

Matthew - Chapter 1 - Lesson 2 - 1/16/21

Matthew 1:1a Yeshua the Messiah, the Son of David

It is important to know that Matthew wrote to a Jewish audience to show that Yeshua is the long-awaited Messiah of the Jews, and that He is the King of the Jews. Therefore, the first person listed in Matthew is David, emphasizing Yeshua's kingly and Jewish lineage. Matthew begins with David, and the second person in Matthew's genealogy is Abraham, firmly establishing Yeshua's Jewish roots. Matthew calls attention to both. Today, we take a look at the genealogy of David and see the truly incredible hand of the Lord at work. No mere man could ever have arranged this amazing genealogy.

Jeremiah 23:5,6 Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, That I will raise to David a **Branch** of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

Romans 3:22...even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;

1. When Matthew mentions "Son of David," name the ways that the above verses connect Yeshua with the Messiah and King.
2. In what way is David connected to Yeshua as described in Jeremiah?

Isaiah 9:6,7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

2. How does Isaiah weave the kingly concept of the Messiah into these verses?
How long will this Prince rule?
4. How is David brought into the picture of this child who becomes the Prince of Peace? How do you know that this one is G-d? Do the verses in Isaiah foreshadow both the first and second comings of Messiah?
5. Describe why Isaiah's description of the coming One increases your desire for Him to come.

I Corinthians 1:30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,

John 5:27 ...and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.

6. From the above verses, how is Yeshua fulfilling what God promised in Jer. 23:5,6?

Psa. 78:70 He chose David his servant from the sheepfolds; he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance. With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.

Psa. 23:1a The Lord is my _____.

24. How do Psalm 78:70 and 23:1a link Yeshua and David? How do you see the Lord as your shepherd?



7. Can you explain how Yeshua is the son of David?

8. In what ways is Yeshua the "Son of Abraham" and the "Son of David"?

And Matthew continues with more members of Yeshua's family which will come back and link to David again, but now the story gets a bit dicey!

Matthew 1:2,3 Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begat Ram.

Genesis 49:8-11 Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's children shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey my son you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; and as a lion, who shall rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a law giver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people. Binding his donkey to the vine, and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he washed his garments in wine and his clothes in the blood of grapes....

Revelation 5:5,6a,9c But one of the elders said to me; Do not weep, Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David has prevailed to open the scroll and to lose its seven seals. And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain... 9c You have redeemed us to God by Your blood.....

9. When you look at the relatives listed in Matthew 1:2,3 do you see perfect people? What were some of their problems?

Genesis 38 At that time, Judah left his brothers and went down to stay with a man of Adullam named Hirah. There Judah met the daughter of a Canaanite man named Shua. He married her and made love to her; she became pregnant and gave birth to a son, who was named Er. She conceived again and gave birth to a son and named him Onan. She gave birth to still another son and named him Shelah. It was at Kezib that she gave birth to him.

Judah got a wife for Er, his first born, and her name was Tamar. But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the LORD'S sight; so the LORD put him to death.

Then Judah said to Onan, Sleep with your brother's wife and fulfill your duty to her as a brother-in-law to raise up offspring for your brother. But Onan knew that the child would not be his; so whenever he slept with his brother's wife, he spilled his semen on the ground to keep from providing offspring for his brother. What he did was wicked in the LORD'S sight; so the LORD put him to death also.

Judah then said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, Live as a widow in your father's household until my son Shelah grows up. For he thought, He may die too, just like his brothers. So Tamar went to live in her father's household.

** (What was Judah afraid of?)

After a long time Judah's wife, the daughter of Shua died. When Judah had recovered from his grief, he went up to Timnah, to the men who were shearing his sheep, and his friend Hirah the Adullamite went with him.

When Tamar was told, Your father-in-law is on his way to Timnah to shear his sheep, she took off her widow's clothes, covered herself with a veil to disguise herself and then sat down at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. For she saw that, though Shelah had now grown up, she had not been given to him as his wife.

** (Do you see the problem here?)

When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face. Not realizing that she was his daughter-in-law, he went over to her by the roadside and said, Come now let me sleep with you.

And what will you give me to sleep with you? She asked. I'll send you a young goat from my flock, he said. Will you give me something as a pledge until you send it? She asked. He said, What pledge should I give you? Your seal and its cord, and the staff in your hand, she answered. So he gave them to her and slept with her, and she became pregnant by him. And she left, she took off her veil and put on her widow's clothes again.

(How would you describe Tamar's actions? What about Judah's?)

Meanwhile Judah sent the young goat by his friend the Adullamite in order to get his pledge back from the woman, but he did not find her. He asked the men who lived there, Where is the shrine prostitute who was beside the road at Enaim? There hasn't been any shrine prostitute here, they said.

So he went back to Judah and said, I didn't find her. Besides, the men who lived there said, There hasn't been any shrine prostitute here.

Then Judah said, Let her keep what she has, or we will become a laughingstock. After all, I did send her this young goat, but you didn't find her.

About three months later Judah was told, Your daughter-in-law Tamar is guilty of prostitution, and as a result she is now pregnant.

Judah said, Bring her out and have her burned to death!



As she was being brought out, she sent a message to her father-in-law. I am pregnant by the man who owns these, she said. And she added, See if you recognize whose seal and cord and staff these are.

Judah recognized them and said, She is more righteous than I, since I wouldn't give her to my son Shelah.

10. Judah and Tamar are in Yeshua's family line. Why might you be surprised?

11. What does this tell you about Yeshua? When you have problems in your family, how can knowing Yeshua's family also had problems, help you?

****So far, who can you name that is in Yeshua's family?*****

Matthew 1:3 Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar.

Names is Hebrew hold great meaning. Though these children were brought into this world by less than an upright way, their names are connected to the Messiah.

Zerah means dawning or shining.

Peretz means breaker or one who breaks open



Some examples of the use of peretz in the Word are:

2 Samuel 6:8 (Interlinear) Then David was angry because the LORD's wrath had **broken out** (paratz) **a breach** (peretz) against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called **Perez** (peretz) Uzzah.

12 . Who broke out in anger? What is the word in Hebrew for “break out” and “a breach”? Other than the LORD and Uzzah, who else is involved in this story?

2 Samuel 5:20 So David went to Baal-**perazim**, where he defeated the Philistines and said, “**Like a bursting** (c’paratzim) flood, the LORD has **burst out** (paratz) against my enemies before me.” So he called that place Baal-**perazim**.

13. Again, who is the One who is “portetzing” - bursting out -?

14. Who is LORD bursting out against?

One more example:

I Chronicles 14:11 So David and his men went up to Baal-perazim, where he defeated the Philistines and said, "Like a bursting (c'peretz) flood, God has burst out (paratz) against my enemies by my hand." So they called that place Baal-perazim.

Micah 2:12,13 I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together like sheep of the fold, like a flock in the midst of their pasture; They shall make a loud noise because of so many people. The one who breaks open will come up before them; They will break out, Pass through the gate, And go out by it; Their king will pass before them, With the LORD at their head.

15. "All of you, O Jacob," refers to what people?

16. To what are the people being compared?

17. What is G-d going to do with them?

18. Then who is coming and what will this one do? What will the sheep do at this point? Where will this one who breaks open be?

19. Who will pass before them? Who will be at their head?

20. Who do you think is the one who breaks open?

Sheep who are let out of an enclosure where they have been crowded together all night, push and shove to get out of the gate that the shepherd has opened in the morning. They all want to be first to get to the tender grass and open spaces. This is a picture of people who are pushing and shoving to get into the Kingdom. Often the shepherd himself laid down across the threshold of the door to the sheep enclosure to protect the sheep. Yeshua describes Himself as the door of the sheep. **John 10:7** So Jesus said to them again, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

Putting Micah 2:13 in a chiastic structure you see who the breaker is.

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21. And there is David the king, in the line of Perez, who would burst through and Zerah, whose name means the dawning or shining one.

And did you notice the names Rahab and Ruth!

What do these names reveal about God?

Matthew 1:17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

FOURTEEN

The gematria of the Hebrew name David

Dalet = _____ Vav= _____ Dalet = _____ Totaling _____ !!

Exodus 2:2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.

Exodus 6:8,9...And I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD! Moses relayed this message to the Israelites, but on account of their broken **spirit (RUACH)** and cruel **bondage (MEEKOTZAER)**, they did not listen to him



Have you ever thought about how amazingly G-d wove your unique genealogy together? As we have seen today, Yeshua's family line was far from flawless. Maybe there are people or events in your family tree that you would rather just erase, but you have an amazing testimony that only your background and the choices you made have brought you where you are today. If you have a moment, you may want to jot down some of the big events the Lord has done to bring you to the place where you are today.

*****How can you share your testimony to help and encourage others?*****