

## Day 1

Reading: Matthew 1:1-17

v.17 *So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.* (This is the main verse that spoke to me in the passage)

Matthew, the writer of the Gospel of Matthew, began his account of the life of Christ by listing all the ancestors of Jesus beginning with Abraham. In the Old Testament, the covenant of God, or the promise to the nation of Israel, started with the life of Abraham.

***I will make you a great nation; I will bless you. And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”***  
(Genesis 12:2-3)

Matthew also mentioned that Jesus is the Son of David. (Matthew 1:1)

In Psalm 89:28-29, the Lord God made His covenant and His sure mercies to David:

***My mercy I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall stand firm with him.<sup>29</sup> His seed also I will make to endure forever, And his throne as the days of heaven.***

In between Abraham and David were different men who carried on the legacy and the fulfillment of God's Words and promise from Abraham to Isaac, to Jacob, and to the children of Jacob. And from the children of Jacob, the family grew into the nation of Israel. From the children of Abraham came David who became the greatest king of Israel. From King David came his sons and their descendants who also became kings in Israel. Some were good and some were not. Some followed the ways of God and some did not - until the kingdom was taken from them and the people of Israel were carried away to Babylon. After the Babylonian captivity, when the children of Israel returned to their land, new descendants of David ruled Israel including Jeconiah, Shealtiel, and Zerubbabel until Joseph the father of Jesus was born.

***“So, all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.” (Matthew 1:17)***

Reflection:

Reading the story of the ancestors of Jesus, from Abraham to David and their descendants, reminded me that a lot of them messed up and made horrible mistakes. Yet the promise of God to Abraham and to David remained true. Jesus Christ came from the line of Abraham and David. It is encouraging to me to know that God is faithful and sovereign over the lives of His people, and in my life too.

Prayer :

Lord, I thank you that You are in control, and that You set the times and the seasons. I praise You Lord, that You are merciful and faithful. You control the timeline, and you have history in Your hands. What hope and encouragement we have in You! You’ve got my future too – and the future of the world! You are Sovereign Lord, and our lives are in Your hands. You see and control the big picture. I praise You Jesus!

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Your Thoughts:

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Your Prayer:

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