

Notes for Matthew 1:1-2

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

Matthew (*ma-tea-TYÁ-hu* in old Hebrew) means “Gift of the Lord”

Matthew was probably written before the destruction of the temple in A.D. 70, possibly as early as A.D. 50–65.

Matthew 4:4 - *“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God”.*

2 Timothy 3:16 - *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness*

Biblos geneoseōs (*BEE-blos geh-NEH-sey-os*) means “Book of the genealogy” in Greek and is an “echo” of Genesis 2:4 and 5:1.

Mark 13:2 - *And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”*

Joseph the man adopts the divine Son, Jesus Christ and the divine Father adopts Believers.

Joseph’s role as legal and earthly father fulfills the Davidic credentials of Jesus.

Just as Adam was the Father of mankind, Abraham is the father of all of Israel. He’s also “father of many nations” and “father of all who believe”, as seen in Genesis 17:5, Romans 4:11-18 and Galatians 3:7-9

Jacob was chosen by God before his birth, over elder brother Esau in Genesis 25:23 “...the older shall serve the younger”.

Other younger/least-likely chosen ones in Scripture

- Abel over Cain (Genesis 4:4–5; Hebrews 11:4).
- Seth instead of the firstborn Cain (Genesis 4:25–26; 5:3–8).
- Joseph exalted over his older brothers (Genesis 37; 41; 45).
- Judah over Reuben; kingship promised to Judah (Genesis 49:3–4, 8–10; 1 Chronicles 5:1–2).
- Ephraim over Manasseh (Genesis 48:13–20).
- Moses chosen though Aaron is older (Exodus 3–4).
- Gideon the “least” (Judges 6:14–16).
- David the youngest anointed king (1 Samuel 16:6–13).
- Solomon over Adonijah (1 Kings 1–2; 1 Chronicles 22:9–10).
- Bethlehem the “least,” yet chosen for Messiah (Micah 5:2).
- God chooses the weak and foolish to shame the strong and wise (1 Corinthians 1:27-29)

As Believers, we want to strive to understand why we believe on Christ. The enemy will relentlessly attack the foundations of our faith the way the ocean erodes the beach. It is only through time in God’s Word that we can build and strengthen our Faith.

Romans 10:17 - *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God* (including the “boring” parts like genealogies)

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GOSPEL OF MATTHEW																	
Author	Apostle Matthew																
Time	4 BC ca. - 33 AD ca.																
Classification	Synoptic Gospel																
	PREPARATION											PROCLAMATION					
Sections	Arrival of Jesus	Teaching of Jesus		Healing of Jesus		Reaction to Jesus	Parables of Jesus	Miracles of Jesus		Reaction to Jesus	Parables & Teaching of Jesus	Prophecies of Jesus		Finished Work of Jesus			
Chapters	1	4	5	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	23	24	25	26	28
Topics	Teaching All Men & Women						Teaching Disciples										
	Increasing Acceptance						Increasing Antagonism										
Place	Bethlehem Nazareth				Galilee						Jerusalem						

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