

THE BOUNDLESS DIMENSIONS
OF GOD'S LOVE



**KNOW
LOVE LIKE
+ HIS**



EVERY NATION
CHURCH · MALAYSIA



**COVENANTAL
LOVE**



Ephesians 3 : 17-19

¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith
—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

LENGTH

How far that love reaches across time, eras, and cultures



Matthew 1

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, 4 and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5 and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, 7 and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, 8 and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, 9 and

Uzziah the father of Jotham, Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, 14 and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, 15 and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

12 And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, 13 and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Malachi

“I have loved you,”
says the Lord.
But you say,
“How have you
loved us?”

Malachi 1 : 2

Behold, I send my messenger
(John the Baptist),
and he will prepare the way
before me. And the Lord
whom you seek will suddenly
come to his temple;
and the messenger of
the covenant (Jesus)
in whom you delight,
behold, he is coming,
says the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 3 : 1

400 years of Silence

- 1. No new Scripture was being written***
- 2. No recognized prophets were speaking***
- 3. Israel lived under foreign rule***
- 4. Many wondered if God had forgotten
His promises***

Matthew 1 : 1

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the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Davidic Covenant - *2 Samuel 7 : 8-16*

**David's offspring
will sit on the
throne and rule
as King**

(2 Samuel 7:12)

**Steadfast love
that will
never depart**

(2 Samuel 7:15)

**David's house
and kingdom
will last forever**

(2 Samuel 7:16)

Abrahamic Covenant (*Genesis 12, 13, 15, 17, 22*)

**Make Abraham's
name great** (*Genesis 12:2*)

**Families of the world
will be blessed** (*Genesis 12:3*)

Geographical boundaries
(*Genesis 12:7*)

**Numerous physical
descendants** (*Genesis 13:16*)

Matthew 1 : 17

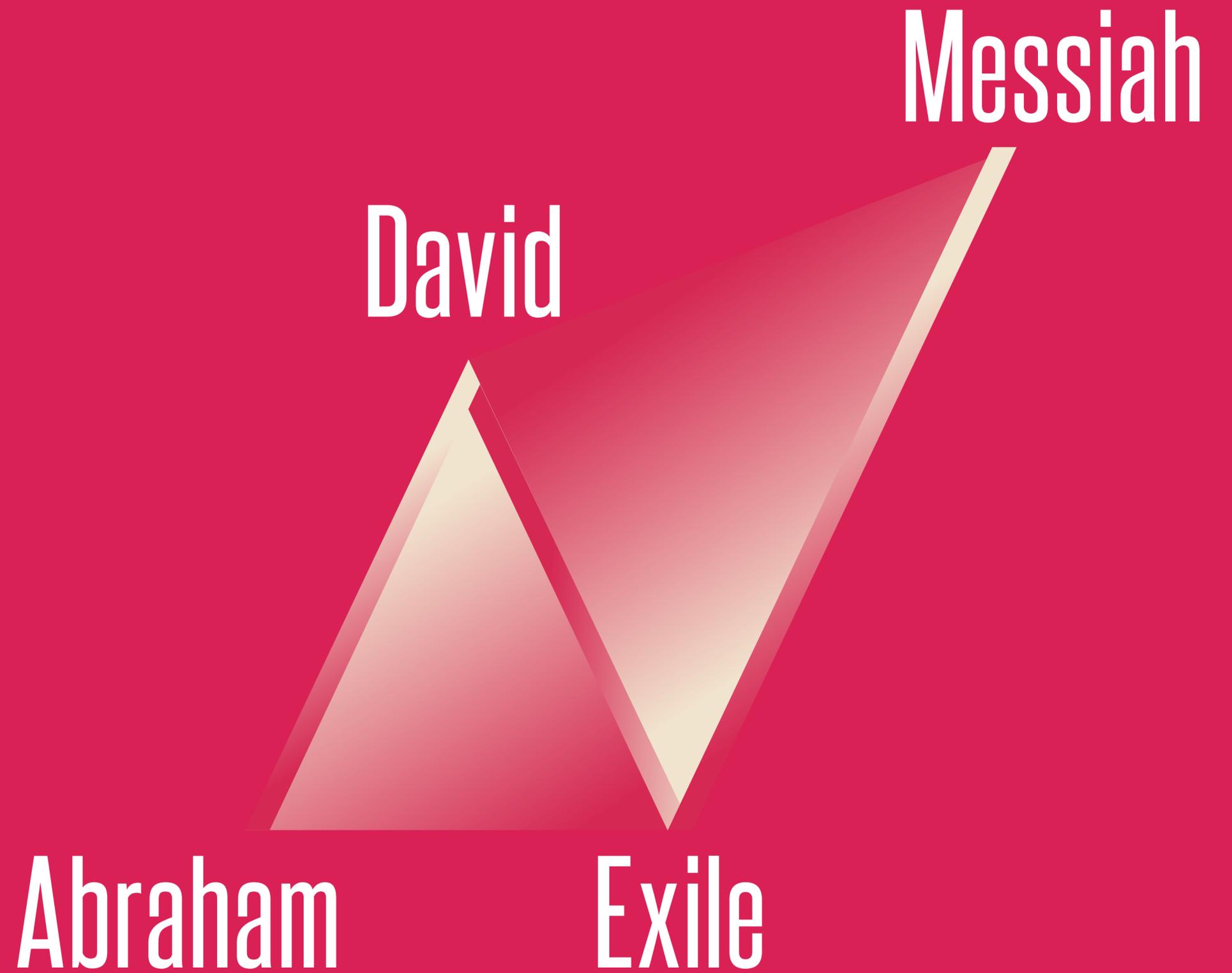
¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David were ***fourteen generations***, and from David to the deportation to Babylon ***fourteen generations***, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ ***fourteen generations***.

The *waiting* doesn't mean
God is unloving.

Matthew 1 : 17

¹⁷ So all the generations from ***Abraham to David*** were fourteen generations, and from ***David to the deportation to Babylon*** fourteen generations, and from ***the deportation to Babylon to the Christ*** fourteen generations.

Matthew 1



The Broken Stories

Tamar - Matthew 1:3

- Wronged and mistreated
- A story of injustice and desperation

Rahab - Matthew 1:5

- A prostitute with a sinful reputation
- A story of shame transformed by faith

“The wife of Uriah” (Bathsheba) - Matthew 1:6

- Victim of David’s abuse of power
- A story of betrayal, exploitation, and scandal

Manasseh - Matthew 1:10

- One of Judah’s most evil kings
- A story of generational sin and idolatry

The *valley* doesn't mean
God is unloving.

Matthew 1 : 12-16

¹² And after the deportation to Babylon: **Jechoniah** was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,
¹³ and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴ and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵ and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob,
¹⁶ and Jacob the father of **Joseph** the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

Jeremiah 22 : 24-27

²⁴ “As I live, declares the Lord, though **Coniah** the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet ring on my right hand, yet I would tear you off ²⁵ and give you into the hand of those who seek your life, into the hand of those of whom you are afraid, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

²⁶ I will hurl you and the mother who bore you into another country, where you were not born, and there you shall die.

²⁷ But to the land to which they will long to return, there they shall not return.”

Jeremiah 22 : 30

³⁰ Thus says the Lord:

“Write this man down as childless,
a man who shall not succeed in his days,
for ***none of his offspring shall succeed
in sitting on the throne of David
and ruling again in Judah.***”

Matthew 1 : 18-20

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1 : 21

²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

**God didn't skip over the consequences.
He worked through them
to keep His promise alive.**

Consequences doesn't mean
God is unloving.

The Questions:

- Does God still love us?
- Will God keep His promises?
- Where is God?

Matthew's Answer:

JESUS

- He works in the waiting
- He works in the valleys
- He works in the consequences

The longevity of God's love
tells us that we should never
measure God's love by our season.

Revelation 21 : 1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”