

Matthew arranged his material in a topical order, rather than chronological.

Theme – “The King and His Kingdom”

Key Words – Kingdom – 55X; Kingdom of Heaven – 33X; Fulfilled – 15X.

Key Passage – • *Matt 2:2*

- *Matt 4:17*

Key Chapter – Matthew 12

## **Outline**

1. The Revelation of The King—chapters 1-10
2. The Rebellion Against The King—chapters 11-13
3. The Retirement of The King—chapters 14-20
4. The Rejection of The King—chapters 21-27
5. The Resurrection of The King—chapter 28

## **2. Men in The Family Tree**

- *Matthew 1:1*
- *Matt. 1:1-17 Luke 3:23-38*
- *Matthew 1:17*

Verses – 2-6 (14 Generations) From Abraham to David:  
 Verses – 6-11 (14 Generations) Solomon to the Exile to Babylon:  
 Verses – 12-16 (14 Generations) Babylonian captivity to the  
 time of Christ:

- *Matthew 1:2*

Judah - (Verse – 3)

David – (Verse- 6)

Solomon – (Verse – 6)

Rehoboam – (Verse – 7)

Abijah - (Verse – 7) Rehoboam son – “walked in the sins of his father”

Joram – (Verse – 8) “walked in the ways of Ahab”

Ahaz – (Verse – 9) idolater, sacrificed children to false gods.

Josiah – (Verse – 10)

- *Matthew 1:16*

Joseph –

### **3. Women in The Family Tree**

Prominence is given to 5 women who are named in the lineage of the Messiah.

#### **1. Verse – 3 Tamar –**

The Lesson we learn from Tamar's life is: It is always a mistake to decide God needs you to make His will happen.

- *Genesis 38:1-30*

What do we learn from Tamar being listed in the family tree of Jesus? God can make something good out of the worst parts of our lives.

- *2 Corinthians 5:21*

#### **2. Verse – 5 Rahab - Joshua 2:6; 6:25**

What do we learn from Rahab being listed in the family tree of Jesus? In spite of what I've done, the Lord can forgive me.

- *Ephesians 2:13*

#### **3. Verse – 5 Ruth –Deut. 23:23**

- *Ruth 1:16*

What do we learn from this Gentile woman being listed in the family tree of Jesus? With the help of God's grace I can turn my back on my old life.

#### **4. Verse – 6 Bathsheba – 2 Sam 11:1-12:25**

What do we learn from this adulterous woman being listed in the family tree of Jesus? You have not committed the unforgivable sin.

- *Psalm 51:17*
- *Ephesians 1:7*

### **5. Verse – 16 Mary –**

- *Luke 1:38*

What do we to learn from this pregnant-out-of-wedlock woman included in the family tree of Jesus? I can say “YES” to God.

### **Conclusion**

1. We have not chosen the legacy that has been handed down to us.
2. The legacy of our own life is that which we carve out ourselves through our own decisions?

“Your past does not determine your future, your choices do.”

3. Prayerfully, the vast majority of those decisions are good, like deciding who we are going to build relationships with, who were going to marry.
4. The decision to follow Jesus Christ is the most important and best decision we can make.