

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

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

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

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

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

τοῦ	Ματταθίου	τοῦ	Ἀμώς	τοῦ
G3588	Which was the son of Mattathias	G3588	which was the son of Amos	G3588
	G3161		G301	
Ναοὺμ	τοῦ	Ἐσλὶ	τοῦ	
which was the son of Naum	G3588	which was the son of Eslī	G3588	
G3486		G2069		
Ναγγαὶ				
which was the son of Nagge				
G3477				