

## Matthew Chapter One

### *A King is Born*

#### I. Introduction

- A. We are starting a study of what the Holy Spirit has titled, “*The BOOK of the genealogy of Jesus Christ*” (Mt 1:1)
- B. This is the record of the life of THE King of the Jews
- C. As you study, you will notice the Book is distinctively \_\_\_\_\_, and answers to a lot of the Old Testament principles and laws
- D. Chapter One of Matthew is a reminder of the Plan of God to work through a line of people to bring about His desired end.
  - 1. God made a promise, part of a covenant with Abraham to bring about His plan through Abraham’s seed.
  - 2. He will take as long as necessary to accomplish His plan
  - 3. He will use anybody (even unsaved, and unbelievers) to accomplish His plan (as he did with Pharaoh, and Nebuchadnezzar).
  - 4. His plan will be accomplished (Rom 8:28).
- E. Malachi ends with a \_\_\_\_\_ (Mal 4:6), and the people of God under the darkness of their unbelief
- F. Matthew unveils the Light of the \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ to the world, and especially, to the long awaiting Jews, and the beginning of the removal of the curse.
- G. What you are about to study is a basic review of the Old Testament covering about 2,000 years of history.

#### II. Lesson – A King is Born

##### A. The Genealogy of the Messiah (Mt 1:1-17)

- 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Messiah (Genesis 3:15; 12:1-3; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6,7)
  - a. The word Christ, and Messiah are the same – they both mean, the anointed one, or the chosen one by God
  - b. The whole world is looking for “a” messiah – a world leader that will both confront, and fix all the world’s problems
- 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Genealogy. God starts off Matthew showing the roots of the New Testament are solidly in the Old Testament – something that no other book could do since all the Jewish records were lost in a fire in Alexandria, Egypt.
  - a. From Adam through to Noah
  - b. From Noah through Shem to Abraham
  - c. From Abraham through Judah to David
  - d. From David to Jesus the Messiah
  - e. Notice the definition of the word **SON** (Mt 1:1) – it means “descendant” – it does not always have to mean the *direct* descendant.
    - 1) It can mean a direct descendant
    - 2) It can also mean *son-in-law* (as with Mary’s lineage in Luke 3)
    - 3) It can finally mean an \_\_\_\_\_ *son* (as Boaz took up the name of Ruth’s previous husband, and the children belonged to that name).
- 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the Genealogy – these match 1 & 2 Chronicles, and Ruth 4:13-22 (to a Jew, and to the careful Bible believer, these names mean something). What follows are 41 people from Abraham to Jesus that ought to be studied and learned from by every Bible teacher!
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (starts with a great man of faith who is the father of the Jewish nation, end ends with the greatest human king of all time)
    - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (“*Father of Many Nations*”, Gen 11:26 – 25:11). With this man we reach back into history – 2000 BC
      - a) For anyone to say Genesis is a myth flatly contradicts all the roots that reach into the very start of Genesis (back to Genesis 11)!

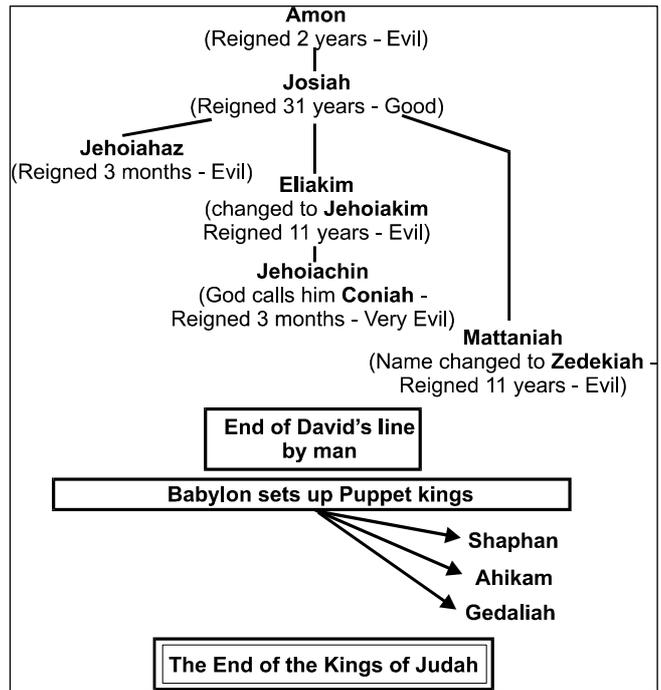
- b) God has bound Himself to providing Himself a lamb through Abraham's seed (Gen 22:8; Gal 3:16)
  - c) And He does it through the faith of His people!!!
- 2) **Isaac** ("*Laughter*", Gen 21:1-35-29, **1900 BC**) – the promised son, not *Ishmael*, which was a son of the work of the flesh.
  - 3) **Jacob** ("*Deceiver*", Gen 25:24 – 50:14, **1836**). What a trickster, yet what a transformation – into ISRAEL, a Prince with God!
  - 4) **Judas** ("*Praise*", Gen 29 – 49, **1768**), or Judah and his brethren (the twelve tribes of Israel) + \_\_\_\_\_
    - a) Notice the tribe of Levi (priestly tribe) is skipped, as is Ephraim (the largest tribe)
    - b) God is going to bring the Messiah through Judah – to be the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Rev 5:5)
    - c) Notice the first of four women in the genealogy
      - (i) \_\_\_\_\_ – an adulteress (Gen 38)
      - (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ – a GENTILE harlot
      - (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ – a GENTILE (from Moab)
      - (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ – a HITTITE adulteress (Cf Mt 21:31,21)
  - 5) **Phares** and **Zara** ("*Breaker*", and "*Splendour*" Gen 38, **1715**) – twins born to Judah via a wicked relationship, and yet God continued on course to bringing in the Messiah. Moved into Egypt with Jacob and his family (Gen 46; Ex 1).
  - 6) **Esrom** ("*Protector*", Hezron, Gen 46:12; Num 26:21, **1650?**) – this guy seems to have been the first of Israel to be born in Egypt after being brought there by Joseph. There were going to be lots of kids!
  - 7) **Aram** ("*Exalted*", 1Chron 2:9,10, **1580?**) – born in Egypt.
  - 8) **Aminadab** ("*My kinsman is noble*", Ruth 4:19, **1530?**) – born in Egypt.
  - 9) **Naasson** ("*Enchanter*", Ruth 4:20, **1480?**) – born in Egypt, but came with Moses and Joshua out of Egypt.
  - 10) **Salmon** (Ruth 4:21, **1400?**) + **Rachab** (1Chron 2:11)
    - a) Rahab is the first convert in the Promised Land (Joshua 2)
    - b) Rahab the harlot marries a godly man – AMEN
    - c) God uses the foolish things, the base things so that NO FLESH can glory (1Cor 1:27-29)
  - 11) **Booz**, or Boaz ("*Swift*") + **Ruth** ("*Friendship*", the whole Book of Ruth, **1320?**)
    - a) Notice here a man who takes God's ways seriously – takes responsibility for his brother's family
    - b) Here is a man who loses his own identity to do God's will
    - c) Here is a man who loves an unworthy woman
    - d) Here is a man picturing Jesus!
  - 12) **Obed** ("*Servant*", 1Chron 2:12, **1250?**) – no more is mentioned
  - 13) **Jesse** ("*Possessor*", Ruth 4:22, **1180?**)
  - 14) **David** ("*Beloved*", 1 Sam 16 – 1 Kings 2, **1100**) + Bathsheba
    - a) Note that Bathsheba's name is not mentioned, but her husband, Urias, or Uriah is mentioned! There is MUCH more to be learned from the life of Uriah than from Bathsheba!
    - b) David takes a pivotal place in the history of Israel. He is the apex of their history (not Solomon)
      - (i) A great man of faith from his youth
      - (ii) Went sour with Bathsheba
      - (iii) Wrote about 70% of the Psalms
      - (iv) Mightily led Israel in praise and worship of God
      - (v) Never lost a battle
      - (vi) Reigned forty years
      - (vii) Will reign again (Jer 30:9; Ezek 34:23,24)

b. \_\_\_\_\_ . From here on, there is a general downward spiral because of prosperity, and neglect of the fear of God. Here starts however the line of the **KINGS** of Israel – the Messiah will be a King

- 1) **Solomon** (2 Sam 5 – 1 Kings 11)
  - a) Started to reign at about \_\_\_\_\_ **BC** – a great mile-marker for world history reference
  - b) Reigned 40 years, and did basically evil (1Kg 11:42). Very wise, but very much in the flesh.
  - c) He built and built, and built, but eventually all became dust.
  - d) Note: As far as Jesus’ physical genealogy, Luke shows that Jesus’ actual parentage through His mother Mary comes **NOT** from Solomon, but through another of David’s sons, Nathan (Luke 3:21 - 3:31).
- 2) **Roboam**, or Rehoboam (1 Kings 11:43 – 14:31)
  - a) Started to reign about 960 BC
  - b) Reigned 17 years, and mostly evil – selfish like his father, and split the kingdom by his dominance and arrogance
- 3) **Abia**, or Abijah, or Abijam (1 Kings 14:31 – 15:8; see also 1 Chron 14)
  - a) Started to reign about 940 BC
  - b) Reigned 3 years, and did mostly evil
- 4) **Asa** (1Kings 15:8 – 24)
  - a) Started to reign about 930 BC
  - b) Reigned 41 years as a good king
  - c) While he reigned in Judah, 7 kings came and went in Israel.
  - d) He brought Judah back to God, and removed his own mother from being queen because she worshipped idols!
- 5) **Josaphat**, or Jehosaphat (1 Kings 15:24 – 22:50)
  - a) Started to reign in about 900 BC
  - b) Befriended the ungodly king Ahab in the North
  - c) Reigned 25 years as basically good
  - d) Sent priests out to teach the word of God in every city and village
- 6) **Joram**, or Jehoram (1 Kings 22:50 – ff; 2 Kg 8:16-24)
  - a) Started to reign at about 875 BC
  - b) Reigned about 8 years, and did evil
  - c) He married a wicked woman named Athaliah, daughter of Jezebel
  - d) He died a horrible disease where “his bowels fell out”, and he “departed without being desired.”
- 7) **Ozias**, or Uzziah (2 Kgs 15)
  - a) His reign started in about 800 BC
  - b) He reigned 52 years and did **GOOD**. The Bible says, “as long as he sought God (Mt 6:33), God made him to prosper” (2 Chr 26:5).
  - c) His end wasn’t that great, but overall, very good
  - d) Notice that three kings, and a queen have been **SKIPPED** by the Holy Spirit (every Jew of Jesus’ day would have agreed with the skipping of these names – see the skipping of Joab):
    - (i) **Ahaziah**, or Jehoahaz – the son of wicked Athaliah. Reigned only 1 year. Jehu from the northern kingdom killed this king!
    - (ii) **Athaliah** (a woman who should not have been on the throne at all). Reigned 6 yrs.
    - (iii) **Joash**. A good king, but caught up in a mess. He reigned 40 years, and got Judah back right with God. But his relationship with God soured after his spiritual advisor Jehoida (who had protected him from Athaliah), died, Joash went into apostasy and caused Israel to do worse than his mother had – so he is skipped in the lineage!
    - (iv) **Amaziah**. Reign 29 years (2 Kgs 14). Did right, but not with a perfect heart.

- e) At this time there was a POLLUTION in the kingly line between the influences of the Northern idolatrous 10 tribes and the Southern 2 tribes, and so God just quietly skips over the whole time frame and gets on to the next king that gets right.
- 8) **Joatham** (2Kgs 15:32-38)
- a) Started about 750 BC
  - b) Reigned 16 years, and did good. “So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.” (2Ch 27:6)
- 9) **Achaz**, or Ahaz (2 Kgs 16)
- a) Started at about 735 BC
  - b) Reigned 16 years and was wicked – introduced Baal worship, burnt his own sons in the fire of his worship. He was brought under the authority of the Assyrians.
  - c) Isaiah preached at this time.
- 10) **Ezekias**, or Hezekiah (2Kgs 18 – 20)
- a) Started at about 720 BC
  - b) Reigned 29 years
  - c) He did just about the BEST as king since David
  - d) His life was lengthened by 15 years by praying for more years
  - e) But his last 15 years were spent showing-off God’s blessings instead of investing them into eternity!
- 11) **Manasses** (2 Kgs 21)
- a) Started to reign in about 690 BC
  - b) He reigned 55 years
  - c) He was one of the worst kings Judah ever had – notice the son of one of the best kings immediately went to being one of the worst!
  - d) At the end of his life, he got right with God
- 12) **Amon** (2Kgs 21)
- a) Started to reign in about 640 BC
  - b) He reigned only about 2 years, and did much evil
- 13) **Josias**, or Josiah (2 Kgs 22 – 23)
- a) Started to reign in about 638 BC
  - b) Reigned about 31 years, and did very good
  - c) Notice that even though he had a wicked father (Amon), he could still do right!
  - d) When the Bible was found in the disused Temple, he repented, and got all of Israel to repent.
  - e) Josias’ reforms delayed, but could not avert the coming judgment on Judah
- 14) **Jechonias**, Jehoiachin, or Coniah and his brethren (2 Kgs 24; Jer 22:24-30; 37:1)
- a) Jehoiachin started to reign in 600 BC, and reigned 3 months
  - b) Experienced being carried away into captivity in Babylon
  - c) Lived in Babylon another 37 years
  - d) The SEED of Jechonias is CURSED in Jer 22:30 and can NEVER sit on the throne of David because of all the idolatry. So, HOW is the Messiah going to come from David? Only through a DIFFERENT line from David, than through the KINGS – via a virgin named Mary (Isa 7:14).

Chart showing the line of kings from Josiah through to Coniah



NOTE: From Abraham to the Exodus is 490 years. From the Exodus to Solomon is 490 years. From Joshua to David is 490 years. From the dedication of the first temple under Solomon, until the dedication of the rebuilt temple under Ezra is 490 years.

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None of the following men, until a virgin birth rectifies the situation, are qualified to be king because of the curse on Coniah (Jer 22, 37)

- 1) **Jechonias** (Repeated since he was responsible for the carrying away into captivity)
- 2) **Salathiel** (Ezr 3:2,5:2 Neh 12:1; Hag 1:1,12,14 2:2,23)
- 3) **Zorobabel** (1Chron 3:19,20 doesn't list this man's name, but maybe he has another name as listed). He returns with Nehemiah and Ezra to Judah to rebuild the Temple and city.

NOTE: From here on, for the next 500 or so years, until Joseph, there are no further records in the Old Testament. So, Matthew and Luke are the Jew's ONLY source for the genealogy of the Messiah. These names cover the time between Malachi and Matthew. What we know is that these people are pure Jews, of the tribe of Judah.

- 4) **Abiud** - ??
- 5) **Eliakim** - ??
- 6) **Azor** - ??
- 7) **Sadoc** - ?? – The Greek Empire takes over in his lifetime
- 8) **Achim** - ??
- 9) **Eliud** - ??
- 10) **Eleazar** - ??
- 11) **Matthan** - ?? – The Roman Empire takes over in his lifetime
- 12) **Jacob** - ??
- 13) **Joseph + Mary** (Mary's lineage is given in Luke 3, with Joseph being the "son of Heli" by being his \_\_\_\_\_!)
- 14) **Jesus**, the Messiah

- d. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations. It was organised this way to help us memorise the list! Jews LOVED to memorize numbers and genealogies, and so God says "Here you go. Memorize THIS list!"
- e. You haven't gone 17 verses into the New Testament, and in so doing, you have covered 2,000 years of carefully orchestrated historical events, through which God has brought about the promised Messiah!
  - 1) 261 words to lay the foundation for the greatest life ever!
  - 2) Just 1% of the Book of Matthew is used to connect the reader with 2,000 years of preparatory work that led up to the birth of Christ!
  - 3) Never complain about genealogies!

- f. The intervening 400 years between Malachi and Matthew include:
- 1) Only a small handful of Jews that had returned from the Babylonian and Assyrian dispersions (maybe 100,000). They grow back to a nation of about a million people, mainly in Judea.
  - 2) A priestly family known as the \_\_\_\_\_ led a resistance against the Greek empire for freedom to serve God – 2 apocryphal books were written about this time frame.
  - 3) The Romans took over the Greek empire in 63 B.C.

### A Summary of the People in Christ's Genealogy

#### First Set of Fourteen Generations

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Reference</i>	<i>Known for</i>	<i>Conclusion</i>
1.	2000 BC	<b>Abraham</b>	Gen 11:26 – 25:11	Faith	Great
2.	1900	<b>Issac</b>	Gen 21:1-35-29	Faith	Great
3.	1836	<b>Jacob</b>	Gen 25:24 – 50:14	Transformation	Great
4.	1768	<b>Judas</b>	Gen 29 – 49	Selling Joseph	Great
		<b>Thamar</b>	Gen 38	Harlotry	Righteous
5.	1715	<b>Phares</b>	Gen 38	Moved into Egypt	???
		<b>Zara</b>	Gen 38		???
6.	1650?	<b>Hezron</b>	Gen 46:12; Num 26:21		???
7.	1580?	<b>Aram</b>	1Chron 2:9,10		???
8.	1530?	<b>Aminadab</b>	Ruth 4:19.		???
9.	1480?	<b>Naasson</b>	Ruth 4:20	Left Egypt (Exodus)	???
10.	1400?	<b>Salmon</b>	Ruth 4:21	With Joshua	???
		<b>Rachab</b>	Josh 2; 1Chron 2:11	Harlot	Saved!
11.	1320?	<b>Boaz</b>	Ruth	Gentleness	Great
		<b>Ruth</b>	Ruth	Surrender	Great
12.	1250?	<b>Obed</b>	1Chron 2:12		???
13.	1180?	<b>Jesse</b>	Ruth 4:22	Great father	Great
14.	1100	<b>David</b>	1 Sam 16 – 1 Kings 2		<b>Greatest</b>
		<i>Bathsheba</i>	2 Sam 11, 12	Harlotry	Great

#### The Second Set of Fourteen Generations, the line of the Messianic **KINGS** of Judah

1.	1050	<b>Solomon</b>	2 Sam 5 – 1 Kgs 11	Wisdom, Women	Waste
2.	960	<b>Rehoboam</b>	1 Kgs 11:43 – 14:31	Split the kingdom	Evil
3.	940	<b>Abija</b>	1 Kgs 14:31 – 15:8		Evil
4.	930	<b>Asa</b>	1 Kgs 15:8 – 24	Revival	Good
5.	900	<b>Jehosaphat</b>	1 Kgs 15:24 – 22:50	Taught the Bible	Good
6.	875	<b>Jehoram</b>	1 Kgs 22:50 – f		Evil
7.	800	<b>Uzziah</b>	2 Kgs 15	Sought God	Good
Skip three kings that were part of a corrupted blood line					
8.	750	<b>Joatham</b>	2Kgs 15:32-38		Good
9.	735	<b>Ahaz</b>	2 Kgs 16	Isaiah	Evil
10.	720	<b>Hezekiah</b>	2Kgs 18 – 20	Prayer	Great
11.	690	<b>Manasses</b>	2 Kgs 21		Wicked
12.	640	<b>Amon</b>	2Kgs 21		Much evil
13.	638	<b>Josiah</b>	2 Kgs 22 – 23	Found Bible	Good
14.	597	<b>Jehoiachin</b>	2 Kgs 24	<i>Babylon takes over</i>	Wicked

#### The Third Set of Fourteen Generations (most dates are guess-work) – no kings

1.		<b>Jehoiachin</b>	Responsible for the carrying away into captivity		Wicked
2.	550?	<b>Salathiel</b>	Ezr 3:2,5;2 Neh 12:1; Hag 1:1,12,14 2:2,23		Good
3.	538?	<b>Zorobabel</b>	<i>Returns from Captivity</i>	Good?	
4.	470?	<b>Abiud</b>	??		???
5.	410?	<b>Eliakim</b>	??		???
6.	360?	<b>Azor</b>	??		???
7.	300?	<b>Sadoc</b>	??	<i>Greek Empire takes over</i>	???
8.	250?	<b>Achim</b>	??		???
9.	200?	<b>Eliud</b>	??		???
10.	150?	<b>Eleazar</b>	??		???
11.	100?	<b>Matthan</b>	??	<i>Roman Empire takes over</i>	???
12.	50?	<b>Jacob</b>	??		???
13.	26?	<b>Joseph</b>	Mt 1	Carpenter	Good man
		<b>Mary</b>	Mt 1	Virgin	Blessed
14.	6 BC	<b>Jesus</b>	Mt 2	Messiah	<b>God!</b>

B. **The Conception and Birth of Jesus** (Mt 1:18-25). We now switch to the narrative nature of the Book of Matthew.

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_** – betrothal, engagement – a covenant to enter into the covenant of marriage
  - a. Between two people and their parents – a vow, almost as binding as marriage. Part of courtship – not dating!
  - b. This period of time was for the preparation for marriage. Before ever “coming together” (1:18)
  - c. Who was this Joseph guy?
    - 1) A man looking forward to marriage - marriage is good!
    - 2) A **just** man - justified, saved, believed God’s word and lived it
    - 3) A confused man (1:18,19) and hurt - who wouldn’t be!?
    - 4) A caring man (1:19) - his love was greater than his confusion
    - 5) A committed man (Mt 1:19) - his love meant beyond personal satisfaction - he would take care of her and protect her always
    - 6) A sensitive man (Mt 1:20,21,24) to God & obedient to His will
  - d. Catholic Confusion – according to a fake document called the *Protoevangelium of James* (supposedly written around 120 AD):
    - 1) Mary is said to have been a Temple Virgin – dedicated to labouring in the Jewish Temple for all her life (a pagan practice, not at all Biblical).
    - 2) Joseph was a widower (only a guess – no Scripture – see 1:25)
 

“But because of considerations of ceremonial cleanliness, it was eventually necessary for Mary, a consecrated ‘virgin of the Lord’ to have a guardian or protector who would respect her vow of virginity. Thus according to the document Joseph, an elderly widower who already had children, was chosen (this also explains why Joseph was apparently dead by the time of Jesus’ adult ministry, since he does not appear during it in the gospels and since Mary is entrusted to John at the crucifixion rather than to her husband Joseph).”

“How seriously Joseph was required to respect Mary’s vow was indicated by the fact that when she was discovered to be with child, he got in trouble with the Temple authorities, who thought he had defiled a virgin of the Lord. Mary was also accused of having forsaken the Lord by breaking her vow.”
    - 3) Mary’s *mother* (St. Anne) was a virgin who conceived Mary ALSO by the Holy Ghost – now we have TWO virgins conceiving miraculously. Mary is called “the Immaculate Conception”
    - 4) Why do they need a perpetual virgin? Answer: So that Mary would match the Queen of Heaven (a pagan goddess; Jer 7:18; 44:17-19, 25)
      - a) The doctrine of perpetual virginity was not accepted as doctrine until 451 at the Council of Chalcedon
      - b) Mary needed to be able to skip death – to be bodily assumed to heaven – so she could not have sin
        - (i) Catholicism equates sex with sin
        - (ii) Mary could not have intimacy with Joseph without being a sinner
      - c) Catholicism needed a saint above all other saints (even above Christ), who had complete control of their flesh
2. **The \_\_\_\_\_** - Mary is **with child** (that is the way you say a woman is pregnant (Mt 1:18, 23; Gen 16:11; 1Sam 4:19; 2Sam 11:5)
  - a. She is with child, yet she is STILL a virgin!
  - b. By means of the Holy Ghost – when do you see the Holy Ghost working in the Old Testament and the New Testament?
    - 1) At creation (Gen 1:2)
    - 2) In striving with man to keep him under control (Gen 6:3)
    - 3) In the life of the Messiah (Isa 42:1; Mt 12:18)
    - 4) In the life of the believer (Isa 44:3; Ezek 36:27)

- 5) In the Remnant of the Jews in the Tribulation (Joel 2:28)
  - 6) Here in the supernatural conception of a baby
- c. Total surprise! These folks were not superstitious. They knew the impossibility of such an act! But they had three things they could not refute
- 1) Mary WAS with child – and she knew it was not by a man
  - 2) An angel had told her she was going to have a Baby by means of the Holy Ghost
  - 3) The word of God says a virgin would conceive AS a virgin, not as a married woman!
- d. The criticism of the use of the word “**virgin**”
- 1) Some people have problem with the ambiguity of the Hebrew word in Isa 7:14 - *Ha-almah* (maid, damsel, virgin)
    - a) It is where people get the phrase, “My dear alma-mater” (ie, *my virgin mother*, referring to you College or University!)
    - b) Rebekah is a virgin (Gen 24:43)
    - c) Ladies who are unmarried, are expected to be virgins (Song 1:3; 6:8)
    - d) Maid is used when talking about Moses’ sister (Ex 2:8)
    - e) Many atheistic, and agnostic Jews want the word translated “young woman” and so many bible correctors follow!
    - f) But, how could a young woman getting pregnant be a special sign of anything? Every mother was at some point a pregnant young woman!
  - 2) Why would it say, “*before they came together*” if it was not a true virgin birth?
  - 3) The Greek word is *parthenos* – a literal virgin
  - 4) A doctor (Luke) says Mary had no relations with Joseph before the birth of Jesus (Luke 1:34)
  - 5) Many of the new Bibles mess with the word so that the cross reference is lost, or not believed

Isa 7:14 (AV) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a <b>virgin</b> shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.	Isa 7:14 (RSV) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a <b>young woman</b> shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
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- 6) Why would people question this word? Because it otherwise would be a notable miracle – and miracles are not scientific!
3. **The** \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Joseph has a hard timing believing Mary’s tale – no matter how much Bible your believe, life has a way of being harder to over-look!
    - 1) He had fallen in love with a virgin, who was supposed to save herself for HIM
    - 2) He knew of only ONE way for Mary to get pregnant
    - 3) Joseph himself was a godly man, and knew there was NO WAY he was responsible
  - b. Joseph has a hard time deciding what to do
    - 1) Should Mary be reported?
    - 2) But then Mary would be stoned? (Dt 22:17-21)
    - 3) Joseph loved Mary -
    - 4) He decided to divorce her privately – put her away (Dt 24:1-3)
4. **The** \_\_\_\_\_ (Cf Lk 1:30-33) God dispatches the top angel, **THE** Angel of the Lord (Gal 4:14; Act 27:23; Gen 32:27; Judg 13:18) – an appearance of the Lord
- a. Fear not to do what God is about to tell you
  - b. Take Mary to be your wife – against all odds!
  - c. Make her your wife tonight – no ceremony
  - d. Understand that the baby in her womb is from the Holy Ghost
  - e. That Baby is a BOY, and he shall be called **JESUS**

- 1) Two words
  - 2) Jehovah, and Saves
  - 3) He has come to SAVE His people FROM their sins
  - 4) In the Old Testament – Joshua, Hosea
- f. Who are “His people”? Calvinists have a time with this verse – they make it only apply to THEMSELVES!
- 1) Historically, and doctrinally – the Jews
  - 2) Spiritually, to anyone who believes
  - 3) It hasn’t happened yet, therefore it WILL
- g. A person is not saved IN their sins, but FROM their sins!
5. **The \_\_\_\_\_** (1:22-23)
- a. Promised in Isaiah 7:14
  - b. Notice how the Bible interprets itself. If there is some confusion, the Bible will down-the-line correct it!
  - c. Joseph will call this boy **Jesus**
  - d. People will call Him, “**GOD with us!**” – not just a “good man”
6. **The \_\_\_\_\_** (1:24,25)
- a. Joseph endured his lack of faith – just obeyed the Lord
  - b. Endured the embarrassment of an early marriage
  - c. Endured another 10 month-wait before real marriage
7. **The \_\_\_\_\_** (1:25)
- a. Think about Joseph looking down at that newborn boy, and calling Him **JESUS**
  - b. This was not Joseph’s baby, but one far more important
  - c. Everything here is pure!
  - d. Note about the Westcott/Hort Greek Text (WH)
    - 1) “*Firstborn*” is missing – how convenient for Rome!
      - a) (AV) And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.
      - b) (ASV) and knew her not till she had brought forth a son: and he called his name JESUS.
      - c) (NIV) But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.
    - 2) Mary had other sons after Jesus (Mk 6:3; John 2:17; Ps 69:8,9; Gal 1:19; 1Cor 15:7; John 7:1-5)

**II. Conclusion and Application**

A. Jesus' birth is therefore the greatest supernatural event of all time!

1. Literally, the SON of God
2. The ONLY BEGOTTEN Son of God (instead of the ONLY Son of God as listed in most other Bibles)
  - a. Greek - μονογενηϑ monogenes
  - b. Two words: **mono** (only), and **genes** (begotten, or produced)

John 1:14			
(AV) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of <b>the only begotten</b> of the Father,) full of grace and truth.	(NIV) The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of <b>the One and Only</b> , who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.	(NKJV) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of <b>the only begotten</b> of the Father, full of grace and truth.	(RSV) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of <b>the only Son</b> from the Father.
<i>The only son, begotten physically by God</i>	<i>God's one and only son would not allow for any Christian to also be a son of God!</i>	<i>Matches the AV</i>	<i>Worse than the NIV!</i>

John 1:18			
(AV) No man hath seen God at any time; <b>the only begotten Son</b> , which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.	(NIV) No-one has ever seen God, <b>but God the One and Only</b> , who is at the Father's side, has made him known.	(NKJV) No one has seen God at any time. <b>The only begotten Son</b> , who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.	(RSV) No one has ever seen God; <b>the only Son</b> , who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.
	<i>Confuses the reader!</i>		<i>Weak!</i>

John 3:16			
(AV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his <b>only begotten Son</b> , that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.	(NIV) "For God so loved the world that he gave <b>his one and only Son</b> , that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.	(NKJV) "For God so loved the world that He gave <b>His only begotten Son</b> , that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.	(RSV) For God so loved the world that he gave <b>his only Son</b> , that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
<i>The giving of the Son was on the cross, not at birth!</i>	<i>Implies God had a Son in heaven with Him for all eternity.</i>	<i>Whoever does not have the same "punch" as whosoever!</i>	

John 3:18			
(AV) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of <b>the only begotten Son of God</b> .	(NIV) Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of <b>God's one and only Son</b> .	(NKJV) "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of <b>the only begotten Son of God</b> ."	(RSV) He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of <b>the only Son of God</b> .
	<i>Notice the change from believing ON Jesus to only IN Him!</i>	<i>Also changes ON, to IN.</i>	<i>Also changes ON, to IN.</i>

Heb 11:17			
(AV) By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up <b>his only begotten son</b> ,	(NIV) By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his <b>one and only son</b> ,	(NKJV) By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his <b>only begotten son</b> ,	(RSV) By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer up his <b>only son</b> ,
<i>Abraham had other children, but Isaac was his only miraculous son</i>	<i>Isaac was Abraham's ONLY son?</i>	<i>Matches the AV</i>	<i>Isaac was Abraham's ONLY son?</i>

3. The FIRSTBORN Son of God – all believers are \_\_\_\_\_ sons of God
  4. The FIRSTBORN of Mary and Joseph – they had many more children after the birth of Jesus!
- B. Jesus' birth the culmination of not only all the prophecies of the Old Testament, but also the preparations, which means the WHOLE Old Testament is Christian, not just Jewish!
- C. God uses human vessels (physical things) to accomplish His plans:
1. A human body
  2. A human mother

3. Words on a page – the Bible
4. The Old Testament ceremonial Laws – to show God’s holiness and man’s sinfulness
5. The New Testament body of believers – as the body of God’s Son on earth now
6. God is depending upon His children, who are to be His faithful servants!

**III. Study Questions**

- A. The Book of Matthew is written to what distinct ethnic group? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. The list of the Genealogy of Matthew chapter 1 covers approximately how many years?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- C. How many generations were there from Abraham to Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Who was the last king in the list? **Amon? Eliakim? Conias? Zedekiah? Or Hezekiah?** (Circle the right answer?)
- E. How could Jesus sit one day on David’s throne, if the seed of David is cursed from ever sitting on the throne again? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- F. List one Scripture promising the coming of the Messiah in the Old Testament:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- G. There were four women listed along in the genealogy of Jesus – list one of them by name:  
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- H. Who was David’s father’s name? \_\_\_\_\_
- I. Who was Solomon’s son’s name? \_\_\_\_\_
- J. About when did Solomon reign over Israel? \_\_\_\_\_
- K. Is Mary’s mother listed in the genealogy of Christ? **Yes? No?**
- L. What does the word “Christ” mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- M. What does an espousal mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- N. What does the catholic church teach about Joseph and Mary’s marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- O. Did Joseph have a hard time believing this miraculous conception? **Yes? No?**
- P. What had Joseph decided he would do with Mary? \_\_\_\_\_
- Q. Who are the “His people” doctrinally, whom Jesus has come to save? \_\_\_\_\_
- R. What does Immanuel/Emmanuel mean? \_\_\_\_\_
- S. What is the only way to translate *monogenes* in John 3:16? \_\_\_\_\_  
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