

²² And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

²³ Now Jesus Himself began *His ministry* at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) *the son of Joseph, the son of Heli,*

²⁴ *the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Janna, the son of Joseph,*

²⁵ *the son of Mattathiah, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai,*

²⁶ *the son of Maath, the son of Mattathiah, the son of Semei, the son of Joseph, the son of Judah,*

²⁷ *the son of Joannas, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,*

²⁸ *the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam, the son of Er,*

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the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nathan,

³³ *the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,*

³⁴ *the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,*

³⁵ *the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah,*

³⁶ *the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,*

³⁷ *the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan,*

³⁸ *the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.*

Genealogy of Yeshua

- Many people reject the gospels because of the apparent discrepancy between Matthew and Luke's genealogies of Yeshua.



Genealogy of Yeshua

- Matthew's genealogy traces Yeshua back to Abraham.
- Luke's genealogy traces Yeshua back to God.



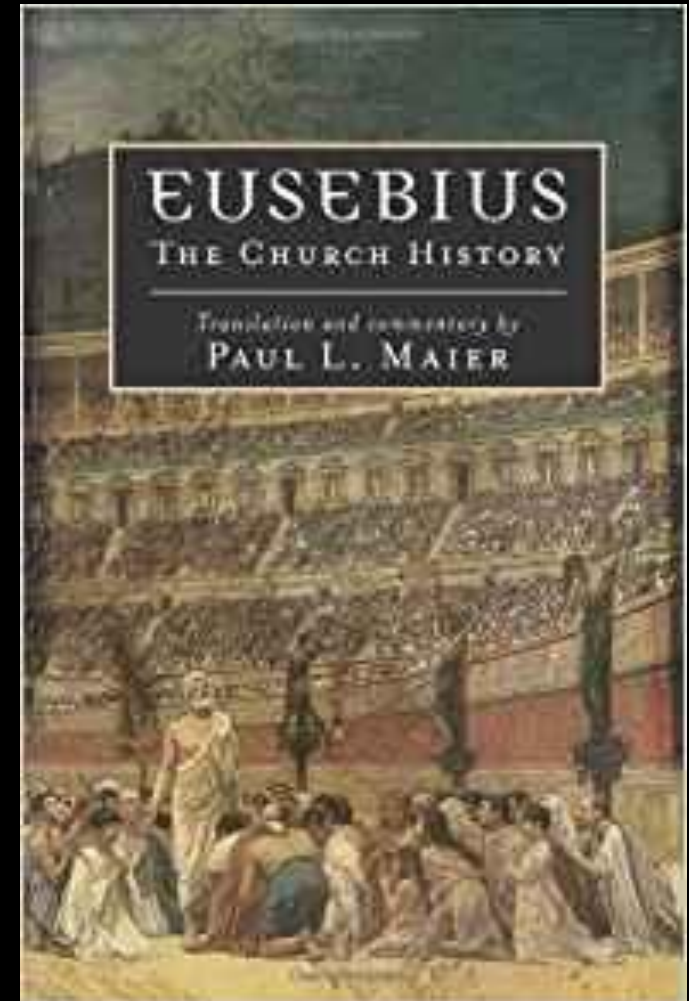
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- Some Bible teachers have suggested that one was for Joseph's line, and the other was from Mary's line.



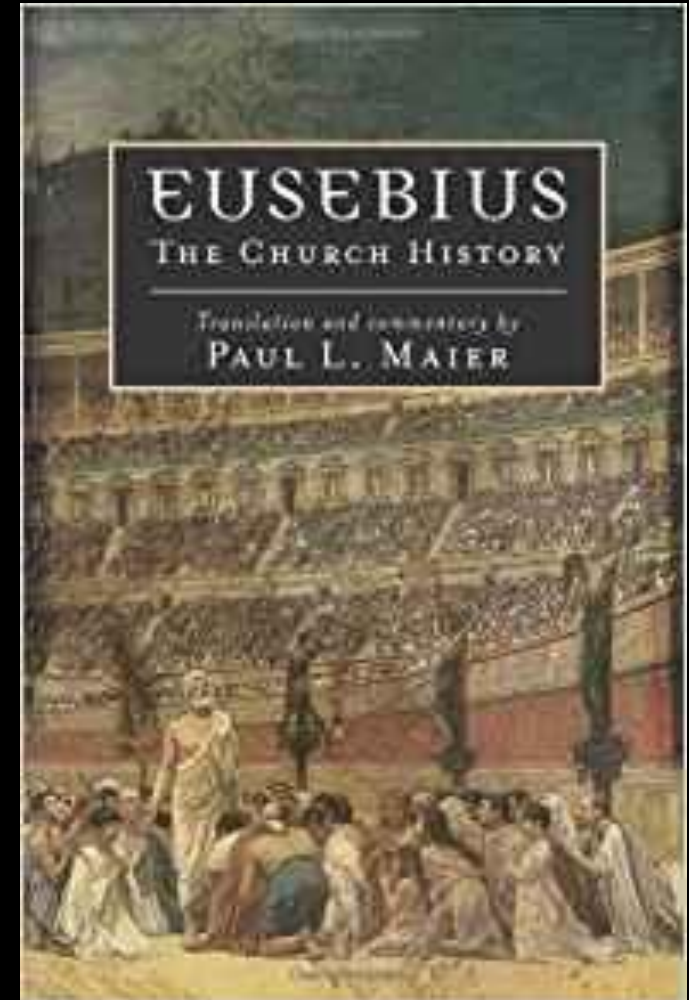
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- However, Eusebius of Caesarea, who wrote an account of church history from the time of Yeshua through Constantine, gives us a different reason in *Eusebius The Church History*, Book I, Chapter VII.



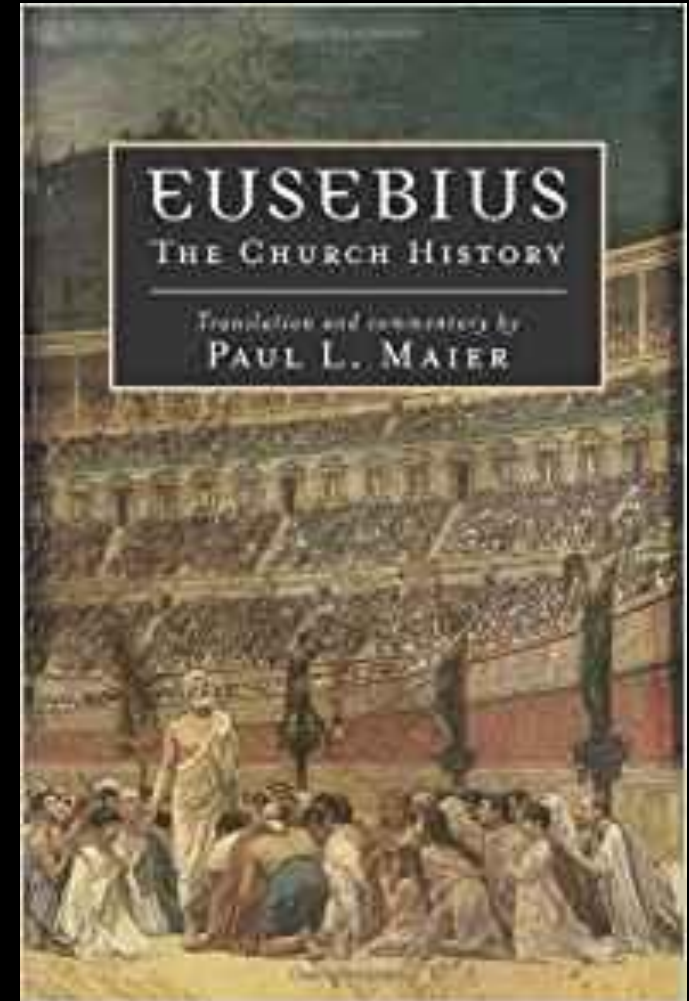
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- Eusebius, 260/265 – 339/340 CE, shares what had come down to him by Africanus in his epistle to Aristides.



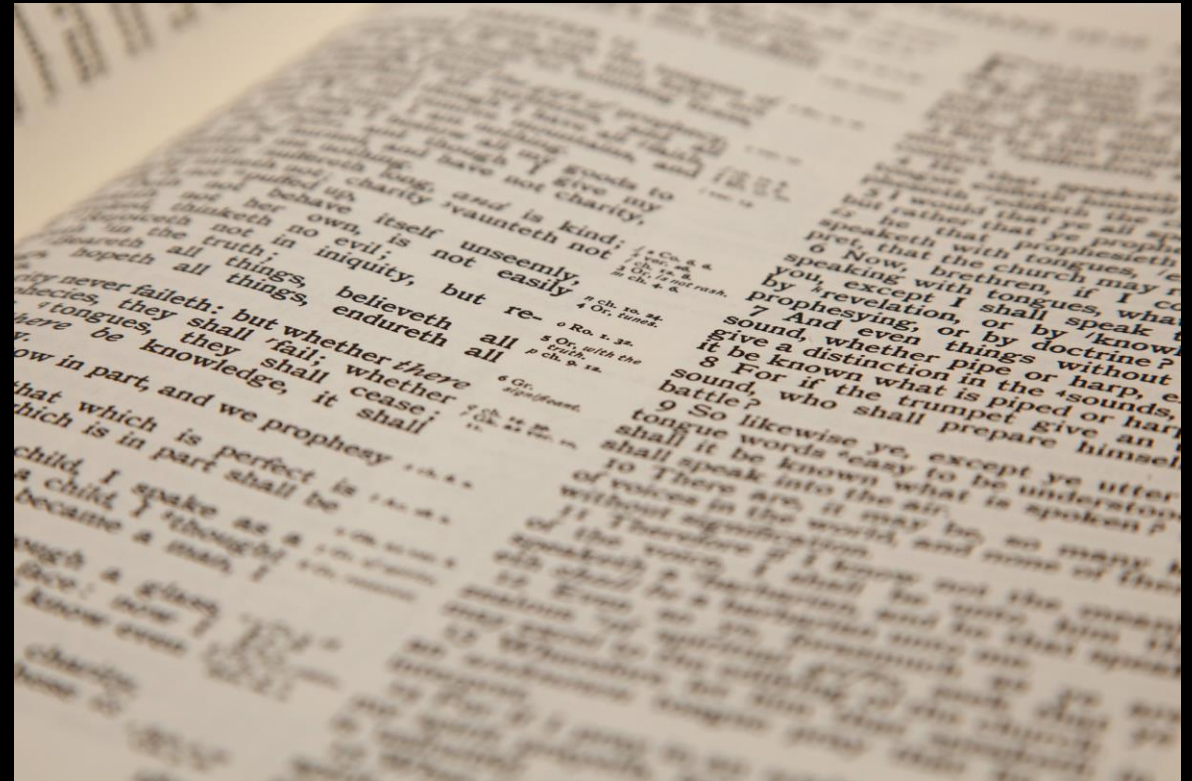
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- The key to the discrepancy is based on levirate marriage -- when a man dies childless, his brother raises up a son for his dead brother.



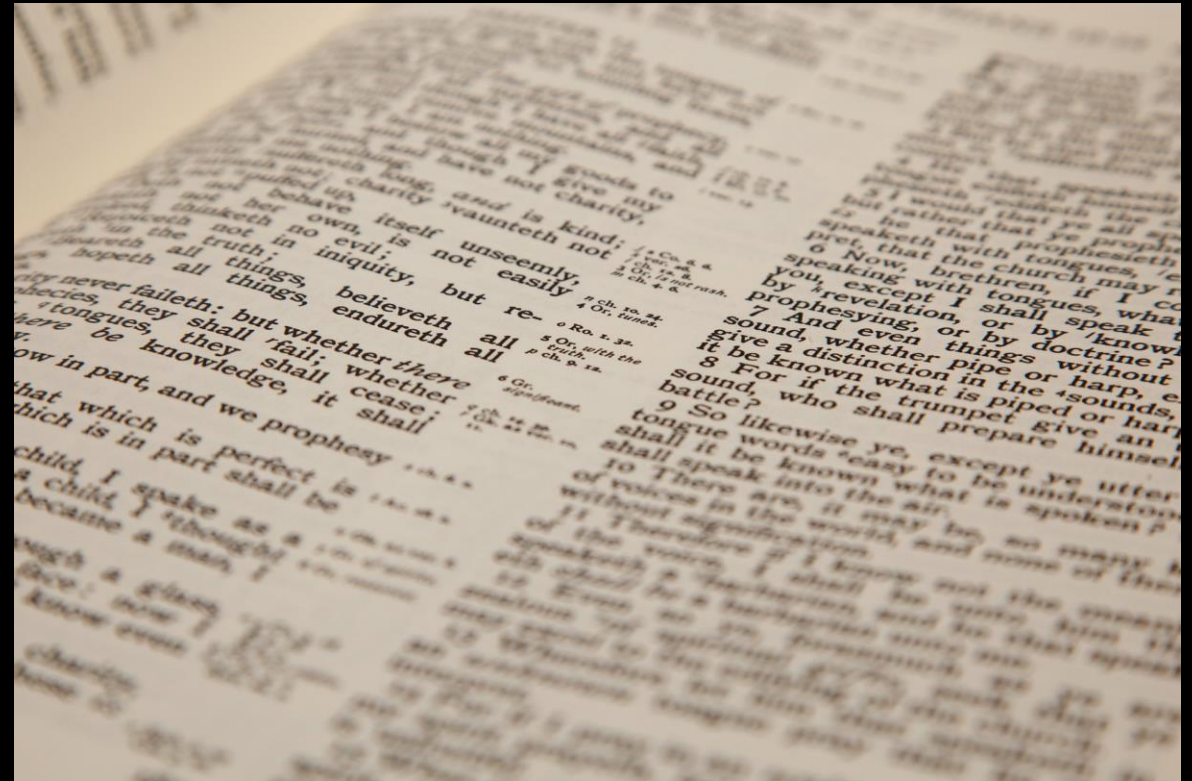
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- Both genealogies show that Yeshua can be traced back to King David, which is who the Messiah is to be descended from.



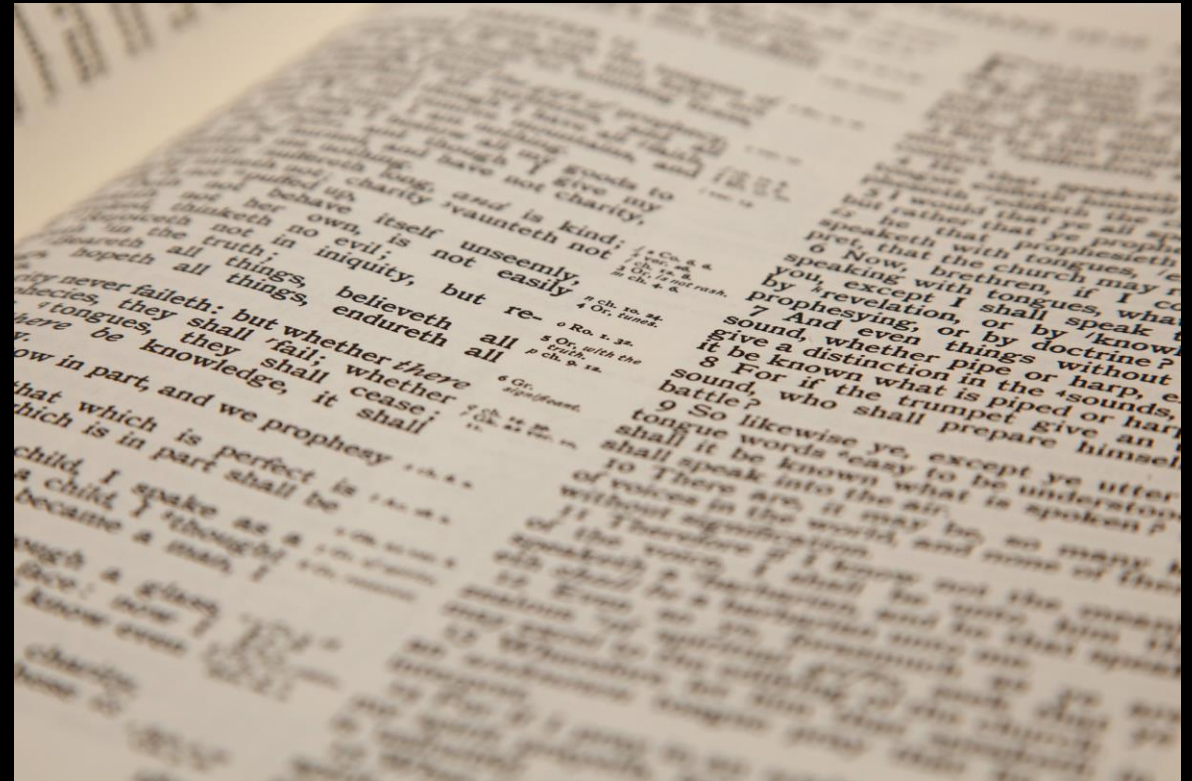
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- Matthew's genealogy (Matthew 1:1-17) goes back to David through Solomon.
- Luke's genealogy (Luke 3:23-38) goes back to David through Solomon's brother Nathan.



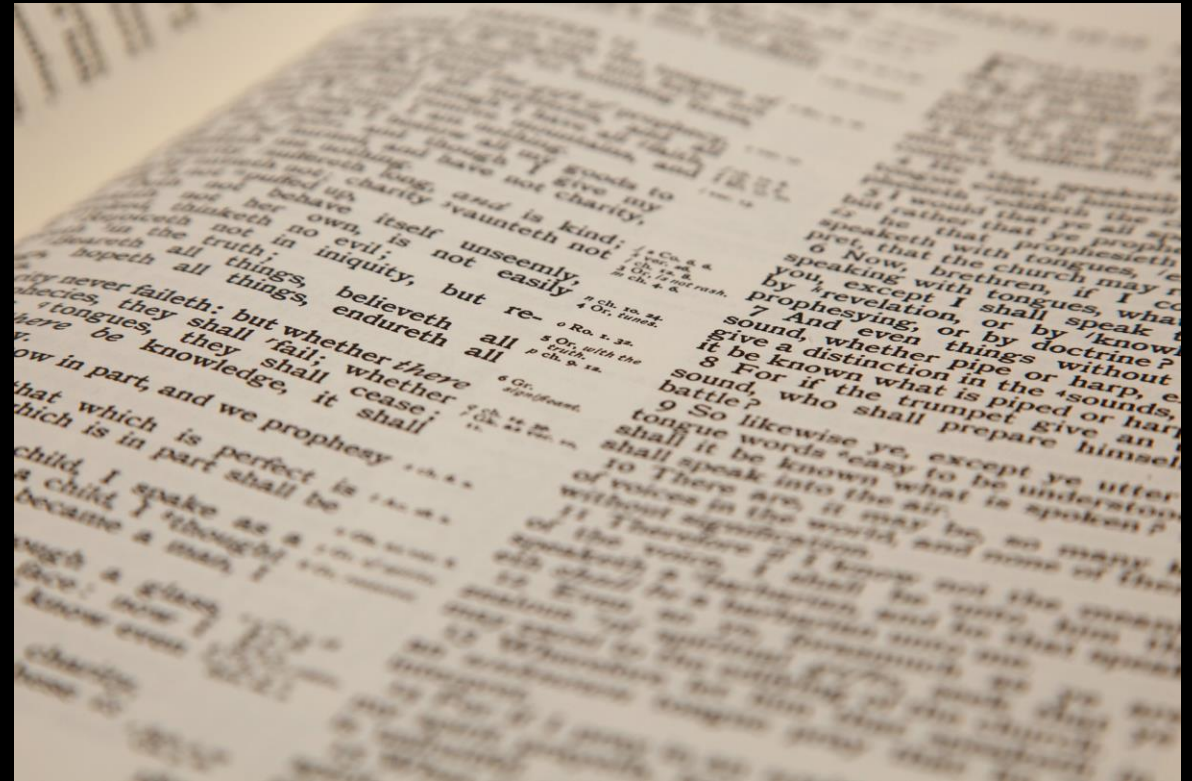
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- Both of these genealogies are considered valid and correct by Eusebius, and they both show the Davidic line.
- Matthew's goes back to Solomon, and Luke's goes back to Nathan, Solomon's brother.



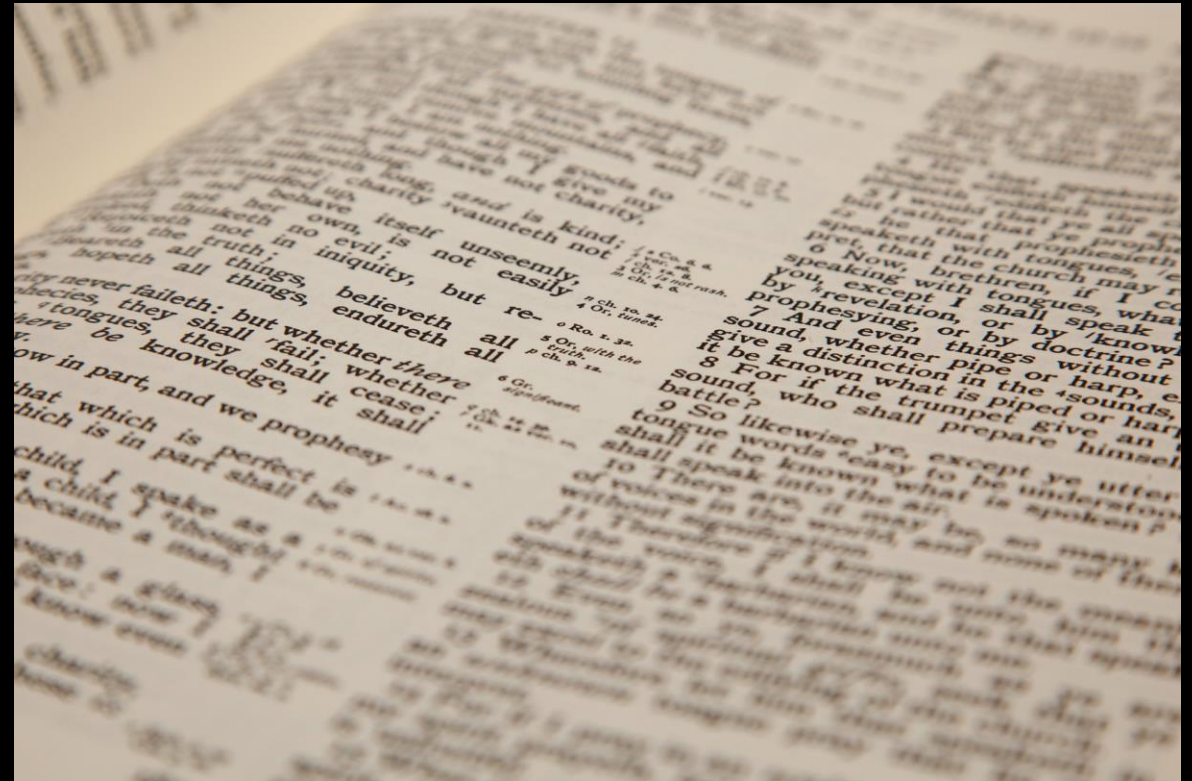
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- One is based on nature (biological), and the other one is based on law (levirate marriage).



Genealogy of Yeshua

- Eusebius tells us that a woman named Estha married both Matthan (Matthew's genealogy) and Melchi (Luke's genealogy), for the law did not prohibit a widow from remarriage.



Genealogy of Yeshua

Matthan -- Estha	Melchi -- Estha
Jacob	Eli (Heli; died childless)
Joseph (Fathered by Jacob for Eli)	
Yeshua	

Jacob and Eli were stepbrothers.

Genealogy of Yeshua

- Eusebius tells us:
- “Hence the genealogy traced through him will not be rendered void, which the evangelist Matthew in his enumeration gives thus: ‘Jacob begat Joseph.’ But Luke, on the other hand, says: ‘Who was the son, as was supposed’ (for this he also adds), ‘of Joseph, the son of Eli, the son of Melchi’; for he could not more clearly express the generation according to law.”

Genealogy of Yeshua

- This sound very logical; however, there's a problem for us here.
- Our present day translations of Luke have 2 additional names inserted into Luke's genealogy between Melchi and Eli.

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- Did Eusebius have a different manuscript from the oldest ones we have?

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- Another difficulty is that Luke's genealogy has 27 names from David's generation moving forward, while Luke's version from David's generation moving forward has 41 names.
- Did Matthew leave out some generations to make two time-frames with 14 generations each?
- From what I understand, this was acceptable practice.

Genealogy of Yeshua

- I'm afraid that we will not have the answers to these questions.
- The best explanation we have for the differences in the two genealogies is Eusebius'.
- We can take it or leave it.

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