Notes & Verses used in Episode 14:

WHO IS JESUS?

## FIRST: When God (JESUS ACTUALLY) Created everything: Humanity was made in likeness of God:

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; ...

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; and HAVE DOMINION ..."

Right away WE SOLD OUR BIRTHRIGHT TO SATAN FOR NOTHING, when he enticed us to know both good & evil. This compromised our Dominion and gave him ACCESS TO THE WORLD, which brought death into the whole world.

Gen 3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

But this is also when the plan for salvation was first revealed:

Gen 3:14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed ... All the days of your life.

15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

The Bible explains that we sold ourselves into the slave-debt of SIN, and we needed a Savior in order to be RANSOMED from the <u>debt we couldn't pay</u>:

Isa 52:3 For thus says the LORD: "You have sold yourselves for nothing, And you SHALL BE REDEEMED without money."

Isa 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has <u>laid on Him the iniquity of us all</u>.

Isa 53:12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

So Who is Jesus? He HAD to be a SON OF ADAM in order to redeem us from death: GOD Became man for us to be the FIRSTBORN KINSMAN REDEEMER of all humanity:

1Co 15:20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

Col 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.15 He is the image of the invisible God, the FIRSTBORN over all creation.16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the FIRSTBORN from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth

Heb 2:14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

15 and deliver those who through fear of death were all their lifetime <u>subject to</u> <u>bondage</u>.

16 For verily, He took not on himself the nature of angels, but He took on him the seed of Abraham.

17 Therefore, IN ALL THINGS HE HAD TO BE MADE LIKE HIS BRETHREN, that He might be a merciful and faithful <u>High Priest</u> in things pertaining to God, to make atonement for the sins of the people.

We will return to this concept of the atoning High Priest, later.

So we see here that Jesus was God who came in the likeness of man

Philp 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, TAKING THE FORM OF A BONDSERVANT, AND COMING IN THE <u>LIKENESS OF MEN</u>. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the <u>likeness of sinful flesh</u>, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 <u>that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled</u> in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Jesus was therefore Appointed the head of humanity, and made the Firstborn of all creation, in order to redeem ALL of HUMANITY:

Psalm 89:19 Then You spoke in a vision to Your holy one, And said: "I have laid help upon one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people. 20 I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him, Ps 89:27 Also I WILL MAKE HIM MY FIRSTBORN, The highest of the kings of the earth.

Jesus became our <u>Kinsman redeemer</u>, because we sold ourselves to death:

Lev 25:47 'Now if ... one of your brethren ... becomes poor, and <u>sells himself to the stranger</u>, 48 'after he is sold he may be redeemed again. One of his BROTHERS may redeem him; 49 'or his uncle or his uncle's son may redeem him; or <u>ANYONE WHO IS NEAR OF KIN TO HIM IN HIS FAMILY MAY REDEEM HIM</u>; or if <u>he</u> is able he may redeem himself.

And we see that this theme of redeeming that which was sold into debt also applies to the soul, which no MAN can do for another:

Psalm 49:7 None of them can by any means <u>redeem his brother</u>, Nor <u>give to God a ransom for him-</u> 8 For the redemption of their souls is costly, And it shall cease forever- 9 That he should continue to live eternally, And not see the Pit. ... Ps 49:15 But <u>God will redeem my soul</u> from the power of the grave, For He shall receive me.

Isaiah 59:16 HE SAW THAT THERE WAS NO MAN, And wondered that <u>THERE WAS NO INTERCESSOR</u>; Therefore <u>His own arm brought salvation for Him</u>; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him.

17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak. 20 "THE REDEEMER will come to Zion...

Hosea 13:14 "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction!"

So we see that the MESSIAH had to be GOD, born in the flesh to pay for our sins, and become our King:

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Matt 1:21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call <u>His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."</u>

Luke 1:30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

- 31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.
- 32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.
- 33 "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 2:10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

11 "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

We see this prophecy that GOD would become our salvation literally — JESUS/Yeshua means Salvation: And God became JESUS to substitute for our death:

Ps 118:14 The LORD is my strength and song, <u>AND HE HAS BECOME MY SALVATION</u>. [LITERALLY: HAS BECOME YESHUA FOR ME] 16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly. 17 I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the LORD.

HOW did Jesus Qualify as a substitutionary death for us?

God set up the law of substitutionary sacrifice from the beginning. Then codified it in the law given to Israel to point to His atoning work through sacrifice:

Gen 3:21 And for Adam and his wife the LORD GOD MADE COVERINGS OF SKIN, and clothed them.

Gen 22:8 AND ABRAHAM SAID, "MY SON, GOD WILL PROVIDE HIMSELF the lamb for a burnt offering." Gen 22:13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering INSTEAD OF HIS SON. 14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-See to it; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided." [AND THIS IS THE TEMPLE MOUNT]

Lev 17:11 'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'

SO the Savior had to REPRESENT ALL OF HUMANITY.

But as the FIRSTBORN of Creation, He also had to be IN LINE TO BE KING of all the earth. So God set up specific lineage as a sign of His chosen King, through His Servant King David, "A man after my own heart"

2Sam 7:12 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his

kingdom. 13 "He shall build a house for My name, and I WILL ESTABLISH THE THRONE OF HIS KINGDOM FOREVER.

So The Savior had to be in the bloodline of David, in order to be the rightful King of the earth. And we see this prophecy fulfilled in the Lineage written BOTH in Matthew, and in LUKE,

However, the lineage in MATTHEW is Jesus's Legal claim as the step-son of Joseph, who was the descendant of David THROUGH SOLOMON.

However, Jesus was NOT the actual BLOOD son of Joseph, obviously, but <u>HE WAS</u> the blood son of David through MARY (as Genesis 3:15 prophesied the messiah would come "seed of the WOMAN")

And remarkably, HER bloodline is NOT through Solomon! That would violate the word of God because God CURSED the remnant of Solomon's kingly line when he REJECTED KING CONIAH in <u>Jer 22:24-30</u>, claiming that NONE of his descendants would SIT ON THE THRONE of David.

Therefore, it is a perfect fulfillment of God's promise to David that the Messiah, Jesus, was born—according to Mary's bloodline—through David's little known son Nathan, Solomon's older brother, who was merely LISTED in David's lineage in 2 Sam 5:14.

Not only was Jesus's lineage of Nathan, listed in Mary's bloodline in LUKE 3:31, but 4 of her ancestors are listed in LUKE AND in the prophecy about the Messiah in Zech 12:12

Zec 12:10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; THEN THEY WILL LOOK ON ME WHOM THEY PIERCED. Yes, they will mourn as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him AS ONE GRIEVES FOR A FIRSTBORN.

12 "And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the HOUSE OF DAVID by itself. . .the family of the HOUSE OF NATHAN by itself. . .13 "the family of the house of LEVI by itself... the family of SHIMEI by itself"

All FOUR of these men are named in the Lineage of Mary, which is ch 3:23-38. And the names of NATHAN are not listed in any other lineage but DAVID's, and the name SHEMEI is ONLY listed in Mary's lineage, AND this Zechariah list, and LEVI

cannot be the tribe because it is described as the "House of David" mourning for their firstborn in Zechariah.

So literally, the specific lineage of the Messiah was detailed for a sign that Jesus fulfilled this bloodline requirement, FROM the lineage of David, THROUGH MARY, and David's son NATHAN, not Solomon—who's family was disqualified!

See how perfectly it all fits together?

In fact, the NEW branch of David's lineage to the Messianic throne was prophesied after the exiles returned to Jerusalem from the Babylonian captivity, and faithfully struggled to rebuild the temple and city:

This prophecy is first seen in Haggai given to Zerrubbabel, also Jesus's ancestor named in Mary's line:

Hag 2:21 "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying:... 23 'In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, 'and will <u>make you like a signet ring</u>; for I have chosen you,' says the LORD of hosts."

Moreover, the Messiah was actually NAMED at this same time in the book of Haggai's contemporary the Prophet Zechariah.

Friends, this is going to blow your MINDS with the Glory of God's great plan:

In this case, Zechariah's prophecy is concerning <u>JOSHUA</u>, <u>THE FAITHFUL HIGH PRIEST</u> that was trying to help Judah re-establish the temple and the ordinances after captivity. The Lord says to Joshua:

Zec 6:11 "Take the silver and gold, make an elaborate crown, and set it on the head of <u>JOSHUA</u> ... <u>THE HIGH PRIEST</u>.

12 "Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: "Behold, the Man <u>WHOSE NAME IS THE</u> <u>BRANCH!</u> From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the LORD;

13 Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. HE SHALL BEAR THE GLORY, And shall SIT AND RULE ON HIS THRONE; So He shall be a <u>PRIEST ON HIS</u> THRONE, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both."

Now THE BRANCH is a reference to the Messiah, as we see in:

Jer 23:5 "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a BRANCH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is <u>His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.</u>

So the verse I just read said TO JOSHUA the high priest:

"Behold, the Man <u>WHOSE NAME IS THE</u> <u>BRANCH!</u> From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the LORD; [THE BRANCH] 13 Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. HE SHALL BEAR THE GLORY, AND <u>SHALL SIT AND RULE ON HIS THRONE</u>; SO HE SHALL BE A PRIEST <u>ON HIS THRONE</u>, AND THE COUNSEL OF PEACE SHALL BE BETWEEN <u>THEM BOTH.</u>"

WHAT? The BRANCH of JOSHUA shall sit and RULE on his THRONE? And be a PRIEST on his THRONE? [By the way <u>JOSHUA=JESUS=YESHUA</u> in <u>Hebrew: Salvation</u>]

So Friends, the FIRST prophecy chooses Zerubbabel, the governor after return from captivity, a son of David, from the line of NATHAN, to carry on the KINGLY Messianic line. . .

But the SECOND prophecy is to JOSHUA the HIGH PRIEST [from the sons of the priestly line of Aaron], who ALSO returned from captivity, and HE is chosen to bear the BRANCH of the MESSIANIC LINE as well, "as a PRIEST upon his THRONE".

Huh? He's BOTH?

And that Messiah, whose NAME was just revealed as JOSHUA, or YESHUA in Hebrew, or JESUS in Greek—that Messiah would be both a KING and a PRIEST on His THRONE?

It's too amazing!

So the question remains, is JESUS ALSO a DESCENDANT of the High Priestly lineage of Aaron, through JOSHUA the HIGH PRIEST?

Well, evidence suggests He is:

Remember in Luke's gospel, Mary is told about being the mother of the Messiah, as a daughter of DAVID? And then remember what the Angel told her as a sign that this would come true?

Luke 1:36 "Now indeed, <u>Elizabeth your cousin</u> has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.

39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

So Elizabeth is <u>Mary's blood cousin</u>—likely through Mary's mother and bloodline. And what is noted about Elizabeth—Mary's cousin?

Luke 1:5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a <u>certain priest</u> <u>named Zacharias</u>, of the division of Abijah. His wife <u>was of the daughters of Aaron</u>, and her name was Elizabeth.

WHAT? MARY'S Blood cousin is a direct descendant of the DAUGHTERS OF AARON? That means that Jesus'S bloodline through Mary actually DOES converge the Kingly line of DAVID AND the PRIESTLY LINE OF AARON!

Isn't that Amazing?

And of COURSE this makes sense, because Jesus is not only our KING, but FIRST he had to be our High Priest, and PAY FOR OUR SINS—HIMSELF!

We see this prophecy in Psalm 110, and explained in Hebrews 7:

Jesus would also be our High Priest atoning for our sins:

Psalm 110:1: The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

Ps 110:4 The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

Heb 7:1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God ... being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," 3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, <u>BUT MADE LIKE THE SON OF GOD</u>, remains a priest continually.

14 For it is evident that our Lord <u>arose from Judah</u>, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. 15 And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness

of Melchizedek, there arises another priest. 16 who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.

So Jesus, Son of Man, Son of God, Lamb of God, <u>Takes away our sins with HIS OWN sacrificial blood</u>, atoning for the whole world. And He stands continually as a priest interceding on our behalf, AND WILL ONE DAY BE BOTH OUR KING AND PRIEST HERE ON THE EARTH.