

**CHRISTMAS SERIES**  
**"IN THE FULNESS OF THE TIME GOD SENT FORTH JESUS"**  
**PART THREE**  
**"IN THE FULNESS OF THE TIME GOD SENT FORTH JESUS WITH PROMISE"**  
**MATTHEW 1:1-18**

**INTRO:** So far in our Christmas Series entitled "**IN THE FULNESS OF THE TIME GOD SENT FORTH JESUS,**" we have noted that **GOD SENT FORTH JESUS WITH PRECISION AND PURPOSE.** These are practical studies as they are putting together for us the fact that GOD PLANNED REDEMPTION THROUGH CHRIST AND THEN WORKED OUT EVERY DETAIL THROUGH HIS SOVEREIGN PROVIDENTIAL CONTROL. As we consider this, our response should be that of PRAISE, ADORATION AND WORSHIP of ALMIGHTY GOD as we go through the **SEASON OF INCARNATION.** Today we are going to continue in our study and note that **GOD SENT FORTH JESUS WITH PROMISE.** **What PROMISE am I speaking of?** The passage of scripture before us gives **FOUR GREAT PROMISES** surrounding the birth of Christ that not only reveals that God keeps His promises but has a plan that has eternal results.

**OBSERVATIONS ON THE TEXT**

- 1) Matthew 1 is divided into TWO SECTIONS regarding Jesus Christ:
  - Vss. 1-17 = His Genealogy that shows **HIS HUMAN HEREDITY.**
  - Vss. 18-25 = His Conception/Birth that shows **HIS DIVINE HEREDITY.**
- 2) Matthew 1 presents ONE of TWO Genealogies of Jesus in scripture. The other one is in Luke 3. Matthew presents Jesus' genealogy through Joseph and Luke presents Jesus' genealogy through Mary. The SIGNIFICANCE of the Matthew Genealogy is as follows:
  - A) It Shows Jesus' Lineage so as to prove His QUALIFICATION to be King.
    - Vs. 1 - "**The Son of David**" traces Jesus back to the **Davidic Covenant**
    - 2 Samuel 7:8-16
  - B) It Shows Jesus' Lineage so as to prove He is the PROMISED SEED
    - Vs. 1 - "**The Son of Abraham**" traces Jesus back to the **Abrahamic Covenant**
    - Genesis 22:18
  - C) It Shows the GRACE OF GOD in listing the names of 5 WOMEN who were outcasts but were blessed by GOD'S GRACE.
    - Tamar - Vs. 3: The Canaanite daughter of Judah who disguised herself as a prostitute and tricked Judah into having sex with her - Genesis 38.
    - Rahab - Vs. 5: The Gentile Harlot who became the wife of an Israeli Prince
    - Joshua 2,6
    - Ruth - Vs. 6: The Moabitess Gentile stranger of Israel who married Boaz
    - The Book of Ruth
    - Bathsheba - Vs. 6: The wife of Uriah who committed adultery with David
    - 2 Samuel 11
    - Mary - Vs. 16: The Mother of Jesus who would face shame as a virgin with child - Luke 2
  - D) It Shows that Jesus was a real person and a vital part of history.
  - E) It Shows God's Providence in ruling to accomplish His redemptive plan.

**I. THE PROMISE OF A KING - Vss. 1-17**

**THE LINEAGE OF THE KING**

- A. His Kingship Promised
  1. Isaiah 9:7
  2. Jeremiah 23:5
- B. His Kingship Presented
  1. At the Triumphant Entry - Mark 11:10 - **REJECTED!**
  2. At the Second Coming - Zechariah 14:9 - **RECEIVED!**

## **II. THE PROMISE OF A MESSIAH - Vss. 18**

### **"THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST"**

#### **A. His Messiah-Ship Promised**

1. The word "CHRIST" (Official title) means "MESSIAH" or "THE ANOINTED ONE" and to the Jewish people contemplates the final prophet, the final priest and the final King of Israel. **As Messiah is Israel's final hope.**

2. Jeremiah 33:14-17

#### **B. His Messiah-Ship Presented**

1. Christ presented His Messiah-Ship when He came the first time to earth but was rejected - John 1:10,11. **The Jews wanted a political Messiah.**

2. Christ will present His Messiah-Ship at His Second Coming and will be accepted then. Zechariah 1:16. At that time: 1) A Glorious Temple will be built in Jerusalem (Jer. 31), 2) The Gentile Nations will be punished (Mt. 25), 3) The Cities of Judah will Prosper (Is. 60), 4) The Jews will be blessed (Zech. 9), 5) The Nation of Israel will be comforted (Is. 14)

## **III. THE PROMISE OF A SAVIOR - Vs. 21**

### **"HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS"**

#### **A. His Salvation Promised**

1. The name "JESUS" (Human name) comes from "JOSHUA" and means "JEHOVAH IS SALVATION."

2. The promise given to Joseph is that **Jesus would save His people from sin.**

#### **B. His Salvation Presented**

-Jesus died on the CROSS to PROVIDE **salvation for all!** Romans 1:16

## **IV. THE PROMISE OF GOD'S PRESENCE - Vs. 23**

### **"EMMANUEL...GOD WITH US"**

#### **A. God's Presence Promised**

-Isaiah 7:14; 8:8,10....742 BC

#### **B. God's Presence Presented**

-John 1:14-18

### **LESSON/APPLICATION**

**Worship God for the fulfillment of His Eternal Plan**