

## A Bold Statement

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### The Jewish religion was completely unique in its day.

- All the other religions believed in \_\_\_\_\_ Gods.
- The pagan gods had no real standard for our \_\_\_\_\_.
- Pagan religions believed history is “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- Humans were \_\_\_\_\_.

Israel was placed right in the middle of the sea of pagan religions.

### What we learn from the genealogy of Jesus:

1. God is taking the \_\_\_\_\_ somewhere.
  - All of history was leading to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Matthew is saying, Jesus’ birth will restore \_\_\_\_\_ to creation.
2. God can use anyone to accomplish His purpose.
  - Pagan religions said no one really \_\_\_\_\_;
  - Jesus’ lineage shows everyone \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God keeps His promises.
  - God let Israel have their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God promised the Messiah.

Abraham and David received \_\_\_\_\_ that were central to Israel’s identity.

### What does it mean for you?

1. God has a purpose so you have a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jesus was the example of a life lived within the purpose of the one true God.
2. You matter to God and can be used by God no matter how much you’ve \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God will always keep His promise to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jesus was the promise.
  - “I will be with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Mt 28:20)