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A Child Is Born, a Son Is Given

As you finish reading the Old Testament, you are left with a sense of expectancy. There's a mediator of a new covenant on the horizon. Messiah is coming suddenly to His temple. The kingdom of God will be inaugurated on earth.

The promise through the prophet Isaiah of a child who is to be born, the son who is to be given, is about to come to pass.

This, beloved of God, is what you will discover in this pivotal book breathed by God.

TAKING IT IN

Our objective this week is to study Matthew 1 and 2.

1. Let's see what Matthew 1 is about. Observation Worksheets, the text of Matthew chapter by chapter, are found in the Appendix of this workbook. Read Matthew 1 and do the following:
 - a. Color-code or mark the following throughout this chapter, each in its own way; however, do not mark any pronouns or synonyms.
 - 1) *Christ*
 - 2) *David*
 - 3) *Jesus*
 - 4) *Holy Spirit*
 - 5) **references to time**. Some of us draw a green circle around words that tell you when and/or give you a sequence of time such as *then, when, until, after*, etc.
 - 6) **geographical locations** in a distinctive way as this will help you greatly in this study. Some double underline these in green.



- b. Now, list the main things you learn about Jesus from Matthew 1.
- c. Finally, summarize Matthew 1 in as few words as possible. This will be the theme of the chapter. For a historical book like Matthew, many times the theme will be the main event(s). Record the theme on the “Matthew at a Glance” chart in the Appendix. You will do this for each chapter. When you finish, you’ll have a brief synopsis of the book.
2. Now let’s observe chapter 2.
- a. Read and mark
- 1) *king (ruler)*
 - 2) all references to the *child* including synonyms and pronouns
 - 3) geographical references. *Where* is very important in this chapter as are the references to time. There is a map in the Appendix that you need to consult as you read so you will become familiar with the geographical locations mentioned in Matthew.
- b. Record what happens in each paragraph of Matthew 2.
- 1) 2:1-6
 - 2) 2:7-12
 - 3) 2:13-15



- 4) 2:16-18
 - 5) 2:19-23
- c. When are these events taking place? Look at the time references you marked.
 - d. Now, list what you learn about the child himself. According to the text, who is this child? We are not asking what happens with respect to him, but who Matthew tells us he is.
 - e. Summarize chapter 2 as you did chapter 1 and record it on your “Matthew at a Glance” chart.

Awesome, isn't it? The question is, do you believe it? If so, what implications would this have for your life? Think about it.

3. Now that we've observed Matthew 1 and 2, let's go back and think about what God wants us to know as He begins His New Testament, the account of the New Covenant.

Approximately four hundred years of silence followed the prophecies of the book of Malachi. There was no recorded word from God through His servants, the prophets. Then He spoke, as Hebrews 1:1-2, tells us “by His Son.”



- g. Did Herod know about the Christ? What did he know? And what did he learn? As you answer these questions, give the verse number in Matthew 2 that gives you the answer.

LIVING
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1. What does Matthew do to support the person of Christ in Matthew 1 and 2? Look at Acts 17:1-3. What can you learn from this that will help you as a witness of Jesus Christ? And if you are going to witness for Christ, what must you do?

2. Did Herod really want to worship Jesus? If he did, what would Herod have to acknowledge?



3. Do you think this might be the problem a lot of people in this world have with Jesus? If He is “the King” and we worship Him, then what must we be willing to do?



MATTHEW 1

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

THE book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

- 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,
- 3 and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram,
- 4 and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon,
- 5 and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse,
- 6 and Jesse the father of David the king.
And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah,
- 7 and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph,
- 8 and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah,
- 9 and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,
- 10 and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah,
- 11 and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.
- 12 And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,
- 13 and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor,



- 14 and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud,
- 15 and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob,
- 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.
- 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.
- 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.
- 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.
- 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
- 21 “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”
- 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
- 23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”
- (which means, God with us).
- 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,
- 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.



MATTHEW 2

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- NOW after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,
- 2 saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”
 - 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;
 - 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.
 - 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:
6 ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ”
 - 7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.
 - 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”
 - 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.
 - 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.
 - 11 And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.



- 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.
- 13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”
- 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt
- 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”
- 16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.
- 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:
- 18 “A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”
- 19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,
- 20 saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.”
- 21 And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.
- 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee.
- 23 And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.



MATTHEW AT A GLANCE

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Purpose:		7
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