



That's My King: The Authority of the Messiah

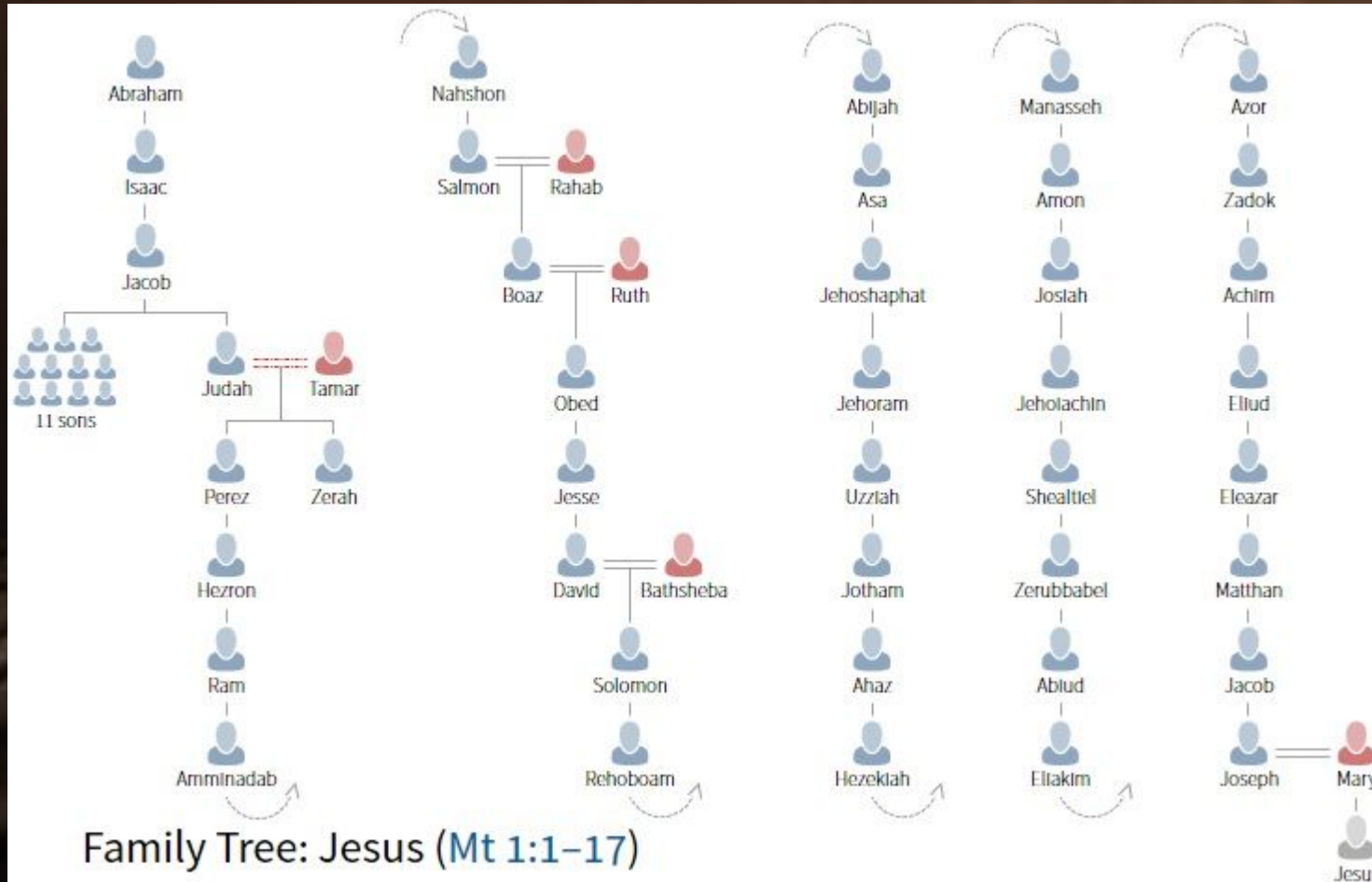
Matthew 1:1 - 2:23

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Matthew’s Purpose:

Jesus is Messiah and “Son of David”

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- Problematic: Joseph is the Son of David, but Jesus is clearly not his 'son'.
- Matthew's account of Joseph's angelic encounter compliments Luke's account with Mary
- The angel addresses Joseph as 'son of David' - this raises the stakes
- v.21 - *'...he who will save his people from their sins.'* is in contrast to the expectation of political restoration
- Legitimacy of Joseph naming Jesus - the responsibility of the legal father and establishing a son and heir

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- The Messiah must be born, in the Davidic Town of Bethlehem.
- The visit of foreign dignitaries to Jerusalem to see the son of David recalls the story of the Queen of Sheba (1 Kings 10:1-10)
- The Messianic Star (Balaam's prophecy (Num. 24:17-19)
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- The prominent role of Herod
- Messianic prophecy of Micah 5:2

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- Egypt is Problematic: Jesus as the new Moses, or new Israel?
- Joseph is again visited by an angel
- Joseph keeps the family in Egypt until Herod's death (Hos. 11:1)
- Matthew ties together Jesus as the new Moses vs. new Israel

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- Herod's rage helps develop the 'new Moses' motif
- Herod was plagued with paranoia
- Human tragedy within the overall purpose of God (Jeremiah 31:15)

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5. A Galilean Messiah (2:19-23)

- Judea has become an unsafe place for the “new Moses”, even after the death of the “Pharaoh”
- Joseph receives another angelic vision (identical, but in reverse to v. 13)
- Herod is dead, but Judea/Samaria is divided between 3 of his sons; Joseph is divinely guided 70 miles north of Bethlehem, to Galilee
- Joseph settles his family in Nazareth, fulfilling an otherwise unspecified Old Testament prophecy