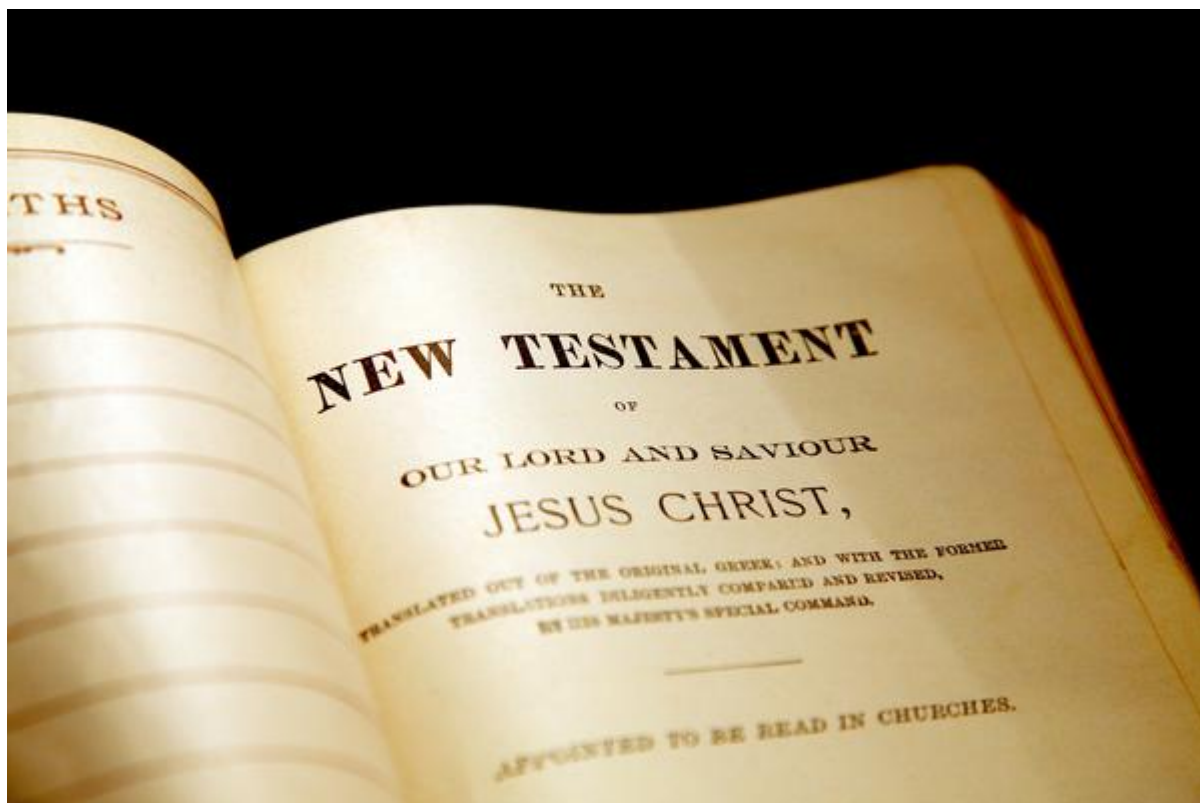


The genealogies leading to the Messiah, Jesus Christ, are vitally important as supportive proofs of his being qualified as God's Messiah (**Matthew 1:1-16; Luke 3:23-38**). So we definitely do need them, and should pay attention to them.



What does the Bible tell us about genealogies?

Other  
Biblical  
genealogies  
are  
important  
for  
Biblical  
historical  
purposes,  
and we  
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are not of  
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importance  
for  
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Beyond  
what is  
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above,  
Christians  
are  
warned:

**“Stop teaching false doctrine and occupying themselves with myths and endless genealogies. These myths and genealogies raise a lot of questions rather than**

**focusing on God’s plan, which centers in faith” (1 Timothy 1:3-4 GWT).**

**“Avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless” (Titus 3:9 NIV).**

Apparently some first century Christians were indulging in unscriptural **“controversial speculations” (NIV)** that included **“endless genealogies” (NIV)**, and **“arguments and quarrels”**. So Christians today can take this as a warning against doing the similar things. This doesn’t mean that we shouldn’t study, discuss, and examine, different interpretations of the scriptures. The warning is actually against **“genealogies”**, petty quarrels and **“speculations,”** that **“go beyond what is written in Scripture” (1 Corinthians 4:6 GWT)**. We should engage in fruitful, productive, discussions of the Bible that lead to wisdom **(Acts 17:11; Proverbs 17:17)**.

**“Leaving the elementary teachings about the Christ, let us press on to maturity” (Hebrews 6:1 LSB)**, because **“solid food is for the mature (Hebrews 5:12 LSB)**, does not mean delving deeply into all kinds of genealogies. It is not necessary, therefore, for Christians to research and discover their own genealogies, as some, such as the Mormons, assert and promote.

Please see the other two articles on this site about genealogies.