

Saved from Our History
Matthew 1:1-17, Pew Bible p. 807
December 8, 2024

I. From Abraham to David (V. 1-6a)

A. In Abraham, God prepared the world for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

1. The world had lost the blessing of God.
2. God blessed Abraham before Abraham could ever bless God back.

B. In Abraham's early descendants, God showed the world both the blessing of God's promises and the curse of man's sin nature.

II. From David to Babylon (V. 6b-11)

A. In David, God taught the world both the joy of fighting God's battles and man's inherent need for a Savior.

B. In David's early descendants, God warned the world of the dangers of rebellion against God and the inability of man to save himself.

III. From Babylon to the Christ (V. 12-17)

A. In Zerubbabel, God proved to the world that nothing is able to separate God from His people.

B. In Jesus, God preached to the world the way of salvation and the coming of the kingdom of God.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 1:1-17.
2. List your favorite characters from verses 1-6 from what you know of the first nine books of the Bible? What endeared these characters to you? What do these historical figures tell us about the good news of Jesus?
3. What do you remember about King David? What about his life teaches us of man's inherent need for a Savior?
4. Who were some of your favorite kings from verses 6-11? Why? What do these kings teach us about man's ability to save himself?
5. What are some highlights you know about Judah's deportation to Babylon? What does that period tell us about God's ability to reconcile with His people even when they mess up? What does that have to do with the coming of Jesus?
6. Why do people research their own family trees today? What does Jesus' family tree tell us about the state of the world at the time of the Christ child? How do you plan to celebrate the coming of Jesus this year with the right history in mind?
7. Pray for our church to celebrate the Christmas with a biblical knowledge of the world's spiritual history. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.



John 4:21-24 (ESV)

²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for our recent visitors and those attending our Discover class to take steps towards salvation and membership.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); Sophia W. (husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); Michelle LaM. (son); and Debbie B. (son-in-law)
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Del M. (wife), Bonnie V. (husband), Mel A. (wife), Kasuma A. (grandnephew), Gary C. (wife), Darlene R. (Husband)
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Peggy T. (sickness), Mimi M. (hospitalization), Jeff & Linda S. (granddaughter hospitalized), Margaret J. (hospitalization), Johnny P. (severe back injury), Darcey S. (finding employment)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.