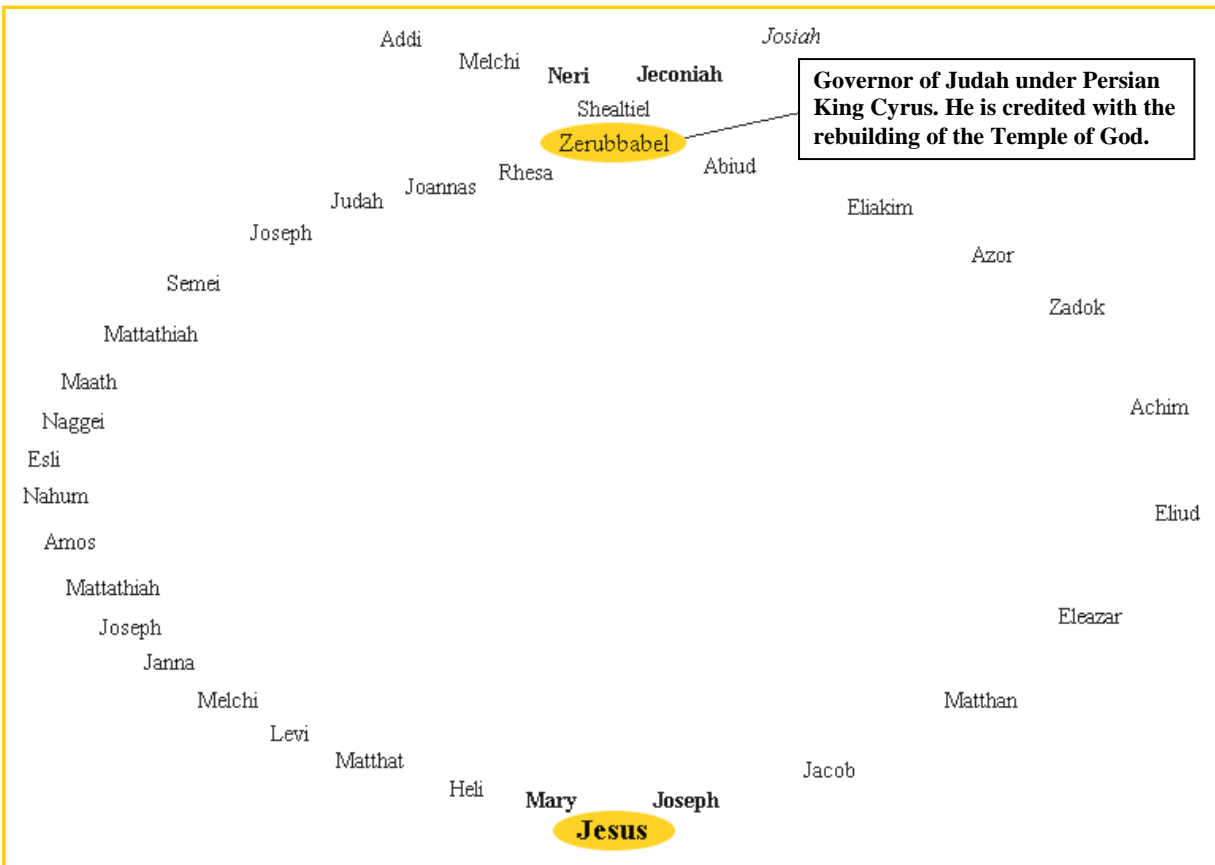


#1144 The Curse of Jehoiakim and the Lineage of Jesus Christ – The Lord orchestrated Zerubbabel to be a focal point of the *genealogies* of Jesus Christ because of his strong role as a foreshadow of the Messiah, Jesus Christ

First of all, let’s ponder the question of why the Lord would have Zerubbabel become a focal point of the genealogies of Jesus Christ, both (i) *literally* a focal point because of his role as a person from whom both Joseph and Mary were descended – if indeed the Zerubbabel in Joseph’s genealogy is the same as the Zerubbabel in Mary’s genealogy – but also (ii) *controversially* a focal point because of the questions surrounding Zerubbabel in the genealogies.

Key Understanding: *The Lord orchestrated Zerubbabel to be a focal point of the genealogies of Jesus Christ because of his strong role as a foreshadow of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. The answer as to why the Lord would have Zerubbabel as a focal point of the genealogies of Jesus Christ is that Zerubbabel was a powerful precursor of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. (For example, Zerubbabel built the Second Temple, and that is a picture of the Messiah building the Third Temple of living stones.) Furthermore, as a listed ancestor of Jesus Christ and descendant of Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin, Zerubbabel is also involved with the story and the issue of the “none to sit upon the throne of David” curse(s) coming down through the descendants of Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin.*



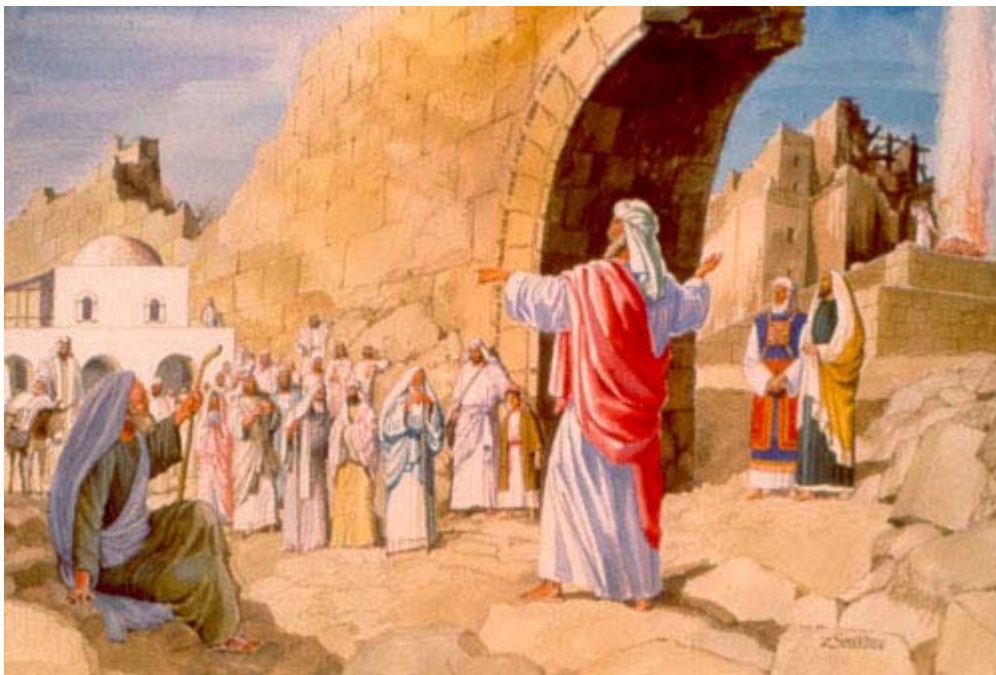
Remember, Haggai the prophet played an instrumental part in the rebuilding of Zerubbabel's Temple. Haggai 2:21-23 shows how much the Lord was using Zerubbabel as a type of the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ. This passage is a lot about Zerubbabel, but is pointing directly to the Messiah and the establishment of his Messianic Kingdom.

Haggai 2:21-23 (KJV) SPEAK TO ZERUBBABEL, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;

22 And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.

23 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O ZERUBBABEL, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

While the words about the overthrow and destruction of kingdoms are pointing to the return of the Messiah, Zerubbabel's return to Jerusalem was directly due to the overthrow of the throne and kingdom of Babylon by the kingdom of Media-Persia. The overthrow of Babylon in the time of Zerubbabel points to the overthrow of Babylon the Great in the time of the return of the Messiah.



Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying, Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste? (Haggai 1:3-4)

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