THE PREPOSTEROUS CLAIMS OF JESUS OF NAZARETH: Part 3
Dealing With the Curse on Jehoiachin's Royal Lineage
(Faith Defenders Bible Class: 3/30/14)

I. REVIEW:
   --The claims of Jesus of Nazareth:
   --The fulfillment of prophecy by Jesus of Nazareth:
   --The incomprehensible probabilities.
   --The timing of the life and death of Messiah.

--AN OLD TESTAMENT THREAT TO JESUS’ MESSIAHSHP:
   --BIG PROBLEM: There’s a very serious issue within Jesus’ very LINEAGE that appears to THREATEN His claim to be Israel’s Messiah.
   --The mandate of ancestry: The Messiah had to be an HEIR to DAVID’S throne.
   --II Sam 7:8-9, 12-13:
     Genealogy:

--COMPLICATION #1: The UNFAITHFULNESS of SOLOMON and his descendants.
   --Psa 132:10-12: The promise that David’s descendants would sit on the throne of Israel was CONDITIONAL.
   --I Kings 2:1-4: The promise that Solomon’s descendants would sit on the throne of Israel was CONDITIONAL.
     --A significant problem: Because of Solomon’s unfaithfulness, his sons were no longer heirs to the ETERNAL throne of ISRAEL.

--COMPLICATION #2: The specific CURSE on Jehoiachin and his DESCENDANTS.
   --Jer 22:24, 28, 30 → Jeconiah’s descendants could not sit on the throne of DAVID and could not rule in JUDAH.
   --Jesus’ genealogy:
     --Matt 1:16: Jesus was the son of JOSEPH.
     --V. 6: Joseph was a direct descendent of SOLOMON whose descendants could not sit on the throne of ISRAEL.
     --V. 11: Joseph was a direct descendent of JECONIAH whose descendants could not sit on the throne of JUDAH.
     --“Thus says the Lord, ‘…no man of his descendants will prosper sitting on the throne of David or ruling again in Judah.’” (Jer 22:30)
     --The Consequence: No son of JOSEPH could sit on DAVID’S throne.
The Matthew Lineage: A Change in Pattern:

Matt 1:16: What WOULD it say? →
-“...and to JOSEPH was BORN JESUS...”

What DOES it say? “…and to Jacob was born Joseph the HUSBAND of MARY, by whom was BORN Jesus...”

Jesus’ TRUE Father was not JOSEPH... His TRUE Father was JEHOVAH.

Joseph’s relationship to Jesus: Joseph was Jesus’ ADOPTIVE father.

--BIG PROBLEM: The prophets had foretold that the Messiah’s HUMAN lineage had to come through DAVID... but we’ve seen that it had to BYPASS Solomon and Jeconiah.

--KEY CONCEPT: For JESUS to be Messiah, we must show that MARY’S Son was an heir to the throne of Israel.


--Jesus was “SUPPOSEDLY” the Son of Joseph.

--Joseph’s fathers???
  1. Joseph was BORN to Jacob. (Matt 1)
  2. Joseph was the SON of Eli. (Luke 3)

--Here’s the resolution: Eli was Joseph’s father-IN-LAW... and... Mary’s FATHER!!!

--Three key genealogical facts:
  1. Jeconiah is NOT in MARY’S lineage.
  2. Mary’s lineage comes directly from DAVID... through his son NATHAN... and BYPASSES Solomon. →


3. Because of these facts... Mary's Son is an HEIR to the THRONE of Israel.

APPLICATION #1: There are reasons why God put TWO lineages of Jesus in the Scripture.

--Point #1: Joseph’s line reveals God’s HOLINESS
--Point #2: Mary’s line reveals God’s PATIENCE and GRACE.
--Point #3: Mary’s line also reveals God’s SOVEREIGNTY.

APPLICATION #2: When confronted with someone who’s skeptical about Jesus... if you’ve been on RUN... stop RUNNING!!!

APPLICATION #3: The Scripture and common historical facts point UNDENIABLY to the TRUTH of Jesus’ claims.

APPLICATION #4: When you boil all of HISTORY down... JESUS CHRIST stands at its CENTER.