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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) *Messiah*
 - 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 “in His Son.”

And what is He telling us about His Son in this first Gospel? He begins with words that are key to his Gospel!

- a. Read Matthew 1:1 and list your observations.
- b. No other Gospel tells us about the events of Matthew 2. Why is this account of Herod's activities important to Matthew's purpose?
- c. How is Herod described in Matthew 2? What position does he hold?
- d. According to Matthew 2, what did Herod and Jesus have in common?
- e. According to Matthew 1:1, which title or description of Jesus brought conflict with Herod, and why?
- f. Matthew does not tell us Herod's genealogy; only that of Jesus. Herod was an Edomite who bore the title, "King of the Jews." Edomites were the descendents of Esau, the brother of Jacob. Jacob and Esau were sons of Isaac, the son of Abraham.

In the Appendix is a chart taken from the *New Inductive Study Bible* (NISB), "Herod's Family Tree." Herod the Great at the head of this tree is the Herod in Matthew 2. This chart is a great tool to have so you can keep your "Herods" straight. You will find it fascinating when you have time to learn what you can about Herod the Great and why he was called great.

- g. Did Herod know about Messiah? 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
IT OUT**

1. What does Matthew do to support the person of Messiah 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 record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

- 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.
- 3 Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram.
- 4 Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon.
- 5 Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse.
- 6 Jesse was the father of David the king.
David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah.
- 7 Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa.
- 8 Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah.
- 9 Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah.
- 10 Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah.
- 11 Josiah became the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.
- 12 After the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah became the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel.

- 13 Zerubbabel was the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor.
- 14 Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud.
- 15 Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob.
- 16 Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.
- 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.
- 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.
- 19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.
- 20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of 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 Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
- 23 “BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.”
- 24 And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took *Mary* as his wife,
- 25 but kept her a virgin until she gave 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, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

2 “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”

3 When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

5 They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:

6 ‘AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH,
ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH;
FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER
WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.’ ”

7 Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found *Him*, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him.”

9 After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over *the place* where the Child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

- 11 After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- 12 And having been warned *by God* in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.
- 13 Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him.”
- 14 So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt.
- 15 He remained there until the death of Herod. *This was* to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON.”
- 16 Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.
- 17 Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:
- 18 “A VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMAH,
WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING,
RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN;
AND SHE REFUSED TO BE COMFORTED,
BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE.”
- 19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said,
- 20 “Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.”

- 21 So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into 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. Then after being warned *by God* in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee,
- 23 and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. *This was* to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

MATTHEW AT A GLANCE

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