

Notes on the Greek New Testament Day 78 – March 19th – Luke 3:23-38

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Verse 23

Καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν Ἰησοῦς ἀρχόμενος ὡσεὶ ἐτῶν
τριάκοντα, ὢν υἱός, ὡς ἐνομίζετο, Ἰωσήφ τοῦ
Ἡλὶ

ἀρχω see 3:8. Here means 'when he began
his work / ministry'

ὡσεὶ like, as, about, approximately

Luke is conscious that he is providing a round
figure rather than an exact age.

ἔτος, οὗς n year

τριάκοντα thirty

νομίζω think, suppose, assume; pass. be
the custom

Note that Luke traces the genealogy of Jesus
right back to Adam (and God). Luke wants to
demonstrate that Jesus is God's answer to the
sinful state of all humanity. Marshall discusses
the various suggestions concerning the diverse
genealogies of Luke and Matthew (Mt 1:1-17).
Annius of Viterbo (AD 1490) suggested that
Matthew gives the genealogy of Joseph while
Luke that of Mary. Marshall considers this
implausible. He suggests that Luke's list
consists of 11 groups of 7 names.

Verse 24

τοῦ Μαθθαὶ τοῦ Λεβὶ τοῦ Μελχὶ τοῦ Ἰανναὶ
τοῦ Ἰωσήφ

Verse 25

τοῦ Ματταθίου τοῦ Ἀμῶς τοῦ Ναοῦμ τοῦ Ἑσλὶ
τοῦ Ναγγαὶ

Verse 26

τοῦ Μάαθ τοῦ Ματταθίου τοῦ Σεμεὶν τοῦ
Ἰωσήφ τοῦ Ἰωδᾶ

Verse 27

τοῦ Ἰωανᾶν τοῦ Ῥησᾶ τοῦ Ζοροβαβέλ τοῦ
Σαλαθηὲλ τοῦ Νηρι

Verse 28

τοῦ Μελχὶ τοῦ Ἀδδὶ τοῦ Κωσάμ τοῦ Ἐλμαδάμ
τοῦ Ἡρ

Verse 29

τοῦ Ἰησοῦ τοῦ Ἐλιέζερ τοῦ Ἰωριμ τοῦ Μαθθαὶ
τοῦ Λεβὶ

Verse 30

τοῦ Συμεὼν τοῦ Ἰούδα τοῦ Ἰωσήφ τοῦ Ἰωνάμ
τοῦ Ἐλιακίμ

Verse 31

τοῦ Μελεᾶ τοῦ Μεννᾶ τοῦ Ματταθᾶ τοῦ
Ναθάμ τοῦ Δαυὶδ

Verse 32

τοῦ Ἰεσσαὶ τοῦ Ἰωβήλ τοῦ Βόος τοῦ Σαλά τοῦ
Ναασσῶν

From David to Abraham the genealogy is
parallel to Mt 1:2-6 with slight differences.
Matthew follows 1 Ch 2:1-15.

Verse 33

τοῦ Ἀμιναδάβ τοῦ Ἀδμὶν τοῦ Ἀρνὶ τοῦ Ἑσρῶμ
τοῦ Φαρῆς τοῦ Ἰούδα

The text of the first three names in this verse is
uncertain.

Verse 34

τοῦ Ἰακώβ τοῦ Ἰσαὰκ τοῦ Ἀβραάμ τοῦ Θάρα
τοῦ Ναχώρ

Verse 35

τοῦ Σεροῦχ τοῦ Ῥαγαὺ τοῦ Φάλεκ τοῦ Ἑβερ
τοῦ Σαλά

Verse 36

τοῦ Καϊνὰμ τοῦ Ἀρφαξὰδ τοῦ Σὴμ τοῦ Νῶε
τοῦ Λάμεχ

Verse 37

τοῦ Μαθουσαλά τοῦ Ἐνώχ τοῦ Ἰάρετ τοῦ
Μαλελεήλ τοῦ Καϊνὰμ

Verse 38

τοῦ Ἐνώς τοῦ Σὴθ τοῦ Ἀδὰμ τοῦ θεοῦ.

On the significance of του θεου cf. Gen 5:1.