

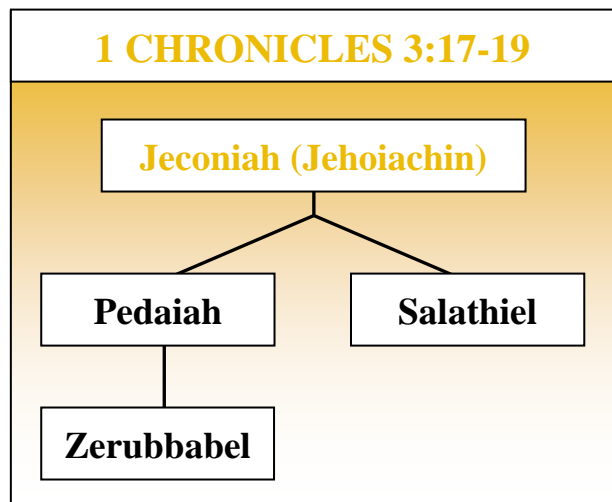
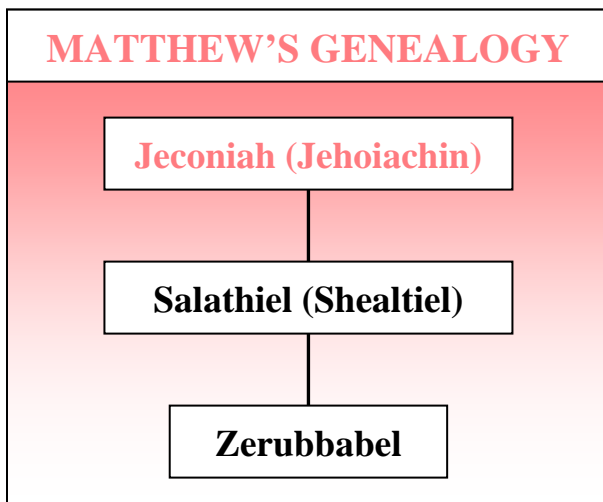
**#1145 The Curse of Jehoiakim and the Lineage of Jesus Christ – Zerubbabel as the biological son of Pedaiah**

Seemingly confusing the issue even more as concerns Zerubbabel’s role in the genealogy of Jesus Christ is the fact that while in most places in scripture Zerubbabel is noted as a son of Salathiel (Shealtiel), in 1 Chronicles 3:19 he is noted as the son of Pedaiah, who is listed as Salathiel’s (Shealtiel’s) brother.

*1 Chronicles 3:17-20 (KJV) And the sons of [the cursed] **JECONIAH** [Jehoiachin, Coniah]; Assir, **SALATHIEL** his son, {Salathiel: Heb. SHEALTIEL} 18 Malchiram also, and **PEDAIAH**, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah. 19 And the sons of **PEDAIAH** were, **ZERUBBABEL**, and Shimei: and the sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister: 20 And Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushabhesed, five.*

**Key Understanding #1:** In 1 Chronicles 3:17-19, then, instead of rendering the genealogical line as coming through the cursed Jeconiah, his son Salathiel (Shealtiel), and his son Zerubbabel, the genealogical line is instead rendered as the cursed Jeconiah, his son Pedaiah, and his son Zerubbabel.

**Key Understanding #2:** *Zerubbabel as the biological son of Pedaiah.* Instead of confusing the issue more, the fact that Zerubbabel might be the biological son of Pedaiah – instead of Salathiel – seems to be the clue that provides the answer to explaining (a) the converging genealogies of Jesus Christ, as well as providing an explanation of (b) how God dealt with the curses upon Jehoiakim and Jeconiah so that they did not negatively impact the claim of Jesus Christ to the throne of David.



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