

Matthew 1:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

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

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

Related Passages

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

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

Ἄραμ δὲ ἐγένυνησεν τὸν Ἀμιναδὰβ Ἀμιναδὰβ δὲ
Aram And begat G3588 Aminadab Aminadab And
G689 G1161 G1080 G284 G284 G1161
ἐγένυνησεν τὸν Ναασσὼν Ναασσὼν δὲ ἐγένυνησεν τὸν
begat G3588 Naasson Naasson And begat G3588
G1080 G3476 G3476 G1161 G1080

Σαλμών

Salmon

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Additional Cross-References

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.