

The Coniah Curse:

Christ not descended through Jeconiah:

Jeconiah, the forebear of Joseph was very evil. Since he was so evil, God decreed that the Messiah would not come down through the line of Jehoiachin (also called Jeconiah, Coniah). This line starts with David and includes Solomon, Jehoiachin, and Joseph. Since Joseph is descendant from this cursed line the Messiah cannot be genetically related to Joseph. However, Mary's line starts with David, then Nathan and finally Mary herself. God chose this line to be the Messianic line. Thus, God had to use Mary's twenty-three chromosomes to form the biological life of the humanity of Christ-otherwise Christ would not be the Son of David.

“Thus says the Lord, ‘Write this man [King Jeconiah] down childless [no royal heir]. A man who will not prosper in his days; For no man of his descendants will prosper sitting on the throne of David [no more Kings from that line] or ruling again in Judah.’”
(Jeremiah 22:30)

Matthew 1:12, “After the exile to Babylon, Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel.”

It appears that Jeconiah tried to get around the curse of Jeremiah 22:30 by adopting as his legal heir, Shealtiel, the son of Neri from the line of Nathan, Luke 3:27. Even Zerubbabel is listed in both genealogies. However, the line again separates with sons of Zerubbabel. In summary, the line of Solomon is as follows: Jeconiah, Shealtiel, Zerubbabel, Abiud down to Joseph whereas the line of Nathan is as follows: Neri, Shealtiel, Zerubbabel, Abiud down to Mary.

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