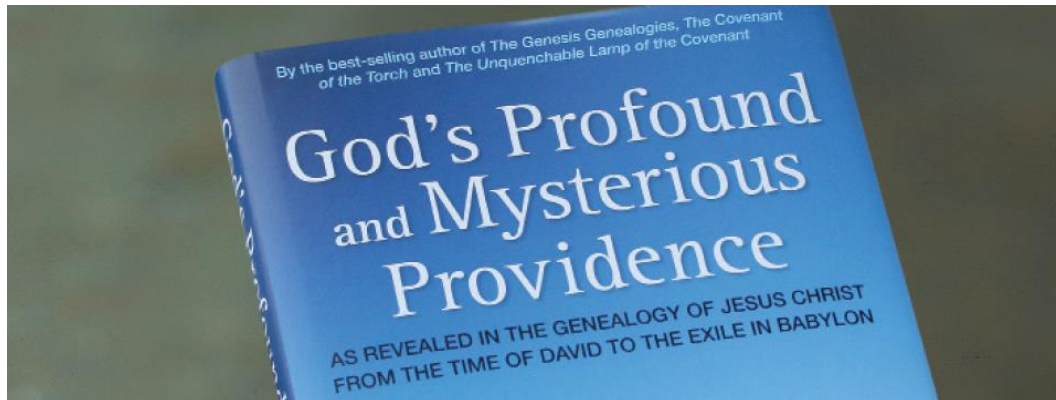


## **Book Four: God's Profound and Mysterious Providence**



### **The book discusses the second period in the genealogy of Jesus Christ**

The genealogy of Jesus Christ lists 42 generations, which are divided into three periods with 14 generations per period. The second period begins with David and Solomon whose reigns mark the peak of prosperity in Israelite history. This period then continues into the era of divided kingdoms, the southern kingdom of Judah and the northern kingdom of Israel. The period ends with the fall of the kingdoms and the deportation to Babylon. This period spans from 1003 B.C. to 598 B.C. The history of Israelite kings is not an ancient history of a foreign country. It is a vivid account of God's meticulous providence to carry on the genealogy ultimately to Jesus Christ. Therefore, this period reflects as in a mirror our own lives today. This is the message of the book.

### **The introduction defines the central theme of the Bible - covenant and providence.**

The history of redemption has continued through the means called "covenants." The Bible is a record of the providence of God who has ceaselessly labored to carry on the covenant despite the endless betrayal of men. Furthermore, the book introduces key terms in understanding the genealogy, i.e., accession year, regency, joint reign, and the months of Tishri and Nisan. Proper understanding of these terms will help solve numerous mysteries that had been veiling the regnal chronology of Judah and Israel to this day.

### **The fourteen kings of Judah are unveiled one by one**

Although the records of the kings are documented in the Bible in the books of 1 & 2 Kings and 1 & 2 Chronicles, their records were so scattered throughout these books such that even their regnal orders were unclear. Rev. Park's fourth book clearly recapitulates the history, deed and mistakes of these kings as well as God's solemn judgments on them.

### **Featured Points**

- The time it took to build Solomon's Temple was approximately 6 years and 6 months
- How long did it take to build the legendary Temple of Solomon? Its construction began on the 2nd month in the 4th year of Solomon's reign and completed on the 8th month in the 11th year. It is commonly calculated as approximately 7 years and 6 months. All biblical commentaries have documented the same to this day. However, this book presents irrefutable evidence to prove that it actually took "approximately 6 years and 6 months."
- Its explanation is easily grasped once we understand the concept behind the months of Tishri and Nisan as previously mentioned. Many theologians are exclaiming at this finding since it is

presented for the first time in biblical research history. Why is this "one-year difference" so important? It is because Solomon's Temple is a type of the true temple built by Jesus Christ.

- Regnal chronology without any discrepancies
- Dr. Yeong-Su Ye, a former president of Hansin University Graduate School, stated, "To this date, no theologian has ever been able to completely organize the chronology of Judah and Israel. Even the book *The Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings* written by the most renowned scholar in this field, Edwin Thiele, stopped at speculations for crucial areas and was unable to provide concrete answers. However, this book so clearly settles the regnal chronology, delivering a sheer delight as in finally reaching the end of a long winding tunnel of darkness."
- Kings who were omitted from the genealogy
- The genealogy of Jesus is not a mere record of biological births and deaths. The four kings of Judah who were not able to carry on the redemptive providence were eliminated from the genealogy. The reasons for the omissions were analytically summarized.

### **Key Message**

God entered into the covenant with mankind in order to save them. Yet, men have endlessly betrayed the covenants. It was always God who unfailingly remembered the covenant and carried on the genealogy to send Jesus to earth. Today's believers must receive the Word and become God's lamp, in order to inherit the history of redemption. Hence, it is our duty to pass down the faith to our children by teaching them the word of God.