

DID JESUS DESCEND FROM RUTH, ADAM, OR NOAH?

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It is common to hear that Jesus descended from Ruth, who in turn descended from Noah and Adam. Blasphemy is a serious charge! What we read in Luke's genealogy is, "*And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was (the son) of Heli*", The genealogy goes back to Adam and nowhere says explicitly that Jesus genetically descended from Noah or Adam. The words, "as supposed" = *nommizo* = "by custom" in this verse, have to do with the legal father, not any natural father of Jesus. In Luke's genealogy, the expression "the son of" in the Greek is found only in this reference, "being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph". In all the rest of the genealogy translators have added the words "the son". Without having any Greek knowledge, we can immediately discern that the birth of Jesus is being treated differently from the rest of the genealogy.

Matthew's genealogy does not take us back to Noah or Adam either, the genealogy starting with, "*The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham*", so no such claim about Jesus descending from Adam can be made from this passage alone.

Caution must be exercised here. In these precise genealogies, there are "legal" and "regal" matters involved. In this paper, the subject is solely one of "race". It is common to see "law" and "race confused, but at no time does the woman control the race. In God's Law, a woman may inherit her father's estate, and Mary provided Jesus with the legal inheritance to the Throne, but not the Crown. As the legal father, Joseph provided the legal right to the Crown.

We do not ascribe race to God the Father and thus do not to the Son of God either, and as far as racial descent is concerned; Jesus was, "*having neither beginning of days, nor end of life*"-[Heb 7:3] -as being a priest after the order of Melchisedec. So Jesus did not descend from any created human male (or female).

A "father" is one who reproduces himself, and Jesus is wholly-begotten God. This Middle-Voice verb tells He performed the action upon Himself. John 1:12 tells us Israel was not out of bloods (which is ordinary human descent), nor out of the will of the flesh (which was Sarah's desire for Abraham to have a child by Hagar), but are begotten of God. Thus the origin of Israel is from God Himself, as "Israel is My firstborn".

Where we read, "*When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost*", and, "*Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost*", it is clear that Joseph was NOT the genetic father of Jesus. Also, if no human sperm was involved, why then should an egg from Mary's ovaries be involved? The way this involvement is used is to back up the idea of Jesus' descent from Noah, presumably through Mary. It is common to presume that Jesus obtained his humanity from Mary, but this is supposition. If the Father did not need human sperm, why should He need a female egg?

So we will look at how Jesus came into the "generation" (= *genesis*) of Abraham shortly. "Generation" is usually translated from *genea*, but here it is from *genesis*. Yet many still makes the claim that Jesus descended from Noah, in support of their wrong declaration that everyone except Noah and his family were destroyed by Noah's flood. Hence we will be looking further into this.

As an example of what churches do, the "Answers in Genesis" organisation drops in the idea that the racial blueprint is in the female mitochondrial DNA, and that, "*one woman provided the mitochondrial DNA which gave rise to the sequences in all people alive today*". In a subtle indirect way this lines up with the New Age Earth Mother, 'Mother Mary', Lilith, and Gayia, etc.. Thus their idea seductively becomes that, "Jesus descended from Noah" through women. This is approaching the Roman Catholic teaching that Jesus came through Mary, who, "as the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin". (This quote is from Roman Catholic teaching about their doctrine of the Immaculate Conception).

Likewise Jewish teaching is that a Jew is a person who has a Jewish mother, but here we must remember how Jesus taught about those "who say they are Jews but are not" (Romans 2:9 +3:9). In this case, "Jewish" cannot mean either Hebrew or Israelite. The Jewish idea indicates that a woman is the source of all races, an idea also promoted by these false Jews who control the media. But both Testaments of the Bible show that genealogies are reckoned through the male side, i.e. a male begets a male down the line. Thus the popular saying, "Jesus was born to a Jew making Him also a Jew", is totally unscriptural and therefore is false. Let us consider why.

Through the Bible men “beget” children at conception, which children are later “born” of women. Women cannot “beget” children in the biblical sense, although their DNA can affect many other things than inheritance and race. The genealogies show us that the inheritance (racial) genes of God’s people come from the male side only, although the females must also be of suitable stock for their offspring to be genetically acceptable to God.

For any to claim Jesus descended from Noah is absolute wickedness for another very good reason. Jesus had no human father, Joseph being his legal father only. **If Jesus descended from Adam or Noah, He would have had man’s sinful blood and could not be the spotless Lamb of God, and thus could not be the Redeemer of His kinsmen (or any other people).**

Some explanation is necessary here as to how Jesus came into the “generation” of Abraham and to be associated as a Kinsman to Abraham’s seed. Where we read, “Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto [*“homoioo”*] his brethren”. Jesus was “begotten” the same as Israelites are, that is they are begotten “of God”. Thus He is able to be the Kinsman Redeemer of Israel.

Jesus says, “*I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father*”. He came forth as “*the only begotten of the Father*” and, “*All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made*”.

Most churches claim all people come from one original man, but Scripture does not say all other races come one “womb”. Isaiah 51:1 tells us about the narrowing down to one particular womb of God’s chosen people. Of this womb we read:

Isaiah 51:1-2, *Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him **alone**, and blessed him, and increased him.*

Churches will not accept this.

People use Hebrews 7:14, “*For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood*”, to say Jesus was born a Jew. What this is about is the determination of either the Israelite tribe amongst whom Jesus appeared, or in the land of Judea. “Sprang out” does not refer to descent. Jesus was “born” of a woman of the tribe of Judah but “begotten” [from the past] of the Father.

In denying the sinlessness of Jesus in His incarnation, all who do need to be able to answer this question, “If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?”-(Matt. 22:45).