

Matthew 1 – An Unexpected Savior

Matthew 1:1-17

Fallen Condition Focus (FCF): When our expectations and Gods are not the same, we are the ones who need to change.

Establishment of Christ's lineage – the savior has come!

- OT promises regarding Messiah
 - Abrahamic covenant
 - Davidic Covenant
- Structure of the genealogy

Point 1: The failure of the Messianic line

- History of the kingdom
 - 722 BC Northern kingdom falls to Assyria, Shalmanesser V
 - 605 BC – Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon carries off first round of captives, including Daniel
 - 597 BC – Nebuchadnezzar takes last true king, Jehoniah, captive along with leaders, craftsmen, warriors, left only the poorest
 - 586 BC – puppet king Zedekiah rebelled and Nebuchadnezzar came in and wiped out Jerusalem, knocked down walls, burned temple and all the houses
- What were God's promises worth after this?

Point 2: The sin of the Messianic line

- Sinful characters
 - Vs. 2, Abraham
 - Vs. 3, Judah and Tamar
 - Vs. 6, David and Bathsheba
 - Wicked kings – Abijah, Joram, Mannaseh
- Doesn't it almost seem like there is too much sin for God to continue to work through this family?

Point 3: The impurity of the Messianic line

- People in the genealogy who shouldn't have been there
 - Vs. 5, Rahab – Prostitute, Canaanite
 - Vs. 5, Ruth – Moabite
 - Vs. 6, Bathsheba – the wife of Uriah the Hittite, most likely a Hittite
- Jesus is the King of the Jews, why are there Gentiles in his family tree?

Genesis 12:1-3 *Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

"Are you ready to humble yourself and submit to a God who doesn't always work the way you expect Him to?"