

## CHAPTER 1

**T**HE book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;

3 And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; 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:

12 And 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.

17 So 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.

18 ¶ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

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

20 But 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.

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

22 Now 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.

24 Then 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.

## CHAPTER 2

**N**OW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

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

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search dili-

gently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

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

11 ¶ And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

13. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

14 When he arose, he took the

young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

16 ¶ Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,

18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

19 ¶ But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

21 And he arose, and took the

young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:

23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

### CHAPTER 3

**I**N those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 ¶ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:

12 Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

13 ¶ Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

#### CHAPTER 4

**T**HEN was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down:

for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

12 ¶ Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

15 The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, *by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

17 ¶ From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

18 ¶ And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his broth-

er, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

23 ¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, and *from* Jerusalem, and *from* Judaea, and *from* beyond Jordan.

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## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

As we begin our study in the New Testament, it is very necessary that we understand Matthew's relationship to the other Gospels. Matthew is Jewish, and presents Christ as King of the Jews (Matthew 1:1—"the son of David"). Mark is Roman, and presents Christ as a Servant. Luke is Greek, and presents Christ as the perfect Son of man. John is universal in appeal, and presents Christ as the eternal Son of God.

Matthew was written by Levi, a Jewish tax collector (chapter 9:9-13). It is the bridge between the Old and New Testaments, because of its position, and abounds in quotations from the Old Testament, as

well as references to Old Testament events and persons. According to one Bible scholar, Matthew contains 53 quotations from the Old Testament and 76 references to Old Testament passages.

Throughout the book, Christ is referred to as the Son of David. Matthew is not chronological, as Mark and Luke are, but contains selected material from Christ's life; arranged to convey one specific truth—that Christ is King of the Jews, rejected by His people, crucified for the entire world, and now alive in heaven.

Chapter 1 gives the human ancestry of Christ (verses 1-17). Then, in verses 18-25, we are told

about the divine birth of Christ. In the genealogy, Matthew shows the faithful providence of God, in that, through nearly 2,000 years of human history, God overruled and brought His Son into the world through the nation of Israel. In these verses Matthew shows the fulfilled promise of God; proving that Christ came as the prophet Isaiah had predicted—conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin.

In chapter 2 Matthew tells where Christ was born. He refers to a number of Old Testament verses that prove the Kingship of Jesus to the Jewish people.

In chapter 3 Matthew introduces Jesus through His forerunner, John the Baptist. The chapter is divided into three parts: (1) John the Baptist came (verses 1-6). (2) The Pharisees and Sadducees came (verses 7-12). (3) Jesus came (verses 13-17). We see here the forerunner of the King, the enemies of the King, and the King.

Chapter 4 records Jesus meeting and defeating His enemy, the prince of the world. We will note that Jesus continually met the devil's temptations by using Scripture. In our daily living we must remember that feeding the spiritual man is far more important than feeding the physical man. Too many people today are only feeding their physical bodies and letting their souls shrivel from a lack of feeding upon God's Word. The only way a Christian can successfully defeat the devil is through the power of God.

This power is given to us in the Word.

## PROVERB FOR TODAY

"He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he" (Proverbs 16:20).

## TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 30:** For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 10.

## BIRTHDAY TODAY

### SYBIL BELL

## ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

### THE FEAST OF THE TRUMPETS BEGAN.

This was a season of the year when the Jews were not allowed to do any work. They gave an offering to God. In reality, this was the thanksgiving day or the thanksgiving season of the Jewish people. So today, let us pause to thank God for His goodness and make this, in some respects, a thanksgiving day.

**1004 B.C.**

### THE ARK WAS BROUGHT INTO THE TEMPLE.

When the Ark was brought into the temple, the Glory of God came in. This is found in I Kings 8:1-11. The Ark of the Covenant was that little piece of furniture that had originally been placed in the tabernacle. In fact, it was the only piece of furniture that was brought from the tabernacle into the temple, and when it came in, the glory of God filled the House of God. Let us pray for God's glory to fill our churches.

**536 B.C.**

### THE ALTAR WAS SET UP

Ezra 3:6

The altar was set up, and burnt offerings began.

**445 B.C.**

### THE GREAT REVIVAL UNDER EZRA WAS BEGUN.

Nehemiah 8:2

Probably there is no greater revival found in the Word of God. The people of God had been away in bondage. They had come back from Babylonian captivity and rebuilt the House of God as well as the city and the walls around the city. Now they come to a time of revival. Ezra got a pulpit of wood and read the Word of God from morning till mid-day and the people shouted, "Amen, Amen." They confessed their sins and wept before the Lord, and revival came. Let us pray for revival to come to your church and mine and to our nation in these needy days.

**596 B.C.**

### HANANIAH DIED.

Jeremiah 28:17

Hananiah was told at the first of the year these words, "...*this year thou shalt die...*" (Jeremiah 28:16). So he died that year. Many people will die this year. Some people, no doubt, reading this today will die this year. Let us live every day and every year as if it were our last day and year, "*Redeeming the time, because the days are evil*" (Ephesians 5:16).

## ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

**1851**

Black and white abolitionists smashed into a courtroom at Syracuse, N.Y., and rescued a fugitive slave.

Abolitionist William C. Nell published Services of Colored Americans in the Wars of 1776 and 1812, the

first extended work on the history of American blacks. Revised edition of the book was published in 1855 with new title, *The Colored Patriots of the American Revolution*.

**1872**

Morgan State College founded in Maryland

**1937**

Pullman Company formally recognized the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Spingarn Medal awarded to Walter White, NAACP secretary, for his leadership and work in the anti-lynching movement.

**1948**

California Supreme Court voided state statute banning interracial marriages. Edward Dudley named ambassador to Liberia.

Spingarn Medal Presented to Channing H. Tobias for his "consistent role as a defender of fundamental American liberties."

**1951**

Twenty-fourth Infantry Regiment, last of all-black units military units authorized by Congress in 1866, deactivated in Korea.

**1960**

Nigeria proclaimed independent.

**1962**

Some twelve thousand federal soldiers restored order on the University of Mississippi campus.

James H. Meredith, escorted by federal marshalls, registered at the University of Mississippi.

Edwin A. Walker, former major general in the U.S. Army, was arrested and charged with inciting insurrection and seditious conspiracy. Walker, who led federal troops during the Little Rock integration crisis, had call for "Volunteers" to oppose federal forces in Mississippi. Witnesses said he led students in charges against federal marshalls during the campus riot.



# The Story of the Psalms

## PSALMS 93-99

**AUTHOR: David**

### **THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALMS:**

These are Psalms that deal with the second coming of Jesus Christ. Notice that Psalms 93, 97 and 99 begin with the words, "The Lord reigneth," or better still, "The Lord is become King." David was a king, and he looked forward to the day when Jesus would be the King. The millennial throne is called David's throne. The Bible teaches that Jesus will someday rule and reign on the throne of David. Jesus is called the root and offspring of David. These Psalms dealing with the Lord's reign on earth were sung as a series of psalms in the temple. In some cases they are placed together as one Psalm. The 95th Psalm is still used in the synagogues on Friday in the order of prayer.

When the Christian gets a little hungry for Jesus to come and his mouth begins to water for the millennium, he can find it a very wise choice to turn to these Psalms.

Many years ago I went to the bank to borrow some money. I knew the banker well. I had borrowed money from him before. He asked me how much I wanted, and I replied, "\$5000." He asked what security I had, and I said I had my word as security. He said, "No, reverend, what collateral can you offer us?"

I said, "I can offer you my signature."

He said, "Reverend, it would be difficult for us to let you borrow \$5000 on your word and/or your signature; that is, unless you have sufficient collateral."

Suddenly I said to him, "Sir, if I don't walk out that door with \$5000, when I take over this bank, you will starve."

He, the president of the bank, looked at me with interest, stood behind his desk, put his fingers on the desk as he asked, "And, reverend, just when do you plan to take over this bank?"

I replied, "During the millennium! That's when."

"During the what?" he said.

I said, "During the millennium! That's when."

He said, "Reverend, what in the world is the millennium?"

I said, "Sir, if you will give me a few minutes to talk to you and your workers I will explain to you something you ought to know."

The president, vice presidents, secretaries and bank executives were summoned to gather in the conference room, and I sat at the head of the table explaining to them all about the millennium. I said to the bankers, "In the millennium men shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Little children shall lead wild beasts down the street and they shall play at the hold of the serpent. The deadly serpent will not be poisonous and the wild beasts will be tamed. When a man dies at the age of 100, it will be as an infant dying." I told them that during this kingdom age Jesus would rule from Mount Zion and that Christians would rule with Him. I reminded the president that some Christians would rule over 10 cities and some over 5 cities and that I was asking God to let me rule over 1 city, and that was Hammond. I said, "Sir, when I rule the city of Hammond, I plan to take over this bank. You will come to me asking if you can borrow some money. I will ask how much you need and you will say, '\$5000.' I will ask what security you have and you will say, 'My word.' I will then ask what collateral you have and you will say, 'My signature,' and I will say, 'Sir, neither your word nor your signature will do.'" Then I pointed my finger at the banker and said, "Sir, when I take over this bank during the millennium, you will starve! That's what!"

He jumped to his feet, pointed to his secretary and said, "Quick, write Reverend Hyles a check for \$5000."

Yes, beloved, there is a millennium. There will be a kingdom, Jesus will reign. Let us read these Psalms and become excited about this marvelous expectation.

### **THE WAY THEY WERE USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE**

The dedicated Jew would use these Psalms when discouraged. These words would give him hope for a better day to come.

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# Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

**MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:**

**EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:  
SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY OF SCRIPTURES**

(Assignment 30)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

**The earth a round ball.** (740 B.C.)

( ) Isaiah 40:22

It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants therefore are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in.

**The earth hangs out in space on nothing.** (1600 B.C.)

( ) Job 26:7

He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

**Night time on one part of the globe when Christ returns.**

( ) Luke 17:34

I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

**Day time on the other part of globe when Christ returns.**

( ) Luke 17:36

Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

**Christ holds the earth in its orbit.**

( ) Colossians 1:17

And he is before all things, and by him all t hings consist. (hold together)