

Matthew

Genealogy

1.2-17

The genealogy of Jesus the **Messiah**, the son of **David**, the son of **Abraham** . . . [through] Mattan the father of Jacob, . . . the father of **Joseph** the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

1.18-19

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

1.20-25

But just as he **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 conceived in her is from **the Holy Spirit**. She will bear a son, and **you shall call his name Jesus**, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet [Isaiah 7.14]:

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and his name shall be called Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

Compare I Samuel 2:

1: Hanna prayed and said:

"My heart exults in the LORD;
my strength is exalted in my God.

10: The LORD will judge the ends of the earth.

7: The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
He brings low, he also exalts.

5: Those who were full have sold themselves for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil."

Luke

3.23-38

Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his work. He was the son (as was thought) of **Joseph** son of Heli, son of Matthat . . . son of David, . . . son of Abraham, . . . **son of Adam, son of God**.

2.1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinus was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

1.26-35, 46-48, 50, 52-53

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to man whose name was Joseph, of the house of **David**; and the Virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and **considered** in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "**Do not be afraid**, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and **you shall call his name Jesus**. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end. And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "**The Holy Spirit** will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. . . . And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden."

50: And his mercy is on those who fear him
from generation to generation.

52: He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and exalted them of low degree;

53: He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away."

The Adoration of the Infant Jesus

2.1-12

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet [Micah 5.2]:

'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

2.13-21

The Flight into Egypt and Return

2.22-23

But when [Joseph] heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets* might be fulfilled, "He Shall be called a Nazarene."

*There are no such prophecies. However, there is a similarity in sound and possibly in meaning between the Aramaic word for *Nazareth* and the Hebrew word *netzer*, translated 'branch' in Isaiah 11.1. Matthew may also have been recalling Judges 13.5 --"the boy [Samson] shall be a nazirite to God from birth"--and I Samuel 1.11: "I will set him [Samuel] before you as a nazirite until the day of his death."

2.8-20

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary **kept all these things**, pondering them **in her heart**. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

2.21-38

The Circumcision and Presentation in the Temple

2.39-40

And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Judges 13.24-25: "The boy grew, and the LORD blessed him. The spirit of the LORD began to stir him."
I Samuel 3.19: "As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him."

2.21-38

The Circumcision and Presentation in the Temple

Lev 12.2, 4, 6-7, 8: If a woman have conceived seed, and born a . . . child, then she shall be unclean . . . she shall continue in the blood of her purifying . . .; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled. . . . when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, . . . she shall bring a **lamb** of the first year for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin offering, . . . unto the priest, Who shall offer it before the LORD, and make an atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. . . . And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons.

[*John 1.29: "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

[*Revelation 5.6, 7.14: "Then I saw . . . a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered. . . . They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."*]

consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

Isaiah 52.10: All the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

42.6: I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations
to open the eyes that are blind.

Judges 14.4: Samson's "father and mother did not know that this was from the LORD."

John 19.34: "one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water."

I Samuel 1.9, 20: "Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. . . . In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD.

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

[*Judges 13.7: "The boy [Samson] shall be a nazirite to God from birth to the day of his death."*

[*I Samuel 1.11: "If you will give to your servant [Hannah] a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death."*]

And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord [Ex. 13.2], "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart
in peace, according to thy word;
for mine eyes have seen thy salvation
which thou hast prepared
in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to thy people Israel."

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

2.13-21

The Flight into Egypt and Return

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet [Hosea 11.1; cf. Exodus 4.22: "Israel is my firstborn Son."], "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men, but

Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah [31.15]:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled,
because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

Genesis 37.3, 5: Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children. . . . Once Joseph had a dream . . .

39.1: "Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt."

50.24-25: Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die; but God will surely come to you, and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. . . . When God comes to you, you shall carry up my bones from here."

Exodus 1.8:

15-17: The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, "When you act as midwives, . . . if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them,

they let the boys live.

4.7-8: Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, to a land flowing with milk and honey.

4.19: The LORD said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt; for all those who were seeking your life are dead."

Joshua 24.32: The bones of Joseph, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem.

2.41-52

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kins-folk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did

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not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and **his mother kept all these things in her heart**. Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.