

The Gracious King Matthew 1

Matthew 1:1-17 (NIV)

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife... After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, ... and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah. Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

I. Grace to Strengthen Every Servant

Luke 1:46-48 (ESV)

"And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of his servant."

II. Grace to Save Every Stranger

III. Grace to Sustain Every Season

Romans 5:17-21 (NIV)

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's <u>abundant provision of grace</u> and of the gift of righteousness <u>reign in life</u> through the one man, Jesus Christ. ... For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. Where sin increased, <u>grace increased all the more</u>, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also <u>grace might reign through righteousness</u> to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.