

THE  
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OF  
CHRISTMAS STORIES

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SERMON NOTES  
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THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING





GOD WAS INCLUSIVE



IN THE BOOK OF THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF  
DAVID, THE SON OF ABRAHAM. 2 ABRAHAM WAS THE FATHER OF  
ISAAC, AND ISAAC THE FATHER OF JACOB, AND JACOB THE FATHER  
OF JUDAH AND HIS BROTHERS, 3 AND JUDAH THE FATHER OF PEREZ  
AND ZERAH BY TAMAR, AND PEREZ THE FATHER OF HEZRON, AND  
HEZRON THE FATHER OF RAM, 4 AND RAM THE FATHER OF  
AMMINADAB, AND AMMINADAB THE FATHER OF NAHSHON, AND  
NAHSHON THE FATHER OF SALMON, 5 AND SALMON THE FATHER OF  
BOAZ BY RAHAB, AND BOAZ THE FATHER OF OBED BY RUTH, AND  
OBED THE FATHER OF JESSE, 6 AND JESSE THE FATHER OF DAVID  
THE KING. AND DAVID WAS THE FATHER OF SOLOMON BY THE WIFE OF


[MATTHEW 1:1-17 ESV]





URIAH, 7 AND SOLOMON THE FATHER OF REHOBOAM, AND  
REHOBOAM THE FATHER OF ABIJAH, AND ABIJAH THE FATHER OF  
ASAPH, 8 AND ASAPH THE FATHER OF JEHOSHAPHAT, AND  
JEHOSHAPHAT THE FATHER OF JORAM, AND JORAM THE FATHER OF  
UZZIAH, 9 AND UZZIAH THE FATHER OF JOTHAM, AND JOTHAM THE  
FATHER OF AHAZ, AND AHAZ THE FATHER OF HEZEKIAH, 10 AND  
HEZEKIAH THE FATHER OF MANASSEH, AND MANASSEH THE FATHER  
OF AMOS, [C] AND AMOS THE FATHER OF JOSIAH, 11 AND JOSIAH THE  
FATHER OF JECHONIAH AND HIS BROTHERS, AT THE TIME OF THE  
DEPORTATION TO BABYLON. 12 AND AFTER THE DEPORTATION TO

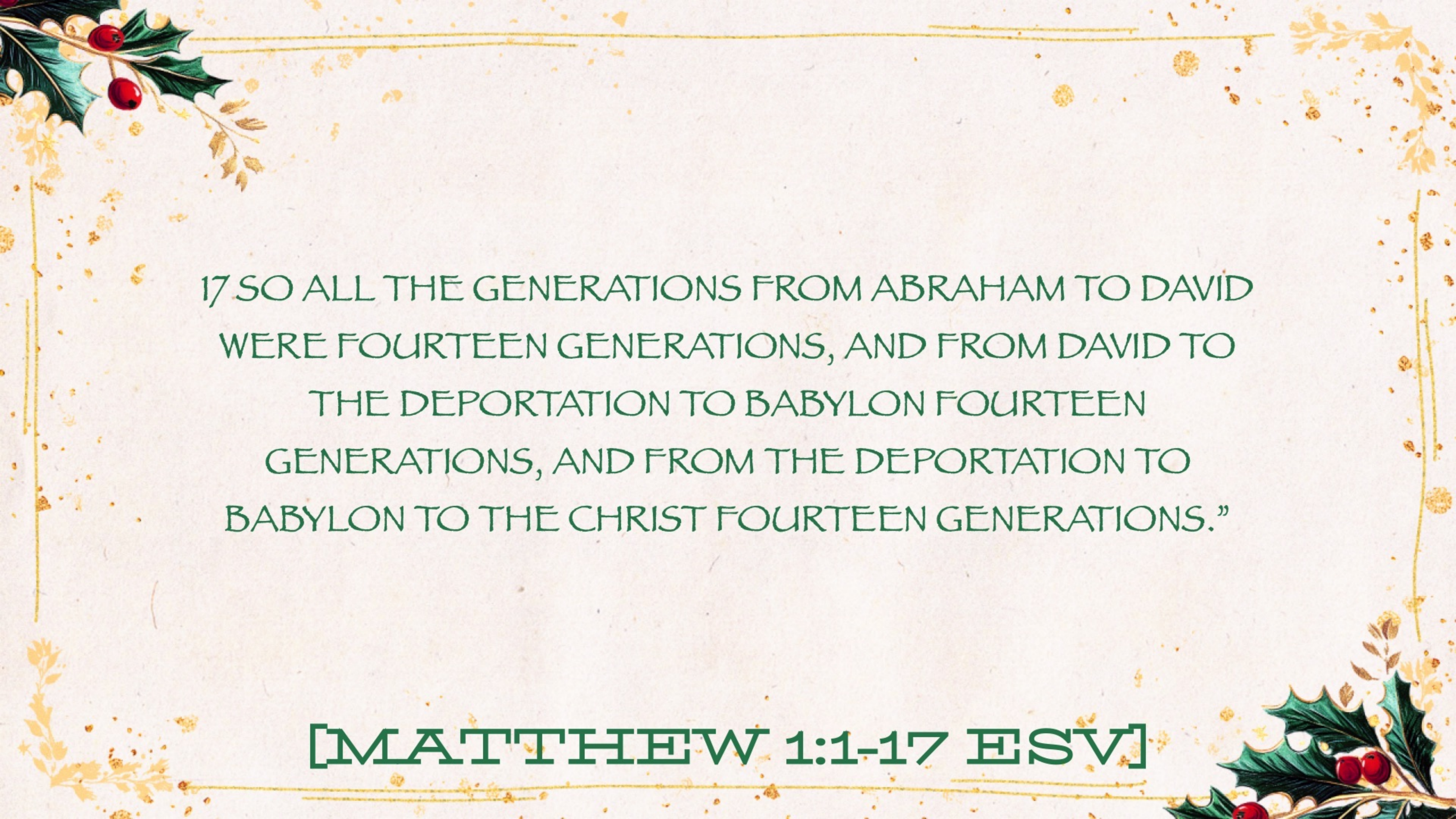
**[MATTHEW 1:1-17 ESV]**



BABYLON: JECHONIAH WAS THE FATHER OF SHEALTIEL, AND SHEALTIEL THE FATHER OF ZERUBBABEL, 13 AND ZERUBBABEL THE FATHER OF ABIUD, AND ABIUD THE FATHER OF ELIAKIM, AND ELIAKIM THE FATHER OF AZOR, 14 AND AZOR THE FATHER OF ZADOK, AND ZADOK THE FATHER OF ACHIM, AND ACHIM THE FATHER OF ELIUD, 15 AND ELIUD THE FATHER OF ELEAZAR, AND ELEAZAR THE FATHER OF MATTHAN, AND MATTHAN THE FATHER OF JACOB, 16 AND JACOB THE FATHER OF JOSEPH THE HUSBAND OF MARY, OF WHOM JESUS WAS BORN, WHO IS CALLED CHRIST.

[MATTHEW 1:1-17 ESV]





17 SO ALL THE GENERATIONS FROM ABRAHAM TO DAVID  
WERE FOURTEEN GENERATIONS, AND FROM DAVID TO  
THE DEPORTATION TO BABYLON FOURTEEN  
GENERATIONS, AND FROM THE DEPORTATION TO  
BABYLON TO THE CHRIST FOURTEEN GENERATIONS.”

[MATTHEW 1:1-17 ESV]







GOD STORY:  
THE BORJAS FAMILY





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“18 NOW THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST TOOK PLACE IN THIS WAY. WHEN HIS MOTHER MARY HAD BEEN BETROTHED TO JOSEPH, BEFORE THEY CAME TOGETHER SHE WAS FOUND TO BE WITH CHILD FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT. 19 AND HER HUSBAND JOSEPH, BEING A JUST MAN AND UNWILLING TO PUT HER TO SHAME, RESOLVED TO DIVORCE HER QUIETLY. 20 BUT AS HE CONSIDERED THESE THINGS, BEHOLD, AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED TO HIM IN A DREAM, SAYING, “JOSEPH, SON OF DAVID, DO NOT FEAR TO TAKE MARY AS YOUR WIFE, FOR THAT WHICH IS CONCEIVED IN HER IS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT.

[MATTHEW 1:18-25 ESV]



21 SHE WILL BEAR A SON, AND YOU SHALL CALL HIS NAME JESUS, FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.” 22 ALL THIS TOOK PLACE TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET: 23 “BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL” (WHICH MEANS, GOD WITH US). 24 WHEN JOSEPH WOKE FROM SLEEP, HE DID AS THE ANGEL OF THE LORD COMMANDED HIM: HE TOOK HIS WIFE, 25 BUT KNEW HER NOT UNTIL SHE HAD GIVEN BIRTH TO A SON. AND HE CALLED HIS NAME JESUS.”

[MATTHEW 1:18-25 ESV]




NEXT STEP  
QUESTIONS:

WHERE DID YOU COME FROM? HOW IS IT  
GOING NOW? WHERE DO YOU WANT TO  
END UP?



NEXT STEP  
QUESTIONS:


WILL YOU CONTINUE TO BUILD UPON  
YOUR FAMILY'S LEGACY, OR DO YOU  
NEED TO BREAK THE  
DYSFUNCTIONAL CYCLE?





NEXT STEP  
QUESTIONS:

WHAT DOES BABY JESUS  
REPRESENT TO YOU? HOW WILL  
YOU HONOR HIM DURING THIS  
CHRISTMAS SEASON?



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