

#1138 The Curse of Jehoiakim and the Lineage of Jesus Christ – The Role of the Virgin Birth

Now we are getting back to the issue of the claim of Jesus Christ to the throne of David despite the curses upon Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin (Jeconiah, Coniah).

Jehoiakim's and his son Jehoiachin's lineage (seed) were disqualified from claiming the throne of David.

The curse of Jehoiakim (the second Eliakim)

Jeremiah 36:30 (KJV) Therefore thus saith the LORD of JEHOIAKIM king of Judah; HE SHALL HAVE NONE TO SIT UPON THE THRONE OF DAVID: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

The curse of Jehoiachin (Jeconiah, Coniah)

Jeremiah 22:24, 30 (KJV) As I live, saith the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence; 30 Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: FOR NO MAN OF HIS [Jehoiachin's] SEED SHALL PROSPER, SITTING UPON THE THRONE OF DAVID, AND RULING ANY MORE IN JUDAH.

Question: Since Joseph, the legal father of Jesus, was one of Jehoiakim's and Jehoiachin's seed in the royal line of David and Solomon, and that royal line was cursed, how can Jesus Christ rightfully lay claim to the throne of David?

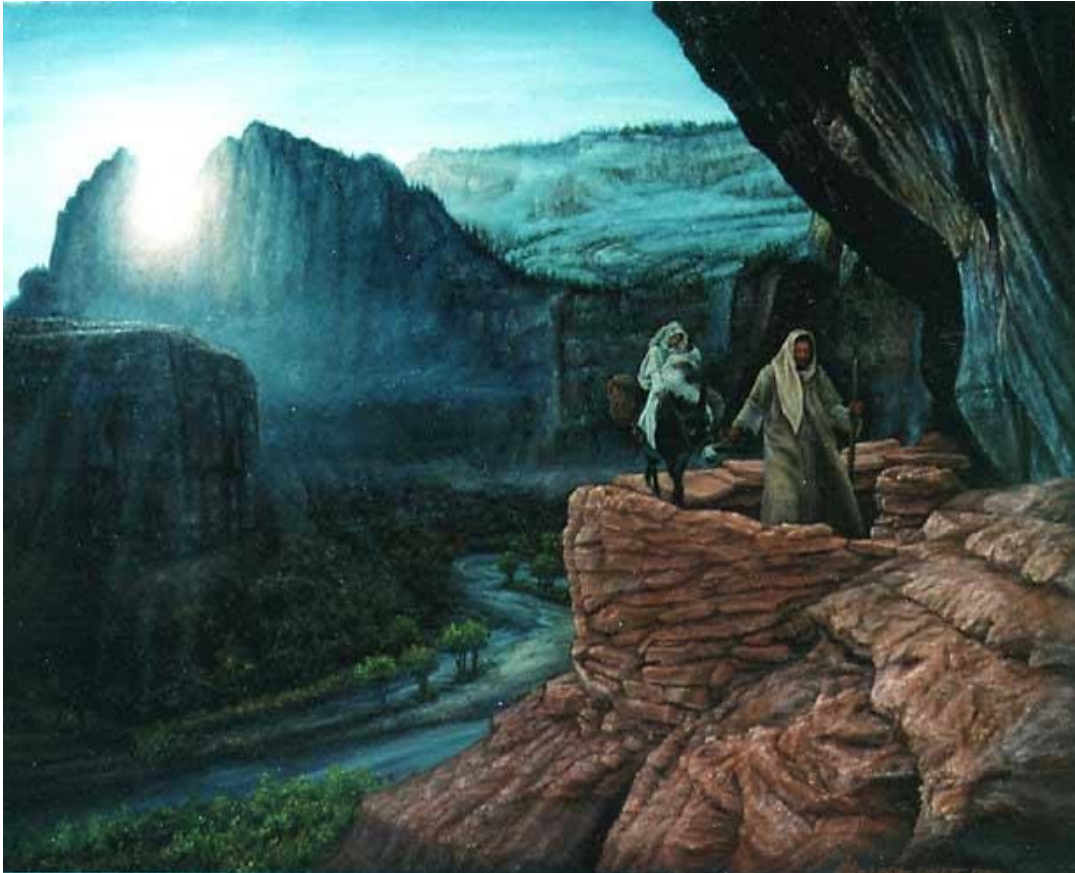
Key Understanding and Answer: *The role of the virgin birth.* Among bible scholars, the conventional and simplistic answer to the question is that the Lord created the solution through the miracle of the virgin birth. The virgin birth addressed the curses that God had placed upon Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin. Jesus Christ was exempt from the curses upon Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin because **Joseph was not his genetic father.** [The assumption that is made with the above explanation, of course, is that the seed of Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin is present through the remainder of the genealogy listed in Matthew 1, including the portion from the person of Zerubbabel down through Joseph, the adoptive father of Jesus.]



Joseph and Mary travel to the census (Luke 2:1-6)

Isaiah 7:14 (KJV) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE, AND BEAR A SON, AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL.

Jesus was not of the seed of Joseph through the line of King David, King Solomon, King Jehoiakim, and King Jehoiachin, but rather, was of “the seed of the woman” through King David. Let’s cover that next.



Joseph flees into Egypt with Mary and Jesus (Matthew 2:13-14)

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