

# Matthew 1 - The Generation of Jesus Christ

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## A. Historically:

1. *genealogy* found 15x - in the historical books of the priests (1 & 2 Chr, Ezra, Neh )  
it's importance, see Nehemiah 7:64

fact: No Jew alive today is in possession of a legal genealogy.

All Jewish records were destroyed in 70 AD when the Temple was burned by Titus.  
secular confirmation : *Jewish Antiquities*, Josephus

2. players - listed by name, Abraham - the altar  
David - the throne
3. period - 42 generations in three portions (v17)
4. problem - v 11 Jer 22:30 (& 24)  
God will sustain David's throne (2 Sam 7:13 & 16),  
but cut off the physical descendants.
5. Solution = adoption Jesus is adopted by Joseph, who has the legal rights to  
David's throne. Jesus is the first-born of Joseph's wife.  
first born - Exo 13:2 & 12, Deu 21:17

support: A Journal article from Aug 1998 by Rabbi Michael Gold

title: "*Adoption - The Jewish View* "

abstract : An historic view of adoption from Biblical and Talmudic sources reviewing  
Jewish laws, custom and practice ... concludes ... that Jewish tradition  
recognizes adoption as the spiritual equivalent of procreation.

## B. Spiritually:

O.T. theme - Gen 5:1 *the book of the generation of Adam*  
it's chorus - ...and he died (10x in Genesis)

N.T. theme - Mt 1:1 *the book of the generation of Jesus Christ*  
it's chorus - ...begat (39x in Matthew)

the Adam's family bring forth *in his own likeness, after his image*, Gen 5:3.

Adam's children are sinners who sin, just like Dad.

The first genealogy of the OT is one of death.

The first genealogy of the NT is one of birth and life.

Christ's generation was foreshadowed in Psalm 22:30-31 connected to Ps 23.