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MARY'S STORY

This Christmas we have been studying “the story behind the story” of the five women listed in Matthew’s genealogy of Jesus Christ (Matt.1:3-5, 16) Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba and Mary.

There is always a story behind the testimony of God’s amazing grace in the lives of spiritually advancing believers (2 Tim.1:5-6; 3:16-17). This holds true in “the story behind the story” of our last messianic mother, Mary (Luke 1:38). Our lesson text is taken from Luke’s genealogy rather than from Matthew’s.

**This lesson will study three aspects of Mary’s Story.
“The story behind the story” of Mary is one of prophecy fulfillment.**

1. Mary fulfilled the messianic prophecy of Gen.3:15 (proto-evangelism) (The first gospel).

(Gen.3:15) “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed **and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head**, and you shall bruise him on the heel.”

Luke records **Mary** as the 75th messianic mother from Eve (Luke 3:23-38) First Adam to the Last Adam; (1 Cor.15:45). Luke records her as the last messianic mother.

- **First Advent – The Seed:**

(Gal.3:16) “And the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as reference to many, but rather to one, ‘And to your seed,’ that is, Christ.”

(Gal.4:4-5) “But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

- **Second Advent – The King of kings and Lord of lords**

(Rom.16:20) “And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.”

2. Mary fulfilled the messianic prophecy of (Gen.49:8-12) (Jacob’s prophecy of a Judean king).

Judah and Tamar’s sexual affair resulted in a ten generation curse – up to David (Gen.38; Deut.23:2).

Gen.49:8-12 prophecy takes us to (Luke 2:1-3) and the first Roman census of Israel. Mary and Joseph were of the messianic **tribe of Judah** and the house of David (Luke 2:4-5).

The messianic emblem of the tribe of Judah was a **lion** (Gen.49:9)

(Rev.5:5) “And one of the elders said to me, ‘Stop weeping; behold, **the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.” (Heb.7:14)

(Gen.49:10) “**The scepter** shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him shall be the peoples.”

Ezekiel and Jeremiah prophesied that after the Babylonian captivity there would be no Judean king until Christ (Ezek.21:26-27; Jer.22:30) [[The curse of Coniah](#)] (Also called Jeconiah) (Matt.1:12).

The 4th oracle of Balaam:

(Num.24:17) “**A star shall come forth from Jacob; a scepter shall rise from Israel.**”
This star brought the Magi to Jerusalem to worship the newborn King of the Jews (Matt.2:1-12).

“Shiloh comes:

(Rev.5:5) “The one who brings (or, until He comes into that which belongs to) peace,’ referring to Messiah who would be of the tribe of Judah. At His second coming, Messiah will receive international acknowledgement.” (NASB, footnote of Gen.49:8-12)

3. Mary fulfilled the messianic prophecy of (2 Sam.7:11-17) (Davidic covenant).

Mary and Joseph were both of the **House of David**.

- Mary was from the house of David through Nathan (Luke 3:31, 23).
- Joseph was of the House of David through Solomon (Matt.1:6, 16).

This is why the genealogies differ after David in Luke and Matthew.

- In Matthew, Mary is the daughter-in-law of Jacob, Joseph’s father (Matt.1:16).
- In Luke, Joseph is the son-in-law of Heli. Mary’s father (Luke 3:23)

The crossing of genealogies with Joseph and Mary was based on the Levitical law of the “daughter’s inheritance right” (Num.27:7-11). It points to God as the Father of Christ (Luke 3:38; **1:31-35**).

We will close with two questions Jesus asked His disciples as recorded in (Matt.16:13-17).

- Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do people say that **the Son of Man** is?” (Matt.16:13-14)
- Then He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” (Matt.16:15-17)

Peter got a grade of 100% with his answer because he was able to put together the two titles of Messiah correctly with the person of Jesus Christ - “**You are the Son of the living God.**”(Matt.16:16)

To understand how these two titles fit with the person of Jesus Christ helps you understand the message of the angel of Lord to the shepherds – “For today in the city of David there has been born **FOR YOU a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**”

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10)

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The Story Behind The Story

Virgin Birth (Isa.7:14) “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and ^{le} will call him Immanuel.”

Impeccable (2 Cor.5:21) “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”