



A circular wreath of golden leaves and berries is centered on a dark green background. The wreath is composed of various types of leaves and small clusters of berries, all rendered in a golden-yellow color. The background has a subtle, repeating pattern of the same wreath design.

Come, Thou long
expected Jesus

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Today's Message:
The Genealogy of Jesus, the Messiah
Matthew 1:1-17

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The Long, Expected WAIT

Malachi 4:1-6

¹“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the Lord Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ²But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. ³Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the Lord Almighty.

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⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. ⁶He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

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Matthew 1:1-17

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the son of Abraham:

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¹⁵Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan,
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¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary
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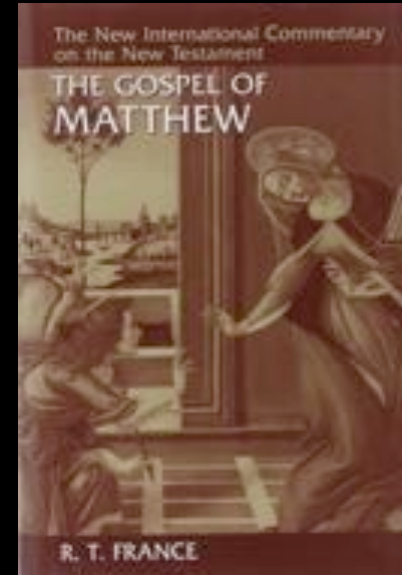
¹⁷Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

A few thoughts on Matthew's Genealogy

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The first two words of Matthew's gospel are literally "Book of genesis". The effect on a Jewish reader is comparable to that of John's opening phrase, "In the beginning ..." The theme of the fulfillment of Scripture is signaled from the very start, and these opening words suggest that a new creation is now taking place. That particular concept of fulfillment is not clearly developed elsewhere in the gospel, which is concerned rather with how Jesus brings the history of God's people to its climax, but this passing echo of the beginning of the world's history adds a further allusive dimension for those who wish to think it through, perhaps particularly in the light of the creative act of God which will result in Jesus' birth.



~ R. T. France, *The Gospel of Matthew*, The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publication Co., 2007), 28.

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Son of Abraham

Genesis 17:3-7

³Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations.

⁵No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

Son (and King) through David

2 Samuel 7:11-16

“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: ¹²When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. ¹⁵But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.’ ”

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Family Story #1
Tamar
Genesis 38





Family Story #2
Rahab
Joshua 2

Hebrews 11:1-2, 31

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James 2:25

²⁵In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?

A woman in a yellow and red dress, likely Ruth, stands in a field holding a bundle of wheat. The background is a textured, golden-yellow wall.

Ruth

Family Story #3
The Book of Ruth

Family Story #4
Uriah's Wife
(Bathsheba)
2 Samuel 11-12



A woman with dark hair, wearing a light blue tunic and a white headscarf, is looking down and to her left. Her hands are clasped in front of her. To her left, the back of another person wearing a brown robe is visible. The background is a textured, light-colored wall.

Family Story #5

Mary

Luke 1:26-38

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²⁶In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Luke 1:26-38

²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

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³⁴“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷For no word from God will ever fail.”

Luke 1:26-38

³⁸“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered.

“May your word to me be fulfilled.”

Then the angel left her.

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