

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast

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Title – Matthew: Jesus is the new Moses

Description – Matthew begins his gospel with a genealogy. But the question is, why? Join us as we examine and compare the ministry of Moses and the ministry of Jesus in the gospel of Matthew.

Welcome back to the Forgotten Jesus Podcast!

Something we're excited about, with this season, we're launching discussion groups, that will meet to discuss the podcast along with discussion guides.

We're diving back into Matthew, looking at Matthew 1 today.

So why does Matthew start his gospel with a genealogy?

1. He's rooting Jesus in a particular time in a particular place.
2. He's proving that Jesus is the new Moses.
 - a. Why Moses?
 - b. Remember, to the people, Moses was a Messiah, an anointed one, who delivered the people out of bondage in Egypt

Genesis 5:1-4

This is the document containing the family records of Adam. On the day that God created man, he made him in the likeness of God; ² he created them male and female. When they were created, he blessed them and called them mankind.

³ Adam was 130 years old when he fathered a son in his likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth. ⁴ Adam lived 800 years after he fathered Seth, and he fathered other sons and daughters.

Genesis 10:1-2

These are the family records of Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. They also had sons after the flood.

² Japheth's sons: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. ³ Gomer's sons: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. ⁴ And Javan's sons: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

Genesis 11:10-11

¹⁰ These are the family records of Shem. Shem lived 100 years and fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood. ¹¹ After he fathered Arpachshad, Shem lived 500 years and fathered other sons and daughters.

So in just 11 chapters we see multiple genealogies in Genesis. These were real people, in a real place in a real time.

Now, look at Exodus 6. What happens here? God calls Moses out of the burning bush and tells him what he's going to do. Then what happens? We get an account of Moses's genealogy, showing who his family was. (Exodus 6:14-26)

And what happens right after the genealogy of Moses in Exodus 6? It's the start of Moses's ministry to the Israelites, God begins the plagues on Egypt, to bring His people out of bondage.

Moses is the savior-redeemer of the people of Israel. He delivered them from bondage in Egypt.

Marty Solomon: Asking Better Questions Of The Bible

<https://www.amazon.com/Asking-Better-Questions-Bible-Wounded/dp/1641585706/>

Why don't we understand the connections between the Old and New Testament? Usually it's because we don't know scripture. We don't have it memorized like we should, so we don't know when the New Testament makes an allusion to the OT. We miss it.

So now, Matthew has a genealogy of Jesus, which leads into the ministry of Jesus.

So why does Matthew highlight Jesus as the Son of David and Son of Abraham instead of the Son of Moses and Son of Adam?

Matthew is focusing on Abraham because as God sends testing to Abraham, he was building him up to the moment when Abraham would offer up his only son, Isaac.

10 tests of Abraham by God. ("The Forgotten Jesus" Page 48)

1. The call to leave his country, family, and home
2. Famine in Canaan
3. Abduction of Sarah
4. War with the four kings
5. Long wait for a son and marriage to Hagar
6. The command to circumcise himself
7. Abduction of Sarah by Abimelech
8. The exile of Hagar after she gave birth
9. The exile of Ishmael
10. The sacrifice of Isaac

Next time we'll pick up with the 10th test in Genesis 22, where Abraham is commanded to offer up Isaac.