

# Matthew 1:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson;  
and Naasson begat Salmon;

## Analysis

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The repetition of generations underscores the historical continuity of God's redemptive plan. Each name represents a real person through whom God was working out His eternal purposes. The genealogy moves deliberately toward its climax in verse 16, demonstrating that all of Israel's history points to Christ.

## Historical Context

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This covers the period of the patriarchs in Canaan and Egypt, approximately 1900-1500 BC, before the exodus and wilderness wanderings.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

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

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does the methodical progression of generations demonstrate God's patience in fulfilling His promises?

2. In what ways do seemingly ordinary lives contribute to God's extraordinary purposes?

## Interlinear Text

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Ἀράμ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀμιναδάβ Ἀμιναδάβ δὲ  
**Aram** **And** **begat** <sup>G3588</sup> **Aminadab** **Aminadab** **And**  
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ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ναασσών Ναασσών δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν  
**begat** <sup>G3588</sup> **Naasson** **Naasson** **And** **begat** <sup>G3588</sup>  
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Σαλμών  
**Salmon**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 7:12** (Parallel theme): And he that offered his offering the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah:

**Numbers 2:3** (Parallel theme): And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab shall be captain of the children of Judah.

**Numbers 1:7** (Parallel theme): Of Judah; Nahshon the son of Amminadab.