Matthew 1:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

> And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob;

Analysis

This verse completes the genealogy with specific mathematical structure: fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile, and fourteen from the exile to Christ. The number fourteen may relate to David's name in Hebrew numerology (DVD = 4+6+4=14). This structure demonstrates divine design in history, not random chance.

Historical Context

Matthew organizes salvation history into three distinct epochs, each demonstrating God's covenant faithfulness: the patriarchal period, the monarchy, and the post-exilic period leading to Christ.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What does the mathematical structure of the genealogy reveal about God's sovereign ordering of history?

2. How does this structured progression build confidence in the reliability of Scripture?

Interlinear Text

Ἐλιοὺδ	δὲ	ἐγέννησεν	τὸν	Ἐλεάζαρ	Ἐλεάζαρ	δὲ
Eliud	And	begat	G3588	Eleazar	Eleazar	And
G1664	G1161	G1080		G1648	G1648	G1161

ἐγέννησεν	τὸν	Ματθὰν	Ματθὰν	δὲ	ἐγέννησεν	τὸν
begat	G3588	Matthan	Matthan	And	begat	G3588
G1080		G3157	G3157	G1161	G1080	

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Jacob
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