

# **THE JEWISH FOUNDATION OF THE LIFE OF MESSIAH**

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# The Jewish Foundation of the Life of Messiah

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Luke 1:1-4 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.

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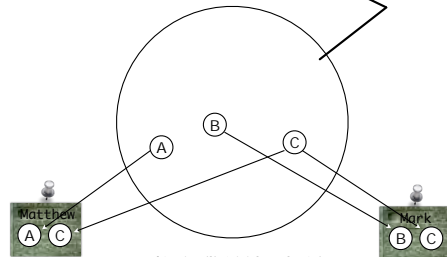
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John 21:25 "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written."

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## Everything that Jesus ever said or did



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## 1. The Sources of Knowledge

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- ◀ Matthew: Yeshua the Messiah, King of the Jews. WRITTEN FOR THE JEWS.
- ◀ Mark: Yeshua the Messiah, Servant of Jehovah. WRITTEN FOR THE ROMANS.
- ◀ Luke: Yeshua the Messiah, Son of Man. WRITTEN FOR THE GREEKS.
- ◀ John: Yeshua the Messiah, Son of God. WRITTEN FOR THE CHURCH AT LARGE.

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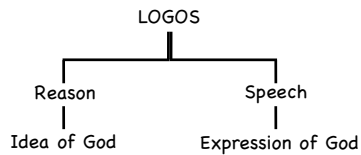
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### Important Dates in Israel's History

- ◀ 1300 B.C. - Moses leads the Hebrews out of Egypt.
- ◀ 1200 B.C. - Philistines arrive by ship.
- ◀ 990 B.C. - Jerusalem is captured by King David.
- ◀ 950 B.C. - Solomon builds the first Temple.
- ◀ 928 B.C. - Israel splits into two nations.
- ◀ 597 B.C. - Babylonians invade and take captives.
- ◀ 586 B.C. - Babylonians invade and destroy Temple.
- ◀ 539 B.C. - Babylonians are defeated by the Persians.
- ◀ 538 B.C. - Cyrus allows return of Jews to Israel.
- ◀ 515 B.C. - Second Temple is built.
- ◀ 332 B.C. - Alexander the Great conquers.

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### Important Dates in Israel's History Cont'd.

- ◁ 170-164 B.C. - Maccabees revolt.
- ◁ 63 B.C. - Romans under Pompey conquer Jerusalem.
- ◁ 37 B.C. - Herod the Great installed by Rome.
- ◁ 6-7 B.C. - Jesus is born.
- ◁ 30 A.D. - Jesus is crucified.
- ◁ 66-70 A.D. - Jews revolt and Rome conquers.
- ◁ 73 A.D. - Masada falls.




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Davar = Memra = LOGOS = WORD

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## The Pre-existence of the Messiah

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Six things the Rabbis taught about the Memra

The Memra is:

1. DISTINCT from God, but the SAME as God.
2. The AGENT of CREATION.
3. The AGENT of SALVATION.
4. The MEANS by which God takes on PHYSICAL FORM.

The visible manifestation of the invisible God in the form of light, fire, cloud, or a combination thereof

- Theophany (in Christian theology)
- Shechinah-Glory (Rabbinic term)
- Skeinei (Greek word for "to tabernacle")

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Six things the Rabbis taught about the Memra

The Memra is:

5. The MEANS by which God signs His COVENANTS.

God's Covenants:

- ◁ Edenic.
- ◁ Adamic.
- ◁ Noahic.
- ◁ Abrahamic.
- ◁ Mosaic Law.
- ◁ Land.
- ◁ Davidic.
- ◁ New Covenant.

6. The AGENT of REVELATION.

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# HOMEWORK #1: PARAGRAPHS #2 - #3

## THE SOURCES OF KNOWLEDGE

### #2 THE PRE-EXISTENCE OF THE MESSIAH - JOHN'S PROLOGUE

♦ Read John 1:1-18 shown below. After you have read it, answer the questions.

1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1:2 He was in the beginning with God.

1:3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

1:5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

1:6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.

1:7 He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him.

1:8 He was not the Light, but {he came} to testify about the Light.

1:9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

1:11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, {even} to those who believe in His name,

1:13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

1:15 John testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'"

1:16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

1:17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.



1:18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained {Him.}

1. Who is this passage talking about? Who is the Word? Who is the Light? Circle each use of “Word,” and “Light.”
  
2. What does John 1:1-2 tell us about Jesus?
  
3. What do John 1:3 and 1:10 tell us about Jesus’ role in the creation of the world?
  
4. What does John 1:12 refer to? In other words, what is this verse describing?
  
5. What does John 1:14 mean? How did the Word become flesh?
  
6. In John 1:17, the Law given through Moses is mentioned. We call this Law the Mosaic \_\_\_\_\_. What is the “grace and truth realized through Jesus Christ” referring to?
  
7. In John 1:18, what do you think the word “explained” means?

# THE INTRODUCTION OF THE KING

## #3 THE GENEALOGY OF THE KING

♦ Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 3:23-38.

1. What is the purpose of Matthew's Gospel? Who was the audience?
  
2. Look at Matthew 1:17. Then, in the chart below, write the MALE names recorded in this genealogy. We will discuss the female names in class.

Abraham to David	David to Babylonian Deportation	Deportation to the Messiah
1 Abraham	1 David	1 Jeconiah and brothers
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5 Perez and Terah	5	5
6	6	6
7	7	7
8	8	8
9	9	9
10	10	10
11	11	11
12	12	12
13 Jesse	13	13
14 David	14 Josiah	14 Jesus

3. In Matthew's genealogy, whose name appears first? Why did Matthew begin with this name? Consider the purpose and audience of Matthew's Gospel and Matthew 1:1.
  
4. Now, read Luke's genealogy. What was the purpose and audience of Luke's Gospel?
  
5. In Luke's genealogy, whose name appears first? Whose appears last?
  
6. How does Luke's genealogy support the purpose of his Gospel account? Refer to Luke 3:38.  
  
*♦ Luke 1:27 supports the fact that Mary AND Joseph were of the line of David. So why are two genealogies listed in the Bible? The following are SOME pieces of the puzzle. The rest of the pieces will come in class.*
7. Read Matthew 1:23-25 and Luke 1:27-35. How did Mary conceive?
  
8. Look at the following verses and write the name of David's son.
  - ♦ Luke 3:31 -
  - ♦ Matthew 1:6 -



# THE JEWISH FOUNDATION OF THE LIFE OF MESSIAH

## Worksheet #1 / The Gospels are Different in These Ways

Fill in the table:

THE GOSPELS	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
<b>AUTHOR</b>				
<b>THEME</b>				
<b>AUDIENCE</b>				
<b>EMPHASIS</b>				

**Which  
Gospel is in  
consecutive  
order?**

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**Luke shows concern for these three things:**

1.

2.

3.

**John has three sets of seven:**

1.

2.

3.

**John develops two sub-themes:**

1.

2.