

MATTHEW – LESSON ONE

- I. THE GENEALOGY, VIRGIN BIRTH AND EARLY CHILDHOOD OF JESUS (Matthew 1-2).**
- A. Jesus' genealogy connecting him as a descendant of David and Abraham (1:1-17).
 - B. The virgin birth of Jesus (1:18-25).
 - 1. Joseph minded to put his betrothed Mary away due to her apparent sexual unfaithfulness (v.18-19).
 - 2. Angel intervenes in a dream encouraging him to take Mary as his wife, instructing him that She is with child of the Holy Spirit (v. 20-23).
 - a. Name to Be Jesus – save His people from their sins.
 - b. Fulfillment of Prophecy of son being born of a virgin– Isaiah 7:14).
 - 3. Joseph obeys angel of God and takes Mary to be his wife – no sexual relationship till Jesus is born (v. 24-25).
 - C. Early childhood of Jesus (2:1-23).
 - 1. Born in Bethlehem – visit of Wisemen (v. 1-12).
 - 2. Joseph warned by angel in a dream to take the child Jesus and his mother and flee to Egypt (v. 13-15).
 - 3. Herod slaughters all male infants, two years and under, in Bethlehem and surrounding borders (v. 16-18).
 - 4. Joseph instructed by angel in a dream to return from Egypt – Joseph, Mary and Jesus live in Nazareth (v. 19-23).

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What was the purpose of Matthew giving the genealogy of Jesus?
- 2. What do Tamar, Rahab and Ruth have in common other than being the only women mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus?
- 3. There are literally fourteen generations between King David and King Jechoniah (T) (F)

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4. How is “betrothal” among the Jews in Jesus’ day UNLIKE “engagement” in our day?
5. From verses 18-25, give THREE separate points that prove the literal virgin birth of Jesus:
6. What is the significance of the name “JESUS”?
7. In what TWO particulars did the birth of Jesus fulfill Isaiah 7:14?
8. In what town was Jesus born?
9. How does this fact fulfill prophecy?
10. Why did the wisemen come from the east?
11. Describe “the star” that the wisemen saw?
12. Three wisemen came to visit baby Jesus and found him in a manger. (T) (F)
13. By Herod’s actions, what was his true intention of wanting to know where Jesus was born?
14. Where did the angel of the Lord tell Joseph to flee with his family?
Why?
15. Why did Joseph return to dwell in Nazareth?
16. Reviewing the fulfilled prophecies in Matthew 2, how do they counteract the argument of “self-fulfilled” prophecies?