



# 9:00 Live Sunday School at FBJ

## Why Christmas and some Christ-myths – Part 2

### I. Why Christmas?

1. It's God's truth (not what we make it)
2. It's God's mercy, forgiveness and redemption
3. It's God's timing and His plan
4. It's God's love for us

### II. It's God's timing and His plan – Jesus's Family Tree

A. 2nd Samuel 7:11b -16 – the Davidic covenant

B. Jeremiah 22:24-30 – the curse of Jeconiah

C. Matthew 1 - Matthew's focus in his gospel is on which group of people? Jews!

1. v.1 – Why start off with David and Abraham? COVENANTS

2. v.17 – 3 sets of “14's”? Not accurate - Jewish genealogies very often called someone a son who may have been a grandson, etc. - Notice in v.1 again – Jesus was not the “son” of either Abraham or David directly

- Matthew is showing his Jewish audience that Jesus of Nazareth fits the pattern and the promise

D. Dr. Ivan Panin's *Numerics in Scripture*

1. Dr. Panin figured out “rules” in the first 17 verses of Matthew 1 – each rule had to be divisible by the number 7 - He then found a bunch of rules that would fit: the number of words, letters, vowels, consonants, names, male names, generations, words start with consonants, words start with vowels, etc.

2. What's the probability of finding the rules to work in these verses?

- 7 x 1 rule: 7 attempts to get it right
- 7 x 2 rules: 49 for 2 to get it right
- 7 x 3 rules: 343 for 3 to get it right
- 7 x 9 rules: 40,353,607 for 9 to get it right
- To do 9 rules: 10 minutes /8 hrs. day/40 hrs. week/50 wks. year = 3,362 years

➤ Dr. Panin found 31 rules!

## E. What about the curse of Jeconiah?

1. Luke 3:23-38 - Luke's focus in his gospel is on which group of people? (Gentiles)

- Note Luke starts at Joseph and works toward Adam (v.38) - Why would Luke go to Adam? For us Gentiles – we can all get back to Adam

2. Luke 3:23 – “as was supposed” - Strong's G 3543 *nomizo* - means supposed or deemed

- Acts 16:27 - *When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, **supposing** that the prisoners had escaped.* (ESV)

3. v.31 - *the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, **the son of Nathan**, the son of David*  
The curse of Jeconiah did not come through Nathan/Mary but came through Solomon/Joseph

- The “throne of David” line was through Joseph and the bloodline through Mary

4. Numbers 27 and 36: Daughters of Zelophehad

- v.8 – “...‘If a man dies and has no son, then you shall transfer his inheritance to his daughter.’”

- v.11B – “And it shall be for the people of Israel a statute and rule, as the LORD commanded Moses.”

- 36:6 - *This is what the LORD commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad: ‘Let them marry whom they think best, only they shall marry within the clan of the tribe of their father.*

## III. God's love for us

➤ Romans 5:8: “...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (ESV)

Questions? Comments? Thoughts?

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