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CHAPTER 3

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¹ Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,
² Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

Luke 3:1-2

- 7 historical facts in 2 verses!
- *Luke is a historian of the first rank – Sir William Ramsey*
- *“Luke’s reliability as an historian is unquestionable”*

– Josh McDowell

³ And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;

⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;

⁶ And all flesh shall see the salvation of God

Luke 3:3-5

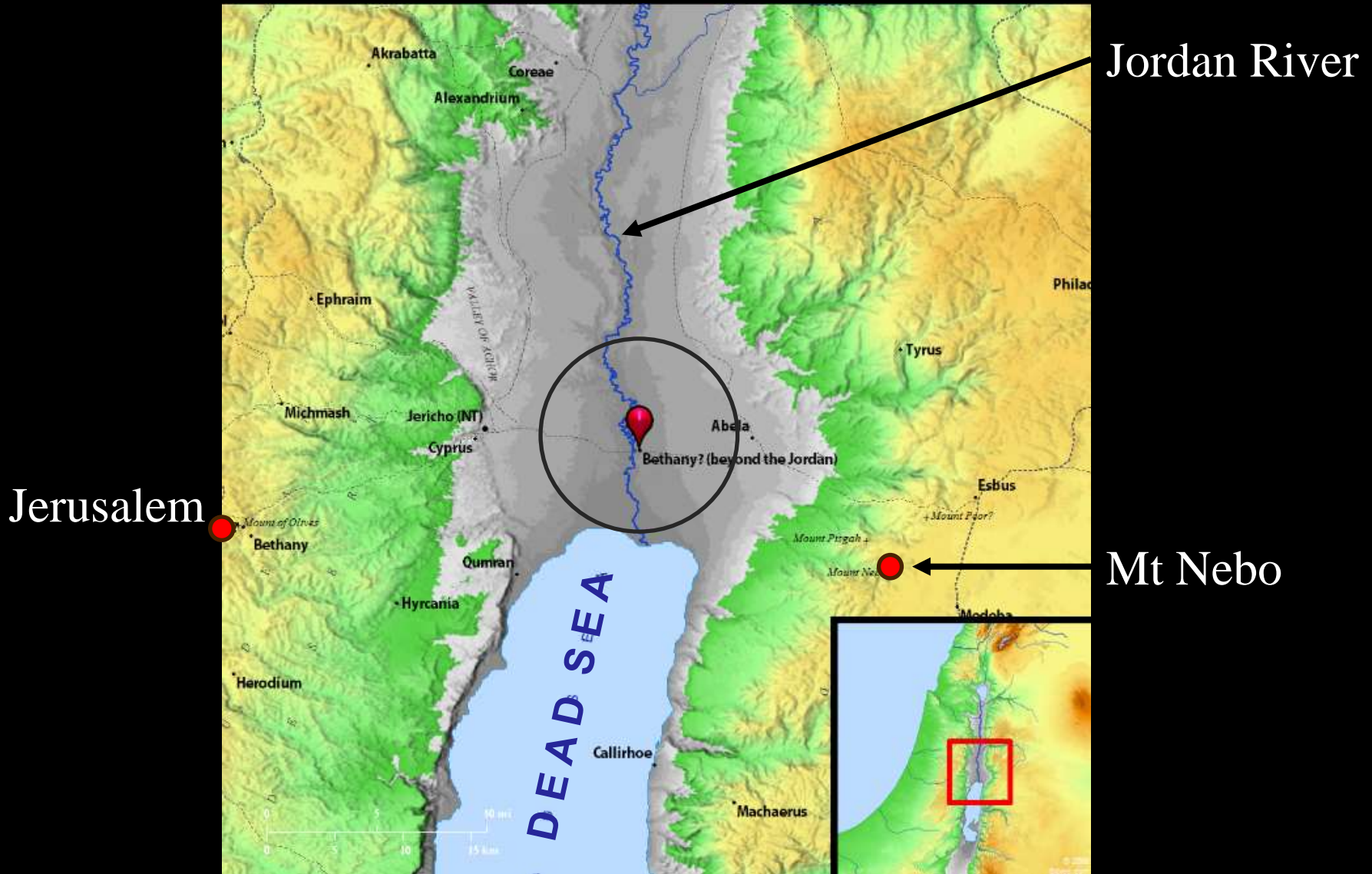
- Quoting Isaiah 40:3-5 (118vs of fulfilled prophecy in Luke!)

The 'Gospels'

- John preached the 'Gospel of the Kingdom'
 - John's Gospel was one of impending judgment
 - 'Repent of the kingdom of God is at hand'
- Paul preached the 'Gospel of the Grace of God'
 - "Now is the day of Salvation" / "whosoever will come"
- During the Tribulation (after the Rapture of the Church) the Gospel of the Kingdom will once again be preached
 - 'Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand'
 - During the Tribulation 1440,000 will carry this message to the world (Rev 7)

Beth-ba'rah (House of Crossing)

Heb. *Beyth Barah'* בֵּית בָּרָה John 1:28



7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

Luke 3:7-8

Joshua 4:1-24



These Stones...

- What did the Joshua's stones represent?
- They represented the crossing into the Promised Land by faith
- The faithless did not enter, but were buried in the wilderness
 - Symbolic of the 12 stones buried in the water
 - Representative of the old life
- The 12 stones taken from the Jordan speak of the new life by faith
- Abraham's faith was counted to him as righteousness...

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Luke 3:7-8

- The prerequisite for salvation is faith!

9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Luke 3:9

- We have been appointed to bear fruit! – **John 15**
- If there is no fruit, we should question the connection to the Root!
- ‘The fire’ is an idiom of God’s wrath
- God is not mocked!

¹⁰ And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?

¹¹ He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

Luke 3:10-11

- John's preaching brought contrition!
- The people's question is answered by a call to action!
- Good works demonstrate a changed heart

12 Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?

13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.

14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages

Luke 3:12-14

- ‘Publicans’ = collectors of the public tax for Rome
 - Matthew was a Jew, but had ‘defected’ to this role
- Be honest, show integrity, be gentle, be content!
 - The alternative is to face the wrath of God!

¹⁵ And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not

Luke 3:15

- 30 years before this time there had been a rumor that the Messiah had come!
- Bethlehem's Shepherds had told an incredible story of Angels and a baby
- All Jerusalem had been shaken when Magi arrived looking for the 'king of the Jews'
- The Roman oppression was now greater than ever
- There had never been a greater time than this!

¹⁶ John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

¹⁷ Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

Luke 3:16-17

- In Matthew 13 Jesus will use the same imagery to speak of the events preceding His Second Coming
– Including the gathering of the saints into ‘His barn’

18 And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people.

19 But Herod the tetrarch, being reprov'd by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done,

20 Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

Luke 3:18-20

21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Luke 3:21-22

- Twice God speaks from Heaven to 'bear witness' to Jesus' Deity:
 - His Baptism
 - The Transfiguration
- Luke records Jesus praying 7x
 - 3:21, 5:16, 6:12, 9:18, 9:28, 11:1, 2:41-44

23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed)

the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,

24 Which was

the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi,

which was

the son of Melchi, which was the son of Janna,

which was

the son of Joseph,

Luke 3:23-24

25 Which was
the son of **Mattathias**, which was the son of **Amos**
which was
the son of **Naum**, which was the son of **Esli**,
which was
the son of **Nagge**,

26 Which was
the son of **Maath**, which was the son of **Mattathias**,
which was
the son of **Semei**, which was the son of **Joseph**,
which was
the son of **Juda**,

Luke 3:25-26

27 Which was
the son of **Joanna**, which was the son of **Rhesa**,
which was
the son of **Zorobabel**,
which was
the son of **Salathiel**, which was the son of **Neri**,

28 Which was the son of **Melchi**,
which was
the son of **Addi**, which was the son of **Cosam**,
which was
the son of **Elmodam**, which was the son of **Er**,

Luke 3:27-28

29 Which was
the son of Jose, which was the son of Eliezer,
which was
the son of Jorim, which was the son of Matthat,
which was
the son of Levi,

30 Which was
the son of Simeon, which was the son of Juda,
which was
the son of Joseph, which was the son of Jonan,
which was
the son of Eliakim,

Luke 3:29-30

31 Which was
the son of Melea, which was the son of Menan,
which was
the son of Mattatha, which was the son of Nathan,
which was
the son of David,

Luke 3:31

The House of David

Matthew:

Luke:

Solomon

Rehoboam
Abijah
Asa
Jehoshaphat
Jehoram
Ahaziah*
Joash*
Amaziah*
Uzziah
Jotham
Ahaz
Hezekiah
Manasseh
Amon
Josiah

Nathan

Mattatha
Menan
Melea
Eliakim
Jonan
Joseph
Juda
Simeon
Levi
Matthat
Jorim
Eliezer
Jose
Er
Elmodam
Cosam
Addi
Melchi
Neri

Salathiel**
Zerubbabel
Rhesa
Joanna
Juda
Joseph
Semei
Mattathias
Maath
Nagge
Esli
Naum
Amos
Mattathias
Joseph
Janna
Melchi
Levi
Matthat
Heli
(Mary)

Jehoiakim*
Jehoiachin*
Salathiel**
Zerubbabel
Abiud
Eliakim
Azor
Sadoc
Achim
Eliud
Eleazar
Matthan
Jacob
Joseph

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32 Which was
the son of Jesse, which was the son of Obed,
which was
the son of Booz, which was the son of Salmon,
which was
the son of Naasson,

33 Which was
the son of Aminadab, which was the son of Aram,
which was
the son of Esrom, which was the son of Phares,
which was
the son of Juda,

Luke 3:32-33

34 Which was
the son of **Jacob**, which was the son of **Isaac**,
which was
the son of **Abraham** which was the son of **Thara**,
which was
the son of **Nachor**,

35 Which was
the son of **Saruch**, which was the son of **Ragau**,
which was
the son of **Phalec**, which was the son of **Heber**,
which was
the son of **Sala**

Luke 3:34-35

36 Which was
the son of Cainan, which was the son of Arphaxad,
which was
the son of Sem, which was the son of Noe,
which was
the son of Lamech,

37 Which was
the son of Mathusala, which was the son of Enoch,
which was
the son of Jared, which was the son of Maleleel,
which was
the son of Cainan,

Luke 3:1-2

38 Which was
the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth,
which was
the son of Adam,
which was
the son of God.

Luke 3:38

- *“According to the Bible, there are only two Men: Adam and Jesus Christ, and God deals with them as the representatives of the human race, not as individuals. All the members of the human race are grouped round these two Men. The first Adam is called “the son of God”; the last Adam is the Son of God, and we are made sons of God by the last Adam. The Christian is neither Adam nor Jesus Christ, the Christian is a new man in Christ Jesus. The first Adam and the last Adam are the only two Men according to God’s norm, and they both came into this world direct from the hand of God”.*

Oswald Chambers, *The Psychology of Redemption*

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called **the sons of God:** therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

1 John 3:1

- The 'sons of God'
- Used in Scripture to refer to a direct creation of God.
 - Used of Angels: Gen 6:2,6:4 / Job 1:6, 38:7
- Believers who are born of God receive the inheritance & position of the 'first-born' son
 - Ref: Ishmael/Isaac, Jacob/Esau, Also Ex 4:22, 6:14 / Num 3:13 / Deut 21:16-17 /

The Genealogies

Luke

Adam
Seth
Enosh
Kenan
Mahalalel
Jared
Enoch
Methuselah
Lamech
Noah

Shem
Arphaxad
Salah
Eber
Peleg
Reu
Serug
Nahor
Terah

Matthew

Abraham
Isaac
Jacob
Judah
Pharez
Hezron
Ram
Amminadab
Nahshon
Salmon
Boaz
Obed
Jesse
David

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Genealogy of Genesis 5

Adam

Seth

Enosh

Kenan

Mahalalel

Jared

Enoch

Methuselah

Lamech

Noah

Adam

ə'da' *adomah*, means "man."

Seth

tve *seth*, which means “appointed.”

Eve said, “For God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.”

Genesis 4:25

Enosh

vAna/ which means “mortal,” “frail,” or “miserable.”

It is from the root *anash*, to be incurable; used of a wound, grief, woe, sickness, or wickedness.

Kenan

h̄yqe which can mean “sorrow,”
“dirge,” or “elegy.”

Mahalalel

l L'hmm. which means “blessed” or
“praise”; and
l a El, the name for God.

“The Blessed God.”

Jared (Yared)

dry_κ from the verb *yaradh*, meaning

“shall come down.”

Enoch

אֵנוֹךְ] which means “commencement,”
or
“Teaching.”

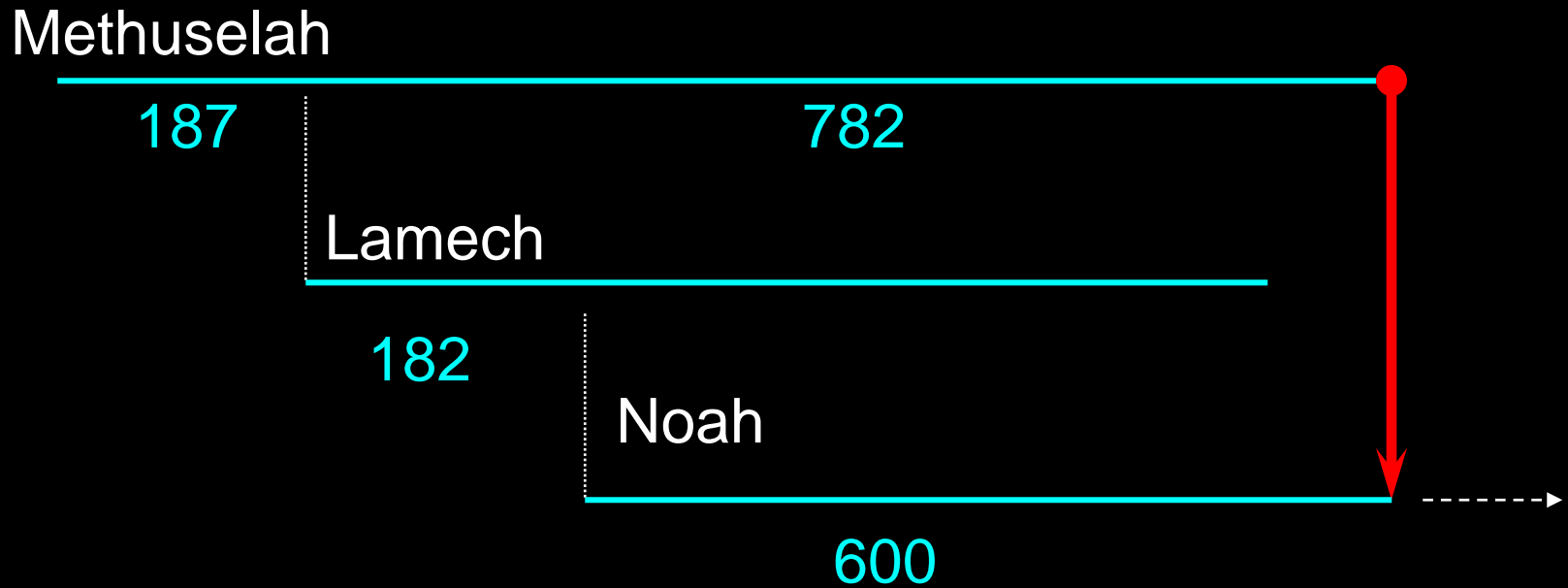
Methuselah

tAm *muth*, a root that means “death”

xlv *shalach*, which means “to bring,” or
“to send forth.”

“His death shall bring.”

His Death Shall Bring?



The Year of the Flood!

Lamech

לָמַח, לָמַח ' a root still evident today in our own English word, “lament” or “lamentation.”

“Despairing.”

Noah

חַנּוּן which is derived from *nacham*,
“to bring relief” or “comfort,”

“Comfort, or Rest”

Genealogy of Genesis 5

- : Adam* - *'Man'*
- : Seth* - *'Appointed'*
- : Enosh* - *'Mortal'*
- : Cainan* - *'Sorrow'*
- : Mahalaleel* - *'Blessed God'*
- : Jared* - *'Come down'*
- : Enoch* - *'Teaching'*
- : Methuselah* - *'His death shall bring'*
- : Lamech* - *'Despairing'*
- : Noah* - *'Comfort'*

Genealogy of Genesis 5

Man (is) Appointed Mortal sorrow; (but)

(the) Blessed God (shall) Come down

Teaching (that) His death shall bring (the)

Despairing Comfort, Rest

- This is the Christian Gospel, concealed in a genealogy 2500 years before Jesus came!
- Rabbi's and Scribes would not (and could not) conspire to do this!
- This is undeniable evidence of the supernatural origin of the Bible

Conclusion

- There are 3 genealogies in the Bible
 - Matthew ch 1 (the royal line through Solomon)
 - Luke ch 3 (the 'anointed' line through Nathan)
 - John ch 1 (the Deity)
- Why do we have these long lists of names?
 - 1) Your name might be hidden in the text here!
 - All those saved have their names written in the Lamb's book of life!
 - Is the Bible itself the Lamb's book of life?
 - 2) These lists are there for the future!
 - In A.D. 70 all the Jewish records and genealogies to trace the Messiah were destroyed in the Temple
 - Matthew, Luke and John are the only authentic Jewish genealogies that any Jew anywhere in the world can look at

Conclusion

- During the coming Tribulation the Jews must be able to identify their Messiah
 - How will they be able to do it?
 - It is because the Jews think they have no records to check against that they will so willingly accept Antichrist
 - For now, they don't accept the New Testament
- But when the veil is lifted from their eyes, they will be able to turn to Matthew and Luke...
- They will see for themselves that Jesus really is the Messiah!
- These genealogies are for tomorrow!
- God has left Israel a record for the future!
- God is the God of tomorrow as well as today!

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To be continued...

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