

Introduction

1. A bridge between the Old Testament and the New Testament.
 - a. Refers to Old Testament more than any other book
 - b. 60 quotations / 130 references
2. Written by a Jew to Jews about a Jew.
3. Author Matthew – originally Levi – son of Alphaeus who was 1 of the 12 original apostles (Matt 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15) emphasizes the teachings of Jesus Christ.
4. In the first chapter of the first book we find:
 - a. The genealogy of the King – 1:1-17
 - b. The announcement of the birth of the King – 1:18-25



Select Verses

1:1 - *“The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”*

1:21 - *“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.”*

1:23 - *“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.”*

Select Thoughts / Themes

1. Record of the birth of Jesus Christ
2. 5 great sermons contained in Matthew:
 - a. Sermon on the mount..... 5, 6, 7
 - b. Instructions to the apostles..... 10:5-42
 - c. Parables of the Kingdom 13:1-52
 - d. Lessons on humility / forgiveness ... 18:1-52
 - e. Prophetic discourses 24:1-25:46



Author – Matthew
Date – 58-60 AD

Chapter 1 of 260
in the New Testament

3. The lineage of the Messiah (v. 17)
 - a. Abraham to David – 14 generations
 - b. David to Babylonian captivity – 14 generations
 - c. Babylonian captivity to Christ – 14 generations

4. Descriptive terms of God's only Son in Matthew 1:
 - a. Jesus Christ – vs. 1, 18
 - b. Christ – v. 17
 - c. Jesus – vs. 21, 25
 - d. Jesus, who is called Christ - v. 16

5. Emphasis on the kingdom:
 - a. Kingdom = 55 times
 - b. Kingdom of heaven = 32 times

6. A primary purpose of this book was to convince the Jews that Jesus Christ was the prophesied and promised Messiah.



To Consider Further...

1. Has God always proven faithful to His promises?
 - a. Regarding His promise to send a Messiah.
 - b. Isaiah's prophecy of the Messiah would be born of a virgin was true (Isa. 7:14).

2. Discuss God's plan to redeem man:
 - a. How it was unfolding at the time of Matthew.
 - b. When was it developed / planned?

3. Describe the relationship between Mary and Joseph at this time.

4. How important is it that one understand Mary was a virgin and became pregnant from the Holy Spirit (cf. Luke 1:26-35)?

5. What do we learn from the names by which Jesus was called and is known today?