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Matthew 1

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The disciple and Apostle Matthew brings to the world a unique view of God, His Son and the Holy Spirit. Matthew pulls from the Old Testament; the Torah, and books of the Law and Prophets to reveal the Treasure that God had in store for mankind.

The history of the Jewish people starts with Abraham, whom God promised that through his lineage all in the world would be blessed if they blessed the nation that would come from Abraham. This would be the Abrahamic Covenant, based solely on God's Word, God's Promise.

Genesis 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

God chose Moses to bring His people from the bondage of Egypt a type and shadow of mankind's bondage to sin. The bondage in Egypt was a real event lived by real people the people of God of Abraham. The bondage served as a Spiritual look into the souls of man and the bondage man was trapped in by sin. God gave

Moses the Law to show Israel that God had selected them to be a nation that would reveal God to the world. Moses the first High Priest was to serve the God of Creation.

Psalms 99: 6Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

This Law given by God would be what we call the Mosaic Covenant, or the Law of Moses as often called, based solely on the Law's of God. The first Laws given by God and written on tablets with His finger are the 10 Commandments. There were over 600 Laws given by God to Israel. These Commandments were not mere suggestions on how to live they were Laws that must be upheld without deviation.

Exodus 20: 1And God spake all these words, saying,

2I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

13Thou shalt not kill.

14Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15Thou shalt not steal.

16Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Then God chose David to be King over Israel. David was of no significant importance, or significant as to leadership and power. He was a shepherd boy but a boy that would be empowered by the Holy Ghost, a young man whose heart was after God's.

1 Samuel 13:16 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of

the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

Acts 13: 22And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

Matthew will reveal these three spiritual giants of scripture that God selected as he reveals that the coming Messiah would constitute all three of these men in one man; The Son of the Living God the Messiah, Jesus the Christ; **Creator, High Priest and King.**

The Genealogy of Jesus *(Ruth 4:18-22; Luke 3:23-38)*

1The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Matthew follows the lineage of Jesus, through his stepfather Joseph. That lineage gives Jesus direct lineage to King David and fulfills the prophecy given by Samuel that David's lineage would occupy the King's seat forever.

2 Samuel 7: 12And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

This 5-minute video goes through Matthew chapter one and does a much better job of pronunciation of the various Hebrew names. We will get back to our study at its conclusion. Sorry if it does not show the video on the YouTube channel. Still learning how to do all the technical stuff. Hopefully you will be able to hear the audio.

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2Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren; **3**And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Tamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram; **4**And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon; **5**And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse; **6**And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her *that had been the wife* of Urias; **7**And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa; **8**And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias; **9**And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias; **10**And Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon; and Amon begat Josias; **11**And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon:

12And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel; **13**And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor; **14**And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud; **15**And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and

Matthan begat Jacob; **16**And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

17So 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.

The number 14 is significant in Jewish numerology. The number 7 is completeness, so the number 14 is double perfection or completeness.

The Birth of Jesus

(Isaiah 7:10-16; Micah 5:1-6; Luke 2:1-7)

18Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise:

This phrase; “on this wise” means “after this”. The birth was after his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph. In other words, it is saying that Mary did not have Jesus before she was engaged to Joseph, she gave birth to Jesus after she was espoused to Joseph.

Strong's Concordance: Espoused

“Transliteration: mnésteuó

Pronunciation: mnace-tyoo'-o

Phonetic Spelling: (mnace-tyoo'-o)

KJV: *espouse*

NASB: *engaged, betrothed*”

When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

A child out of wedlock has always had a stigma to it. Even more so during this time especially with the Jewish Culture.

19Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

Josphe’s first thought was that he would privately give her a divorce or an annulment quietly. An espousal or what we consider an engagement was far more firm during this time than now.

20But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

The Lord through Matthew reiterates the lineage between King David and Joseph the step or earthly father of Jesus. The angel calls Joseph “**thou son of David**”. It was a manner in Jewish custom to draw a significant linkage between two people separated by years but still of the same family.

21And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

The Angel is succinct declaring to Joseph the purpose of this child that would be born to Mary, Joseph's proposed wife. This child will **"save his people from their sins"**.

22Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **23**Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

This prophecy is from Isaiah:

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

24Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: **25**And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

We have all learned what God wants from us as Believers. It was the same thing He wanted from this Jewish man; obedience.