

Matthew 1:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor;

Analysis

These names represent the 'silent years' between the testaments when no prophetic word came to Israel. Yet God was still working, preserving the messianic line through obscure, faithful people. This demonstrates that God's significant work often happens in hiddenness, not in public acclaim.

Historical Context

This period represents the post-exilic return to Judah (approximately 539-450 BC) and following centuries. These were times of subjugation under Persian, Greek, and eventually Roman rule.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What does God's preservation of the messianic line through centuries of obscurity teach about His hidden providence?
2. How should this shape our view of faithfulness in seemingly insignificant circumstances?

Interlinear Text

Ζοροβάβελ	δὲ	ἐγέννησεν	τὸν	Ἀβιούδ	Ἀβιούδ	δὲ
Zorobabel	And	begat	G3588	Abiud	Abiud	And
G2216	G1161	G1080		G10	G10	G1161
ἐγέννησεν	τὸν	Ἐλιακεῖμ	Ἐλιακεῖμ	δὲ	ἐγέννησεν	τὸν
begat	G3588	Eliakim	Eliakim	And	begat	G3588
G1080		G1662	G1662	G1161	G1080	
Ἀζώρ						
Azor						
G107						

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