

The Curse of Jehoiachin

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Jeremiah 22:24-30



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Here is the problem: How can Joseph's Son Jesus sit on David's throne since none of the seed of Jehoiachin could sit there? This problem is wonderfully solved by the Virgin Birth. Since Jesus was not of the physical seed of Joseph, He was not under the curse. Yet, as Joseph's adopted Son, Jesus had every legal right to the throne. Physically, Jesus descended from Mary who was from the uncursed line of David through David's son Nathan (*Luke 3:31*).

The Lord Jesus will someday sit on the throne of His father David (*Psalms 132:11; Luke 1:32*) during the Millennium: "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth" (*Jer. 23:6*).

As to His humanity, the Lord Jesus is of the seed of David (through Mary) according to the flesh; as to His deity, He is the eternal Son of God (*Rom. 1:3-4*). He is both David's Son (humanity) and David's Lord (Deity)—Matthew 22:41-46.

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