

Behold Your King!

Studies in the Gospel of Matthew

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Matthew 1-2

Lesson 1

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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The Gospel of Matthew

- ▶ Synoptic Gospel
- ▶ Written by Matthew (cf. Irenaeus, 175 AD)
- ▶ Jesus is Messiah, Savior, King
- ▶ 53 O.T. quotations and 76 O.T. allusions

5 Discourses

- Sermon on the Mount (5-7)
- Commissioning the 12 disciples (10)
- Parables of the Kingdom (13)
- Discourse on greatness (18)
- Olivet Discourse (24-25)

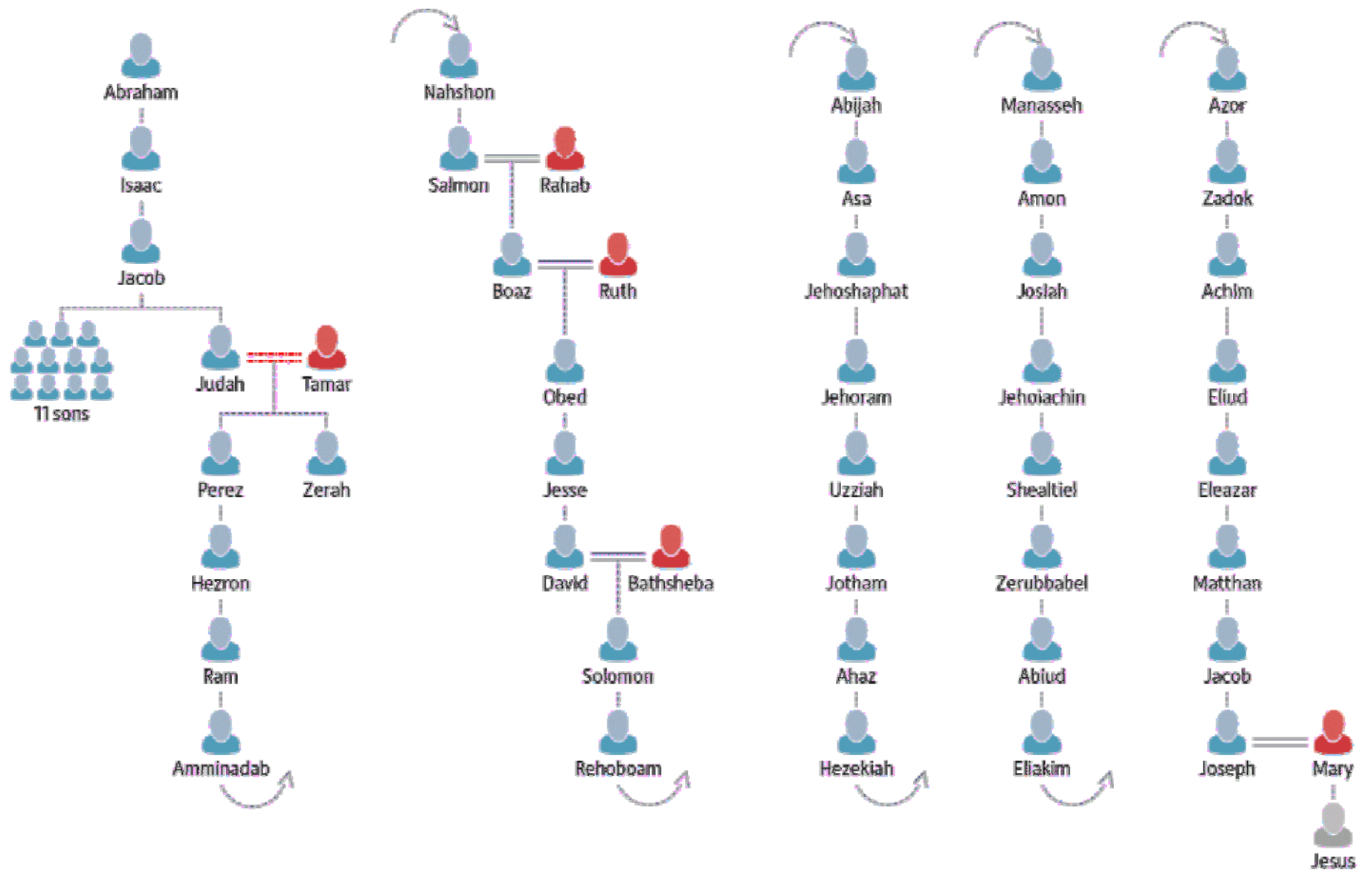
Outline of Matthew (John MacArthur)

- I. The King's Advent (1:1-4:25)**
 - A. His Birth (1:1-2:23)
 - B. His Entry into Public Ministry (3:1-4:25)
- II. The King's Authority (5:1-9:38)**
 - A. Discourse 1: The Sermon on the Mount (5:1-7:29)
 - B. Narrative 1: The Authenticating Miracles (8:1-9:38)
- III. The King's Agenda (10:1-12:50)**
 - A. Discourse 2: The Commissioning of the Twelve (10:1-42)
 - B. Narrative 2: The Mission of the King (11:1-12:50)
- IV. The King's Adversaries (13:1-17:27)**
 - A. Discourse 3: The Kingdom Parables (13:1-52)
 - B. Narrative 3: The Kingdom Conflict (13:53-17:27)
- V. The King's Administration (18:1-23:39)**
 - A. Discourse 4: The Childlikeness of the Believer (18:1-35)
 - B. Narrative 4: The Jerusalem Ministry (19:1-23:39)
- VI. The King's Atonement (24:1-28:15)**
 - A. Discourse 5: The Olivet Discourse (24:1-25:46)
 - B. Narrative 5: The Crucifixion and Resurrection (26:1-28:15)
- VII. The King's Assignment (28:16-20)**

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1. Genealogy of Jesus Christ (1:1-17)
2. Birth of Jesus (1:18-25)
3. Adoration of the magi (2:1-12)
4. Flight into Egypt (2:13-14)
5. Slaughter of the children (2:15-18)
6. Return to Nazareth (2:19-23)



Chrysostom (347-407)

. . . but even because of this very thing most of all shouldst thou marvel, that being Son of the Unoriginate God, and His true Son, He suffered Himself to be called also Son of David, that He might make thee son of God. He suffered a slave to be father to Him, that He might make the Lord Father to thee a slave.

Jesus is the Christ – the Anointed One

- ▶ Son of David – King
- ▶ Son of Abraham – Seed Who brings blessing
- ▶ Divinely accomplished – sovereign grace

The birth of Jesus (1:18-25)

- ▶ Virgin conception – “with child from the Holy Spirit”
- ▶ A dream from God
- ▶ Confirms Divine intervention in *Mary*
- ▶ Jesus – He will save His people from their sins
- ▶ The forgotten role of Messiah: Isa. 40:2; 53:6; Jer. 31:31–34; Ezek. 36:25–27; Dan. 9:24; Zech. 13:1

Fulfillment of the Old Testament

Isaiah 7:14

- ▶ Virgin conception
- ▶ Immanuel – God with us
 - Name not used for Jesus during his life on earth
 - Pre-figured in the Tabernacle
 - Concealed in the first coming
 - Fulfilled at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Revelation 21:3)

Adoration of the magi (2:1-12)

- ▶ Magi – wise men from the east
- ▶ Herod – zeal without knowledge
- ▶ Jewish leaders – knowledge without zeal
- ▶ The star leads to Bethlehem
- ▶ Magi
 - Great joy
 - Worship – spiritual and material

Fulfillment of the Old Testament

Micah 5:2

- ▶ Born in Bethlehem
- ▶ A Ruler
- ▶ A Ruler Who shepherds the people of God
- ▶ The Good Shepherd is the LORD – Psalm 23

Flight into Egypt (2:13-15)

- ▶ A dream from God
 - Herod will search for Jesus to kill Him
 - Go to Egypt until further notice
- ▶ Stayed until death of Herod (4 B.C.)

Fulfillment of the Old Testament

Hosea 11:1

- ▶ Called *My Son* out of Egypt
- ▶ Jesus recapitulates the role of Israel
 - Flight into Egypt not essential for Jesus Christ's survival
 - Testing faith
- ▶ Jesus learned obedience by the things which he suffered (Hebrews 5:8)

Slaughter of the children (2:16-18)

- ▶ Herod's zeal without knowledge
 - Kill all boys < 2 years of age
 - Perhaps 20 children
 - Unimaginable evil
- ▶ No hope

Fulfillment of the Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:15

- ▶ Weeping in Ramah
- ▶ Mourning the loss of children under God's wrath
- ▶ The context is God's eternal love for Israel (31:3-4)
- ▶ The Shepherd will re-gather Israel (31:10-13)
- ▶ Only hope is in the coming Messiah

Return to Nazareth (2:19-23)

- ▶ Death of Herod the Great
- ▶ Replaced by Herod Archelaus - ruled from 4 B.C. to 6 A.D.
- ▶ Another dream from God
 - Return to Israel
 - Avoid Bethlehem
- ▶ Returned to Nazareth in Galilee

Fulfillment of the Old Testament

- ▶ He shall be called a Nazarene – no text
- ▶ Jerome (4th century) – an individual from a very remote or obscure place
- ▶ Isaiah 53:2 – root out of dry ground
- ▶ John 1:46 – “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” (Nathanael)

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1. Fulfillment of Promise to Abraham and David
2. Jesus – save His people from their sins
3. Ruler/Shepherd of His people
4. Exiled into Egypt – perfected by suffering
5. No hope for the nation without Christ
6. Nazarene – no outward glory