The Genealogy of Jesus

The Genealogy of Jesus takes us to the source of Jesus divine existence as Son of God and down the biblical path from descendant Kingship of Great Rulers of the Nation of Israel to the first and original man, Adam to being born as Child of God. From the time of conception, the Life of Christ was targeted for the purpose of saving humanity and through Jesus death we will receive forgives of our sins through repentance. The gospel of Luke shows us the authority of Jesus as Lord and Savior and the greatness that is to come for all believers as promised by God.

I. The Prologue to Luke
   a. Luke knows the purpose of writing about Jesus and who Jesus is but does not give his writing that title in the beginning. He saves it for the end to not take away from the narrative leading the audience to getting to know how Jesus first came to be, where he is from, who he is and the purpose he has for humanity.
   b. Luke's writing comes from eyewitness reports made to the church. He writes orderly of events and not in chronological order.
   c. He writes the gospel for humanity to get to know Jesus, to know Jesus purpose in life and that he died to fulfill the promise of God.

II. Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus
   a. Matthew starts with the genealogy of Jesus before announcing his birth
   b. Matthew explains who Jesus is as ruler, shepherd and a descendent of David, Abraham, Emmanuel and other Great Kings of the Nation of Israel
   c. Matthew's opening to Jesus genealogy is different from Luke's as Luke first focuses on the connection to the original man, Adam then to God

d. Matthew points to Old Testament fulfillment and shows Jesus geographical connection to Bethlehem, Egypt, Ramah, and Nazareth

e. Matthew presents Joseph's genealogy to show Jesus has Davidic rights to the throne

III. The Announcement of John the Baptist's Birth

a. The announcement of John the Baptist's Birth is in parallel to Jesus

b. Jesus is shown to be superior over John

c. The Angel Gabriel appears to Zechariah and tells them they will have a son, John

d. John the Baptist is born to barren but righteous parents of old age

e. John the Baptist will be filled with the spirit and through his birth he will provide spiritual reconciliation to the Nation

f. The gospel shows John as the preparer of the way and Jesus is the way itself

IV. The Birth Announcement to Mary: BOCK pg. 126

a. The Angel Gabriel appears before the virgin, Mary, expresses that God has found favor in her.

b. Mary is soon to consummate her marriage to Joseph, yet she is currently conceived with child

c. Gabriel tells Mary that the name of her child will be Jesus and he is Son of God

d. Mary is shown that Elizabeth is with child also which affirms God's promise as true for her and Elizabeth

V. Mary's Visit to Elizabeth

a. Mary visits Elizabeth who is already 6 months pregnant

b. At the moment of meeting John leaps in the womb, as he is filled with the Spirit

c. Mary also filled with Spirit submits and extends her blessings to Mary with child

VI. The Birth of John the Baptist and Praise for His Arrival

a. Zechariah goes against the cultural grain, stands on God's promise and names his child John

b. The birth of John shows God's mercy and grace and show's his word coming alive

c. The parents of John are filled with the spirit and praise the Lord for the miracle which leaves an impression on the region

d. John is revealed as a prophet of the Most High who prepares the way before the Lord. He will lead many to salvation and in forgiveness of their sins.

VII. Joseph's Concern over Mary's Condition and the Announcement to Him

a. Matthew discusses how the events of Jesus birth and infancy leads to the fulfillment of prophesy according to scripture.

b. Matthew presents Jesus birth from Joseph's perspective and Matthew conveys how Mary conceived before Mary and Joseph consummated

c. Joseph considers Mary's feeling in his decision to leave her, he did not want to shame her

d. Joseph contemplated divorce, but his plans were stopped by a dream

e. The dream announces the birth of Jesus and shows how Mary was conceived by the Holy Spirit

f. The dream further announces that Jesus will save his people from their sins

VIII. The Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem

a. Jesus was bought to Bethlehem because a census

b. Each Jew to be registered in their hometown was ordered by Augustus Caesar.

c. Joseph is from the house of David, Bethlehem.

d. From royal roots Jesus was the least to lay resting in an animal barn

IX. The Adoration by the Shepherds

a. The shepherd gets a message of a swaddling baby away in a manger.

b. The Shepherds celebrate the birth of Jesus. They rejoice in the good news.

c. They journey and find that the message they received is true. Christ is born.

d. They Shepherds have witnessed God's prophesy coming to fruition.

X. A Word to Obedient Parents at the Temple

a. Mother Mary and Joseph followed the path that God directed in obedience

b. From circumcision to naming their child Jesus they fulfilled the promise of God

XI. The Visit of the Magi to Bethlehem

a. Matthew speaks on the experience of when Jesus was a newborn

b. Three wise man directed by a star in the sky was led to Jesus where they announced his birth and worshipped him.

c. The Magi were told by Herod, who ordered all baby boys to be murdered to reveal Jesus location

d. The Magi would become protectors of Jesus. Instructed by GOD they did not tell Herod about Jesus

XII. A reenactment of Israel's Journey: Jesus to Egypt and Back alongside Unjust Suffering

a. Joseph was called to protect Mary and Jesus and took his family on a turbulent journey to Egypt and to escape death ordered by Herod.

b. The reenactment of Israel is the second Exodus to take place in the Bible. The first was in the Old Testament with Moses.

c. Through this exodus Herod realizes he was tricked by the Magi and calls all children two and under to be murdered

d. In this exodus the nation suffers at the hands of those who do not trust God

XIII. To Nazareth in Galilee

a. Joseph abandons his original thought to go to Judea and returns to Galilee after a dream directed by God

b. Galilee labeled as nothing good coming from there or a place of darkness is about to receive Nazareth, the Holy One, Jesus.

XIV. Jesus at the Temple

a. Jesus emerges as a young man and speaks
b. Jesus parents, upon arrival from a routine pilgrimage finds him in the temple talking with teachers
c. The temple was a place of God's presence and Jesus and Jesus shown there as grown up, wise and in favor with God and his people.

This was Jesus life. He lived the narrative. Divinely crafted a humble King born of a virgin in a sin filled land. Born to be the good news and hunted down for it. Yet, God had other plans and interceded many times to protect Jesus and to keep God's plan for humanity to be saved by our sins and get prepared for what is judgement and deliverance. The good news is Jesus. He is the way, the truth and the light, as told by the gospels.