



5 Daughters of Zelophehad

Numbers
27 & 36

5 Sisters

Mahlah, Noah,
Hoglah, Milkah
and Tirzah



Laws of
inheritance
only sons
get to
inherit...

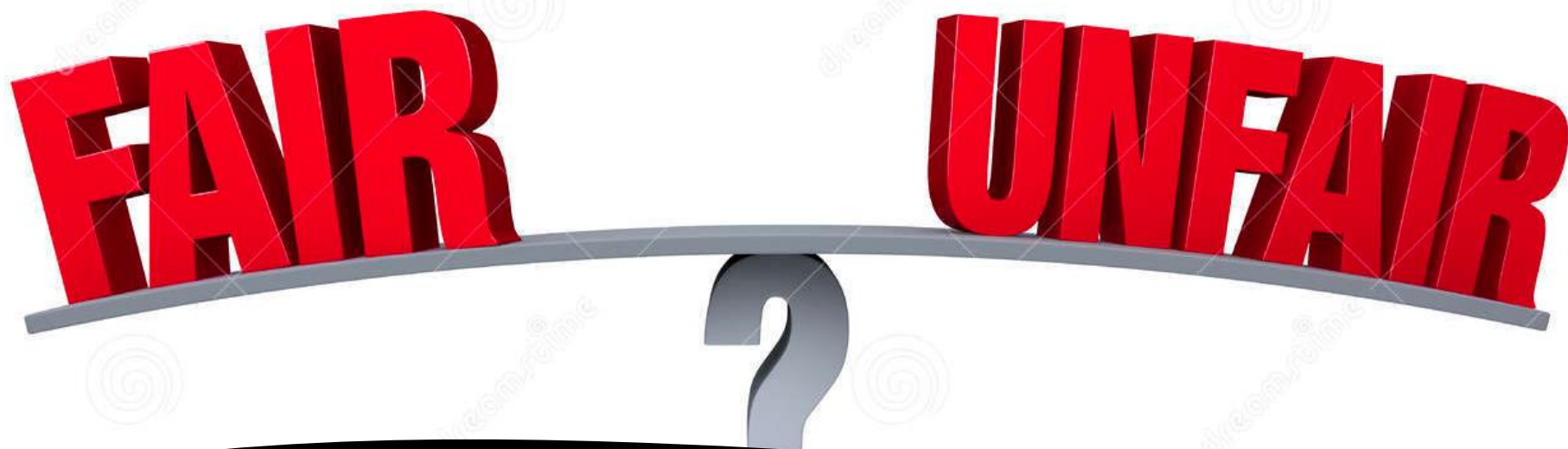




THIS IS NOT FAIR
TO OUR FATHER...

He did not rebel with Korah
so why shouldn't his
descendants be given land
just because he has no
sons?

The land may go to another tribe after the marriage of the girl since her own son who would inherit the land belongs to her husband's tribe. This would cause some tribes to lose their traditional land.



Main Issues

What happens when a man dies
and has no male heirs?

What happens to the land?

What happens to his inheritance
including his lineage?



So Moses brought their case
before the Lord... Num 27:5



God's Ruling

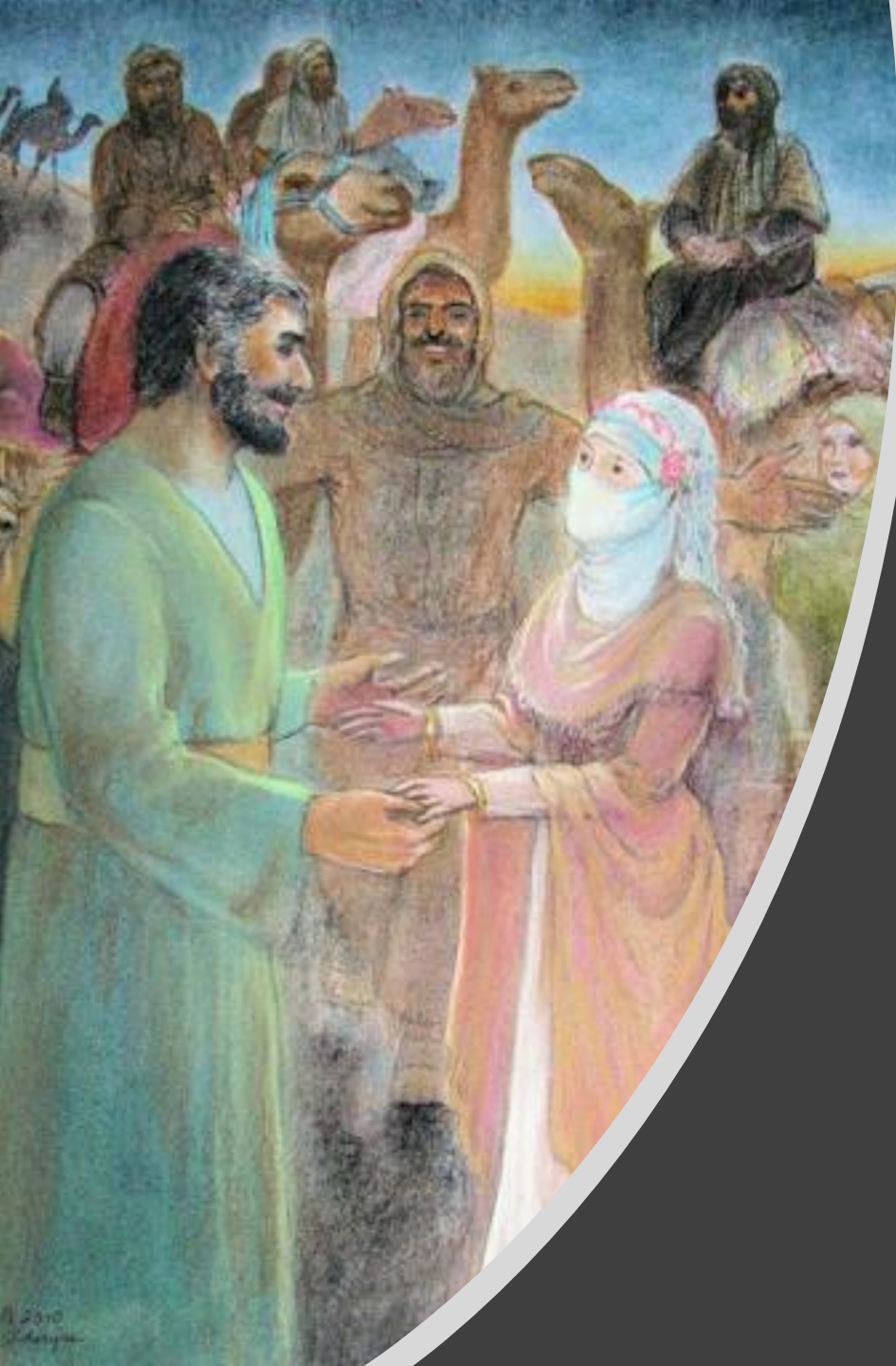
Inheritance can flow through the female line on two conditions:-

- No male offspring in the family (Num 27:8)
- If they should marry, they must marry within their tribe so that the land does not go to another tribe. (Num 36:6)



GOD
SAYS

7 No inheritance in Israel is to pass from one tribe to another, for every Israelite shall keep the tribal inheritance of their ancestors. 8 Every daughter who inherits land in any Israelite tribe must marry someone in her father's tribal clan, so that every Israelite will possess the inheritance of their ancestors. (*Numbers 36*)



10 So Zelophehad's daughters did as the Lord commanded Moses.

11 Zelophehad's daughters—Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milkah and Noah—married their cousins on their father's side.

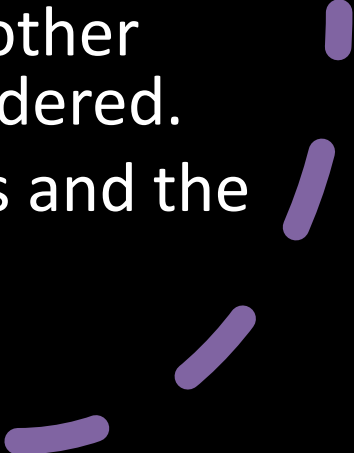
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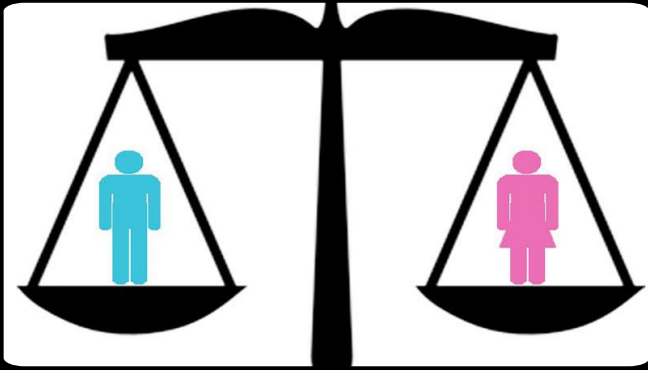


5 godly women worthy of mention in the Bible.

- In a society that favours men
- Women expected to stay close to their tents and out of sight
- Too vocal?
- Expected to just accept the laws and keep silent.

Daughters of Zelophehad

- They knew their law.
 - They knew their history and presented their argument – their father was not part of Korah's rebellion.
 - They knew that the continuity of their father's name was dependent on the inheritance of land.
 - The current law was not adequate – there were other circumstances not considered.
 - They appealed to Moses and the Lord.
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BUT

There is
an...

ORDER

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew
nor Gentile, neither
slave nor free, nor is
there male and female,
for you are all one in
Christ Jesus.

Talmud
(Bava
Batra
119B)

Calls the daughters of
Zelophehad

- Wise
- Astute interpreters
- Pious – a faith proclamation for a land not theirs yet.

They dared to trust that God will be fair, to dare make a stand for what they believe is right.



Proverbs 31:30-31

³⁰Charm is deceptive,
and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord
is to be praised.

**A GODLY WOMAN - one who
fears GOD and dares to obey.**



Proverbs 31:25



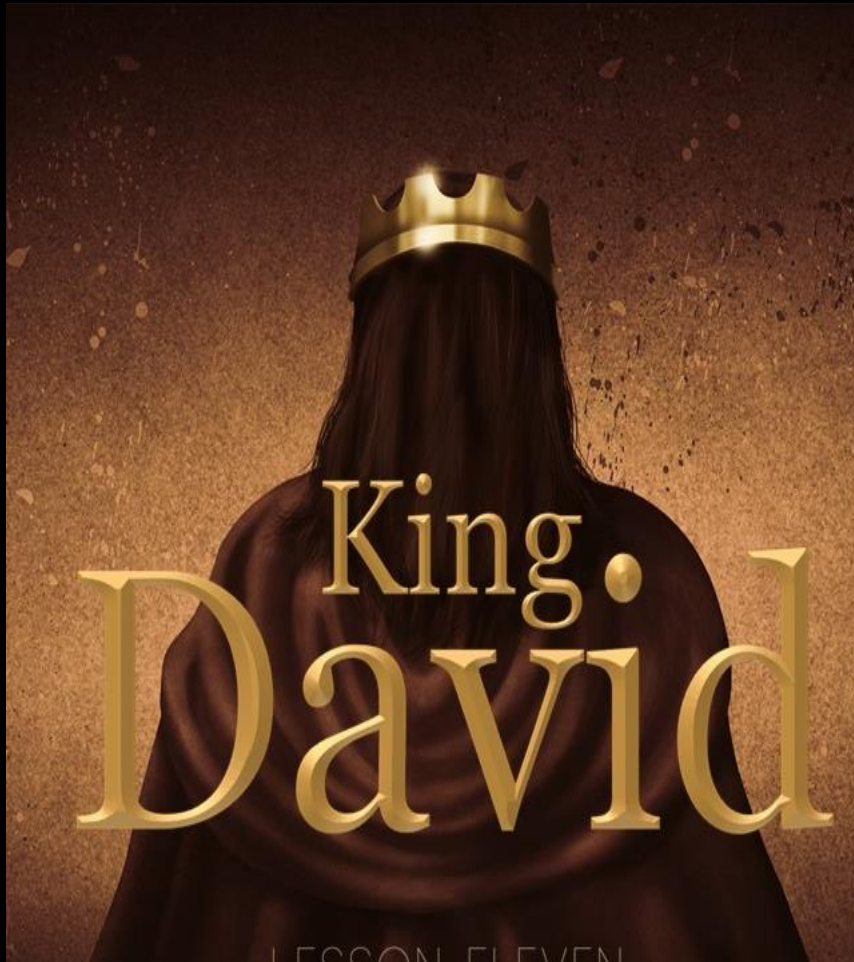
She
IS CLOTHED IN
strength
AND
dignity,
AND SHE
laughs
WITHOUT FEAR
OF THE FUTURE.

PROVERBS 31:25



The appeal of
Zelophehad's
daughters would
change the course of
history!

It was a preparation
for the coming of the
Messiah!



According to prophecies and God's promises, the Messiah has to be descended from the royal line of David.



— One
problem

The curse
of
Jeconiah

Blood Curse of Jeconiah (Jechonias, Jehoiachin, Coniah)

One
problem:
Jeremiah
22:30

This is what the Lord says:
“Record this man as if
childless, a man who will
not prosper in his lifetime,
for none of his offspring
will prosper, none will sit
on the throne of David or
rule anymore in Judah.”

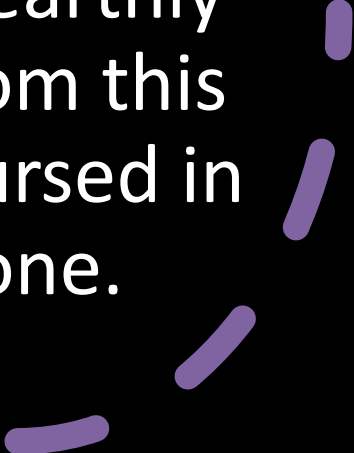
The problem

The Messiah has to have the legal right to rule but the legal line of Kingship has to pass through Jeconiah and...

there is a **CURSE** on his **BLOODLINE**.

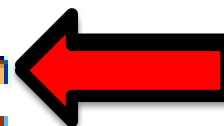
meaning

If the Messiah has an earthly father, he has to be from this line which has been cursed in order to claim the throne.



Matthew 1

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. David & Wife of Uriah | 15. Jeconiah |
| 2. Solomon | 16. Shealtiel |
| 3. Rehoboam | 17. Zerubbabel |
| 4. Abijam | 18. Abiud |
| 5. Asa | 19. Eliakim |
| 6. Jehosaphat | 20. Azor |
| 7. Jehoram | 21. Zadok |
| 8. Uzziah | 22. Achim |
| 9. Jotham | 23. Eliud |
| 10. Ahaz | 24. Eleazar |
| 11. Hezekiah | 25. Matthan |
| 12. Manasseh | 26. Jacob |
| 13. Amon | 27. Joseph & Mary |
| 14. Josiah | 28. Jesus of Nazareth |



... v16 and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

Joseph was
the legal
heir to the
throne
but he
descended
from
Jeconiah

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VIRGIN BIRTH



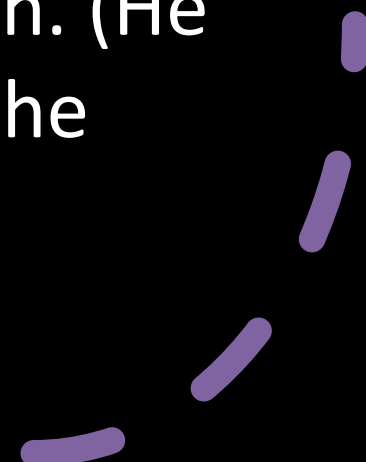
GOD'S AMAZING SOLUTION



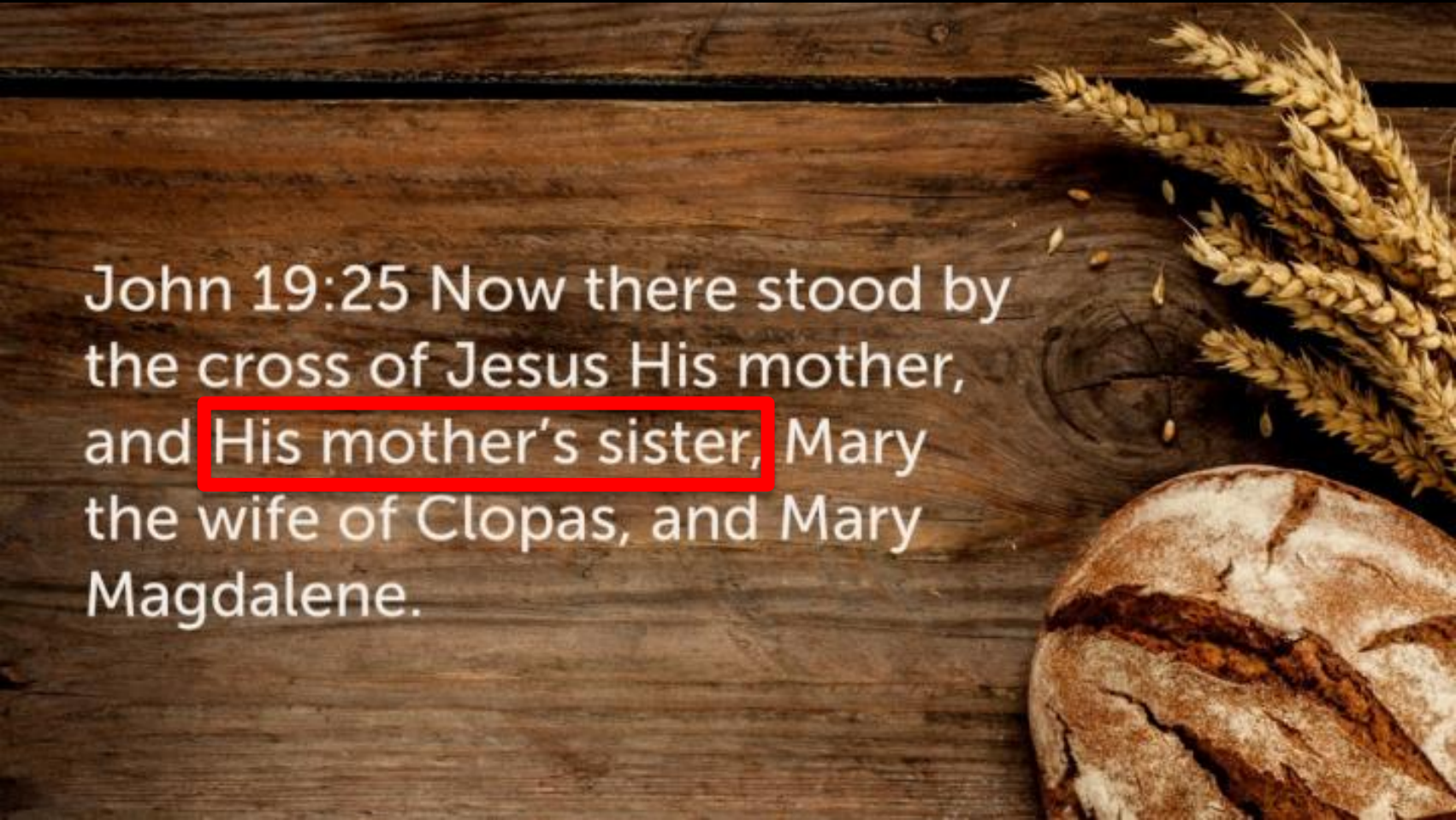
God's
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The Virgin Birth

Jesus does not inherit the Curse of Jeconiah because He is not from the bloodline. He has legal rights to the throne because of his adopted lineage through Joseph. (He also does not inherit the Curse of Adam (SIN)).



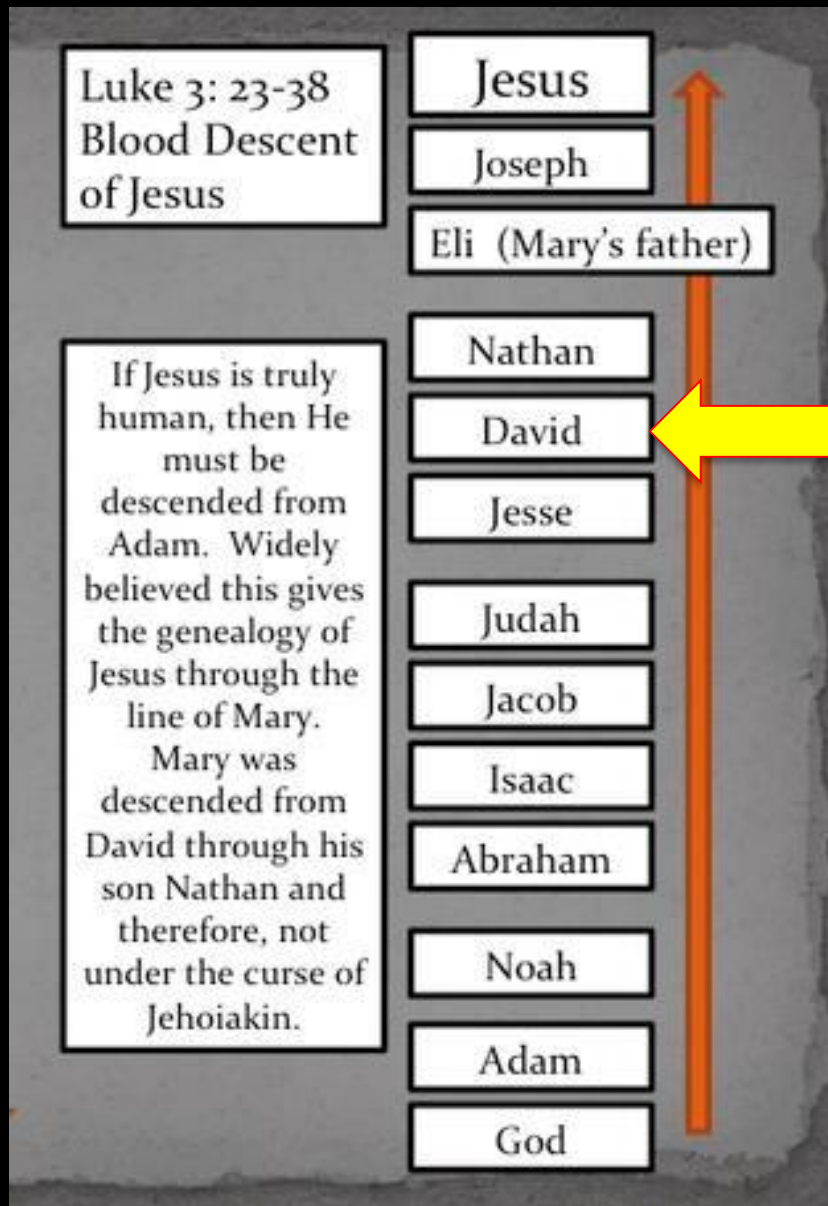
Scripture and traditional sources tells us that Mary had no brothers but only another sister.

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John 19:25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.



Because of Zelophehad's Daughters, daughters can inherit the father's inheritance so Mary can inherit her father's inheritance including his lineage. Her husband is considered as the son of her father.

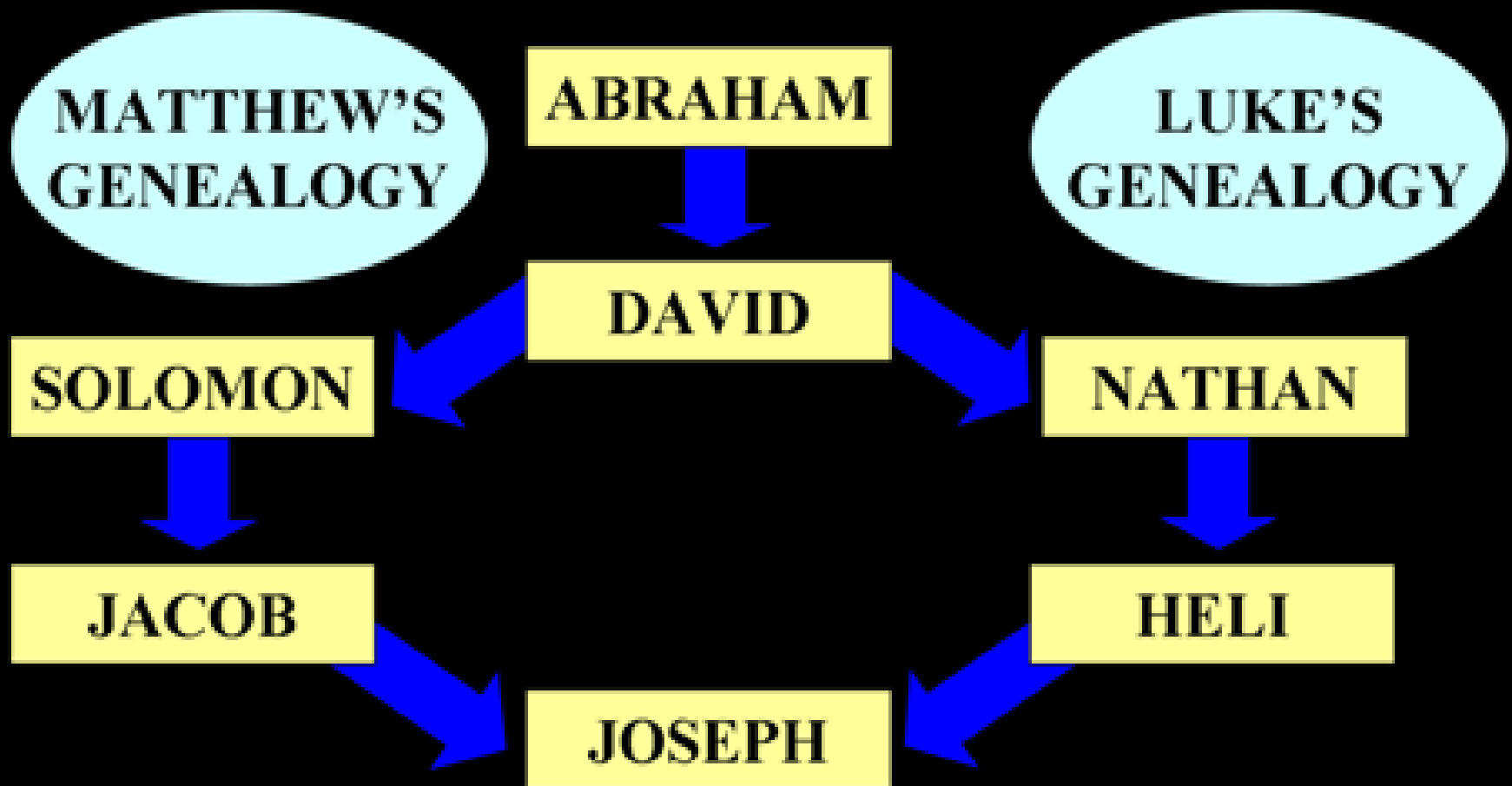


Through this changed inheritance law brought about by Zelophehad's daughters, Joseph was considered as a son to Eli (Heli).

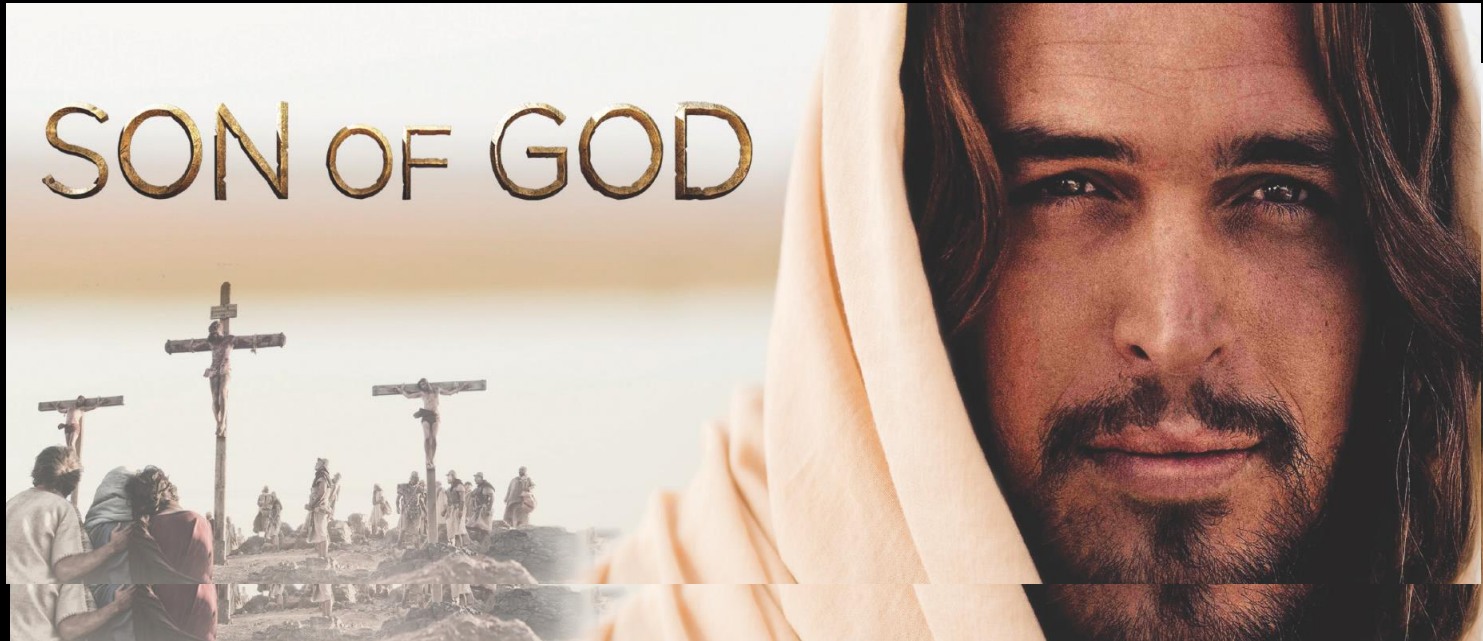
This bloodline of Jesus through Mary made Him the **Son of David** and all the way to Adam to also be the **Son of Man..**

The Legal
Right to the
throne

Still the Son of David
but not inheriting
the curse of Jeconiah



No earthly biological father –
God was His Father



**The King who is the Son of David,
the Son of Man and the Son of God
– the Messiah !**

Every
situation in
life has a
purpose in the
hands of God.





Zelophehad may not understand but God had a plan for Zelophehad to have only daughters. They paved the way for the Messiah. Through them, his name is still remembered.

When you
don't
understand
just TRUST
in the one
who
KNOWS the
future and
the past!

**I DON'T KNOW
WHAT THE
FUTURE HOLDS
BUT I KNOW
WHO HOLDS
THE FUTURE**

Oprah

A scenic view of a large waterfall, likely Victoria Falls, with a rainbow visible in the mist. The image is used as a background for the text.

Chorus

Many things about tomorrow,
I don't seem to understand;
But I know who holds
tomorrow,
And I know who holds my
hand.

Learn to trust
in the Lord in
every
situation. He
is the God of
the Ages

Even through
bad times





Even if I don't understand my situation...

- Just trust and obey!
- God will make a way in every situation to turn it for good!