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Kings Who Preceded

Thank Jesus that He is a King worthy of your love and your life

Matthew 1:1

Matthew 1:6-11

Matthew 1:17

Just think about the separated sections of the genealogy of Matthew. It is broken up into three parts that cover 14 generations each. But why 14?

. . . Matthew has created the genealogy so that it links Jesus to David both explicitly and in the very literary design of the list. In fact, Matthew wants to highlight this “14=David” idea so much that he’s intentionally left out multiple generations of the line of David (three, to be exact) to make the numbers work.

Wait, Matthew has taken people out of the genealogy?

Yes, but this is not a scandal. Leaving out generations to create symbolic numbers in genealogies is a common Hebrew literary practice, going all the way back to the genealogies in Genesis. Ancient genealogies were ways of making theological claims, and Matthew’s readers would have understood exactly what he was doing and why.

Bible Project “Jesus & Genealogies”

Deuteronomy 17:14-20

Saul (*1 Samuel 10:9 – 31:13*) – reigned 42 years

“Nope, not him . . . still waiting!”

David (*2 Samuel 2-24*) – reigned 40 years

“Nope, not him . . . still waiting!”

Solomon (*1 Kings 1:28 – 11:43*) – reigned 40 years

“Nope, not him . . . still waiting!”

Rehoboam (*1 Kings 11:43-14:31, 2 Chronicles 10-12*) – reigned 17 years
“Nope, not him . . . still waiting!”

Abijah (*1 Kings 15:1-8; 2 Chronicles 13:1-14:1*) – reigned 3 years
“Nope, not him . . . still waiting!”

Asa (*1 Kings 15:9-24; 2 Chronicles 14-16*) – reigned 41 years
“Nope, not him . . . still waiting!”

Jehoshaphat (*1 Kings 22:41-50; 2 Chronicles 17-20*) – reigned 25 years
“Nope, not him . . . still waiting!”

Jehoram (*2 Kings 8:16-24, 2 Chronicles 21*) – reigned 8 years
“Nope, not him . . . still waiting!”

Uzziah (*2 Kings 15:1-17; 2 Chronicles 26*) – reigned 52 years
“Nope, not him . . . still waiting!”

Jotham (*2 Kings 15:32-38, 2 Chronicles 27*) – reigned 16 years
“Nope, not him . . . still waiting!”

Ahaz (*2 Kings 16, 2 Chronicles 28*) – reigned 16 years
“Nope, not him . . . still waiting!”

Hezekiah (*2 Kings 18-20, 2 Chronicles 29-32*) – reigned 29 years
“Nope, not him . . . still waiting!”

Manasseh (*2 Kings 21:1-18, 2 Chronicles 33:1-20*) – reigned 55 years
“Nope, not him . . . still waiting!”

Amon (*2 Kings 21:19-26, 2 Chronicles 33:21-25*) – reigned 2 years
“Nope, not him . . . still waiting!”

Josiah (*2 Kings 22:1-23:30, 2 Chronicles 34-25*) – reigned 31 years
“Nope, not him . . . still waiting!”

Jeconiah (*2 Kings 24:6-17, 2 Chronicles 36:8-10*) – reigned 3 months
“Nope, not him . . . still waiting!”

“ . . . still waiting . . . for Jesus’ return when He will make all things new!”

Now What? Thank Jesus that He is a King worthy of your love and your life