



Matthew

INTRODUCTION

Matthew 1:1-7

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Introductory Matters

- Ancient attestation to Matthew's authorship (Papias AD 130)
- Primacy of Mark
- Matthew is viewed as the bridge from the Old Testament (covenant) to the New Testament (covenant).
- Traditional view is that it was written while Peter and Paul were still alive and prior to the destruction of Jerusalem.

Unique Distinctions of Matthew

- Eyewitness - Matthew was one of the original disciples of Jesus.
- High Christology - Matthew gives great attention to the fact that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, Son of God, Son of Man, Son of David, King of Israel, and Lord!
- Covenantal Missiology - Matthew presents the message and ministry of Jesus as the fulfillment of promises to Israel. God fulfilled His covenant with Israel through Jesus. And, the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to be extended to all peoples and salvation is available to all of humanity through the New Covenant.

- The Church - Matthew records the intention of Jesus to establish His Church to fulfill His mission in the world.
- Major Discourses - Matthew offers us the fullest expressions of the teachings of Jesus found in any Gospel. In these discourses, Jesus explains how His followers are to live in this new Kingdom He has established.

Jesus the Messiah, Son of David, Son of Abraham

- Genealogy - derived from the Greek word "genesis" - harkens back to Genesis 2:4; 5:1 ---- the story of creation and the first genealogy in the Bible.
- The Christ - Matthew immediately connects Jesus of Nazareth with His role in the salvation history of the world. He is the Jewish Messiah.
- Son of David, Son of Abraham - Matthew pays homage to the covenantal history of the people of God. Jesus is going to establish the New Covenant, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.
- Amazing list of people - remarkably, Matthew includes 5 women, 2 of whom were Gentiles (Rahab and Ruth). The lineage also includes 2 adulterers (Judah and David).
- Jesus is presented by Matthew as Messiah, King, and Savior - for all people!