

# Luke 3:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Amos, which was the son of Naum, which was the son of Esli, which was the son of Nagge,

## Analysis

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**Which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Amos**—The repetitive genealogical formula emphasizes continuity and historical authenticity. Each generation represents God's providential preservation of the messianic line through centuries of exile, oppression, and national upheaval. The name Amos (Ἀμώς, Amos) differs from the prophet Amos, illustrating how common these names were.

Luke's inclusion of unfamiliar names serves theological purposes: demonstrating Jesus's genuine humanity, fulfilling prophetic requirements for Messiah's Davidic descent, and showing God's faithfulness across generations where no individual achievements are recorded—only covenant faithfulness.

## Historical Context

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These post-exilic names represent the period between David's reign (1010-970 BC) and the return from Babylonian captivity. Most individuals listed here have no other biblical record, yet their faithful preservation of lineage and faith sustained the messianic promise through Israel's darkest hours.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's work through unknown, faithful generations challenge our culture's obsession with celebrity and recognition?
2. What responsibility do you have to faithfully pass on the gospel to the next generation, even if your name is never widely known?
3. How does this genealogy demonstrate that God's purposes are not thwarted by historical obscurity or lack of human recognition?

## Interlinear Text

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τοῦ G3588	Ματθαίου Which was the son of Mattathias G3161	τοῦ G3588	Ἀμὼς which was the son of Amos G301	τοῦ G3588
	Ναοὺμ which was the son of Naum G3486	τοῦ G3588	Ἑσλὶ which was the son of Esli G2069	τοῦ G3588
	Ναγγαὶ which was the son of Nagge G3477			

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