A Nation in Peril (#5)
[Coniah and the Genealogy of Jesus (Part 2)]

You might be wondering why we are studying the genealogy of Jesus Christ in a study on **A Nation in Peril**. It is important to understand that we live in the **New Covenant of the Church Age** of human history because of the historical coming of Jesus Christ to the world for the world (Jer.31:31-34; John 6:42; 1 Tim.1:15; Luke 19:9-10).

In Part 1 we studied the grammatical structure of the genealogy of Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-38. By doing this, we established the textual argument for the virgin birth of Jesus Christ (Matt.1:18; Luke 1:34-35). We learned that many biblical scholars struggle with these genealogies because of the curse of Coniah in Matt.1:11-12.

We learned that Matt.1:11 deals with the Curse of Coniah on the front side of the Babylonian Captivity while Matt.1:12 deals with the backside.

> (Matt.1:12) "And **after** (meta+acc of time) the deportation to Babylon, to Jeconiah was born (gennao / a.a.ind.3ps) (ton / asm) Shealtiel; and to Shealtiel was born (gennao / a.a.ind) (ton / asm) Zerubbabel." (Jer.25:3-11) [70 years]

After the deportation to Babylon, we have the birth of Shealtiel and Zerubbabel mentioned. **Jeconiah** is the only link between these two sections in Matthew. He was a prisoner of war in Babylon during much of this period (Jer.52:31-34).

This lesson will study four ways the curse of Coniah affected the genealogy after the Babylonia Captivity in establishing the virgin birth of Jesus Christ.

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1. **Both Matthew and Luke's genealogies cross with Shealtiel and Zerubbabel (Matt.1:12; Luke 3:27).**

   - **Matthew's genealogy** follows David and Solomon to **Jeconiah** (problem) to Shealtiel and Zerubbabel (Matt.1:12).
   - **Luke's genealogy** follows David and Nathan to **Neri** (solution) to Shealtiel and Zerubbabel (Luke 3:27).

   We know that Jeconiah died without a male heir to the Davidic throne.

   > (Jer.22:30) "Write (kathab / kal impv.) this man down **childless**, a man who will not prosper in his days; for no man of his descendants will prosper sitting on the throne of David or ruling again in Judah."

   Matthew brings Jeconiah into the third section (BC to Christ) (Matt.1:12-17).

2. **(Luke 3:27) says that Neri was the father of Shealtiel through Nathan and David. It is established by the special use of the definite article (tou) [son of] in Luke's genealogy.**

   Neri married Coniah's daughter during the Babylonian captivity (2 Kings 24:15; 1 Chron.3:5).

   NOTE: The Davidic inheritance is applied by the Daughter's Inheritance Law (Num.27:3-11/ 8). However, she must marry within the tribe of Judea and the house of David (Num.36:2-9; Ezek.46:17) [Year of Liberty]. Just like Mary with Joseph. This was established because of the Jubilee Inheritance Law of (Lev.25:10-15).

3. **(1 Chron.3:17-19) says that Shealtiel's brother, Pedaiah, married Shealtiel's widow and fathered Zerubbabel by Levirate Law (Deut.25:5-6).**

   Ryrie NASB on Ezra 5:2 remarking about Zerubbabel says, "Designated as the son of both Shealtiel and Shealtiel's brother Pedaiah (1 Chron.3:17-19), suggesting a case of levirate marriage. See note on Deut.25:5-10. An ancestor of Christ (Matt.1:12-13), he was the last of the descendants of David to exercise political authority (until Christ returns to rule the world in the Millennium). Also see note on Hag.2:23."

   (Unger quotes Keil, pg.1187) "Shealtiel died without any male descendants, leaving his wife a widow . . . after Shealtiel's death his second brother, Pedaiah, fulfilled the levirate duty, and begat, in his marriage with his sister-in-law, Zerubbabel, who was now regarded, in all that related to laws of heritage, as Shealtiel's son."

4. **There are three important theological questions that are answer with the Matthew and Luke's genealogies.**

   Questions:

   - Why isn't the **curse of Adam** continued unto Jesus in (Luke 3:23-38)?
   - Why isn't the **curse of Coniah** continued unto Jesus in (Matt.1:1-17)?
   - What qualified Jesus by birth to be both **Christ the Lord and Savior** (Luke 2:11)?

   Answer (Luke 1:32-35; Matt.1:18, 21-23) _____

   Jesus Christ must be born outside Adam's original sin (AOS) to save those born inside it (Rom.5:12-21; 1 Cor.15:22, 45).

   Mary in genealogy:

   - Daughter of Heli;
     - Daughter-in-law of Jacob
       - Wife of Joseph
         - Mother of Jesus Christ.

   Every Church Age Believer (CAB) can be part of the solution rather than part of the problem of A Nation in Peril by actively engaging in the following three things.

   - Be an **ambassador** to the world (2 Cor.5:18-21).
     - Be a **priest** to God (1 Pet.2:1-10).
       - Be a **spiritual gifted ministry** to the body of Christ (Eph.4:11-17).