

Descended from David Physically

Why bother talking about biblical details? It helps us to understand the Bible in a more authentic way. When we talk about Yeshua being in the line of David it was a big deal back then and we need to understand the background of the messiah being in the kingly line. The people back in Yeshua's time may not have understood everything about the messiah. For example, they didn't understand that the messiah would first come as a suffering messiah (see Isaiah 53) and then as the kingly ruler. They had great anticipation for the coming of their messiah though; it was important to them.

In Roman's 1:3 CJB it says, "It concerns his Son—he is descended from David physically; he was powerfully demonstrated to be Son of God spiritually, set apart by his having been resurrected from the dead; he is Yeshua the Messiah, our Lord."¹

In the CJB, Sterns properly translates the word physically (instead of flesh) in Romans 1:3. The point wasn't necessarily a jab at Gnostics that believed the flesh to be bad, but it also could have been. Its meaning for the most part has to do with Jewish genealogy. For the Jews, genealogy for the sake of the priesthood was important and so genealogy became important for the observant community. I have read that those in high positions made it a point to try to prove that their genealogy was in a priestly line. In the case of this scripture, Shaul is substantiating the legality of Yeshua's messianic status based on the kingly prophetic scriptures and Yeshua's genealogy.

Some scriptures about the Messiah being in the Davidic kingly line:

This scripture refers to the messiah. Root of Jesse means descendent of Jesse, namely the kingly Davidic line:

"On that day the **root of Yishai (Jesse)**, which stands as a banner for the peoples— the Goyim will seek him out, and the place where he rests **will be glorious**. Isaiah 11:10 CJB.

This scripture is about the kingly messiah coming from Bethlehem (Beit-Lechem); that is where Yeshua was born. Notice that it says that when the messiah comes that his origin was not actually at his birth. King David was a descendent of Judah (Y'hudah):

But you, **Beit-Lechem** near Efrat, so small among the **clans of Y'hudah**, out of you will come forth to me **the future ruler of Isra'el**, whose **origins are far in the past**, back in ancient times. Micah 5:1 CJB

This next verse clearly describes the messiah as being in the kingly line of David and as both king and God. The name given to Him, ADONAI, in the Hebrew is the name for God, Yud-Hey-Vav-Hey:

The days are coming," says ADONAI when I will raise a righteous **Branch for David**. He will **reign as king** and succeed, he will do what is just and right in the land. In his days Y'hudah will be saved, Isra'el will live in safety, and **the name given to him will be ADONAI** Tzidkenu [ADONAI our righteousness]. Jeremiah 23:5-6 CJB.²

Yeshua ended up living in Nazareth because Herod was known as a vicious king. It was safer for the descendants of King David who had lived in Bethlehem to live in Nazareth. Also, Yeshua's Davidic line is in Matthew. The Hebrew text of Mathew has **Joseph being the father of Mary (Miryam)** of whom was born Yeshua. So, Miryam's father was a man named Joseph and her husband was another man named Joseph. Luke details the genealogy of Miryam's husband Joseph, just in case anyone doubted Yeshua's kingly line; he wasn't the actual father of Yeshua though. Miryam conceived Yeshua through a miracle, through the Holy Spirit, the Bible says.

Why bother with biblical details? We learned about where the messiah would be born, who the messiah was, and some of the expectations of that time. Yeshua is that kingly Messiah who descended from David, and He is our God and King.

¹ The Greek combination translated "LORD Messiah" in the New Testament probably has its roots from Jeremiah 23:5-6 which refer to the Messiah as being God.

² God and two angels come and visit Abraham. The two angels go to S'dom (Sodom) and God stands next to Abraham and talks to him. God can come as a man; He can do what He wants; he is God. In the Hebrew in Genesis 18, it clearly says that God (Yud-heh-vav-heh) is talking to Abraham. "ADONAI went on his way as soon as he had finished speaking to Avraham, and Avraham returned to his place." Genesis 18:33 CJB. God went His way; it wasn't a vision, but God came to Abraham as a man.