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“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.”



JEREMIAH 23:5-6 NIV

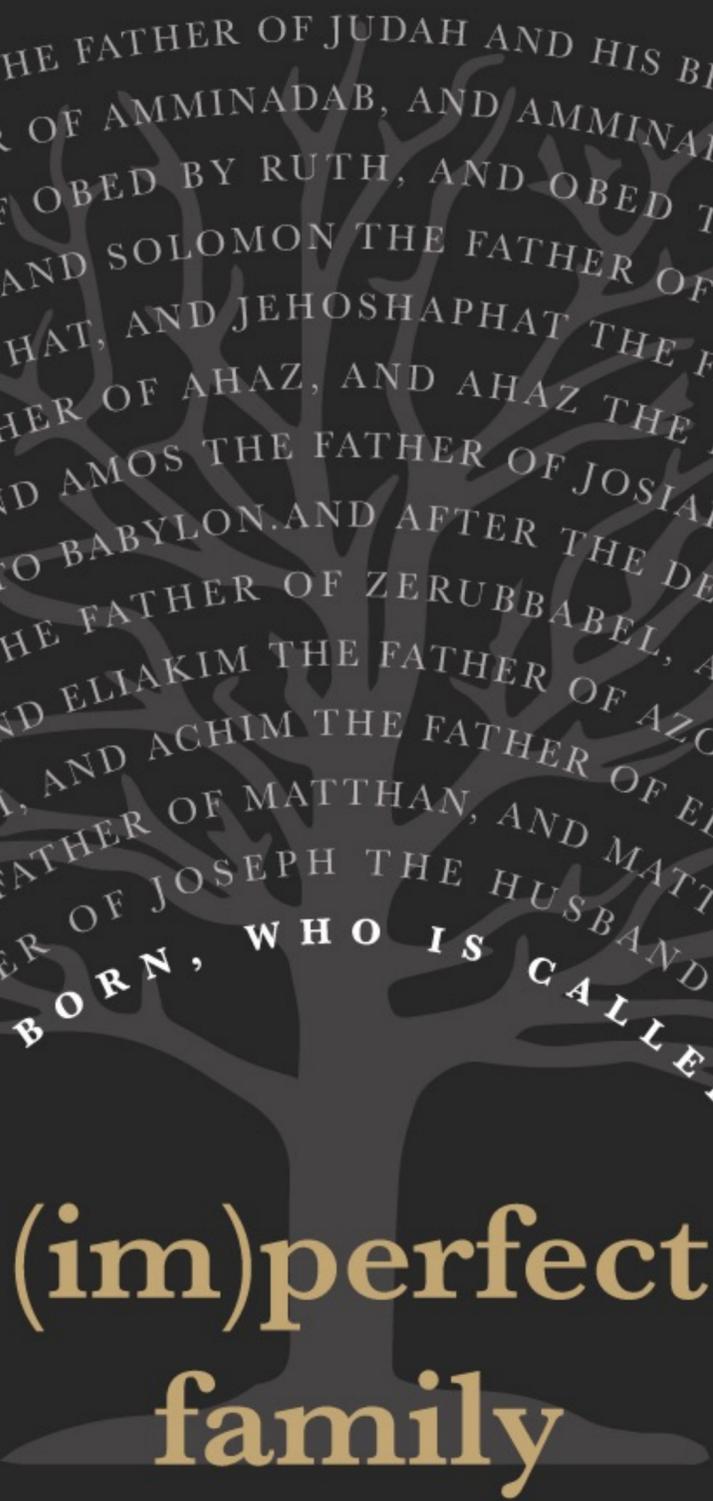
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The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham...



MATTHEW 1:1 ESV



ABRAHAM WAS THE FATHER OF ISAAC, AND ISAAC THE FATHER OF JACOB, AND JACOB THE FATHER OF JUDAH AND HIS BROTHERS, AND JUDAH THE FATHER OF NAHSHON, AND NAHSHON THE FATHER OF PEREZ AND ZERAH BY TAMAR, AND PEREZ THE FATHER OF HEZRON, AND HEZRON THE FATHER OF RAM, AND RAM THE FATHER OF AMMINADAB, AND AMMINADAB THE FATHER OF OBED BY RUTH, AND OBED THE FATHER OF REHOBOAM, AND REHOBOAM THE FATHER OF ABIAH, AND ABIAH AND DAVID WAS THE FATHER OF BOAZ BY RAHAB, AND BOAZ THE FATHER OF URIAH, AND SOLOMON THE FATHER OF JEHOSHAPHAT, AND JEHOSHAPHAT THE FATHER OF AHAZ, AND AHAZ THE FATHER OF JORAM, AND JORAM THE FATHER OF HEZEKIAH, AND HEZEKIAH AND HIS BROTHERS, AT THE TIME OF THE DEPORTATION TO BABYLON. AND AFTER THE DEPORTATION TO BABYLON: JECHONIAH WAS THE FATHER OF UZZIAH, AND UZZIAH THE FATHER OF SHEALTIEL, AND SHEALTIEL THE FATHER OF ZERUBBABEL, AND ZERUBBABEL THE FATHER OF ABIID, AND ABIID, AND ABIID THE FATHER OF MATTHAN, AND MATTHAN THE FATHER OF ELIUD, AND ELIUD THE FATHER OF ZADOK, AND ZADOK THE FATHER OF ACHIM, AND ACHIM THE FATHER OF AZOR, AND AZOR THE FATHER OF JACOB, AND JACOB THE FATHER OF JOSEPH THE HUSBAND OF MARY, OF WHOM

JESUS WAS BORN, WHO IS CALLED CHRIST.

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¹⁹ These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife. ²¹ And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren.



GENESIS 25:19-21 ESV

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And the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ²² The children struggled together within her, and she said, “If it is thus, why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the Lord. ²³ And the Lord said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided;



GENESIS 25:21-23 ESV

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the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger.”²⁴ When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb.²⁵ The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau.

²⁶ Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob.



GENESIS 25:23-26 ESV

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²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. ³⁰ And Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!” (Therefore his name was called Edom.) ³¹ Jacob said, “Sell me your birthright now.” ³² Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” ³³ Jacob said, “Swear to me now.”



GENESIS 25:29-33 ESV

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So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.



GENESIS 25:33-34 ESV

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- God uses imperfect people for His perfect purposes



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“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”



COLOSSIANS 3:23-24 ESV

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⁴¹ Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob.” ⁴² But the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him,



GENESIS 27:41-42 ESV

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“Behold, your brother Esau comforts himself about you by planning to kill you. ⁴³ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran ⁴⁴ and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away— ⁴⁵ until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him.



GENESIS 27:42-45 ESV

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¹³ And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south,



GENESIS 28:13-14 ESV

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and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.”



GENESIS 28:15-16 ESV

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¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”



GENESIS 28:17 ESV

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- ❑ God uses imperfect people for His perfect purposes
- ❑ God fulfills His promises in His perfect timing



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²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."



GENESIS 32:24-26 ESV

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²⁷ And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸ Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him.



GENESIS 32:27-29 ESV

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³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”



GENESIS 32:30 ESV

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- ❑ God fulfills His promises in His perfect timing
- ❑ God gives us strength for the fight through a new identity



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⁴ But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. ⁵ And when Esau lifted up his eyes and saw the women and children, he said, “Who are these with you?” Jacob said, “The children whom God has graciously given your servant.” ⁶ Then the servants drew near, they and their children, and bowed down.



GENESIS 33:4-6 ESV

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7 Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down. And last Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. 8 Esau said, “What do you mean by all this company that I met?” Jacob answered, “To find favor in the sight of my lord.” 9 But Esau said, “I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself.”



GENESIS 33:7-9 ESV

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¹⁰ Jacob said, “No, please, if I have found favor in your sight, then accept my present from my hand. For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God, and you have accepted me. ¹¹ Please accept my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough.” Thus he urged him, and he took it.



GENESIS 33:10-11 ESV

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- ❑ God uses imperfect people for His perfect purposes
- ❑ God fulfills His promises in His perfect timing
- ❑ God gives us strength for the fight through a new identity
- ❑ God's mission is reconciliation



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¹³ If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.



2 CORINTHIANS 5:13-15 ESV

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¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:



2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-18 ESV

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¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.



2 CORINTHIANS 5:19-20 ESV

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²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 ESV

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