

**{40} Matthew**

(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 to Christ *are* fourteen generations.

(18) Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place this way: When His mother Mary was espoused {engaged} to Joseph, before they came together {sexually}, she was found *to be* with child by the Holy Spirit.

(19) Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a public example, decided to divorce her privately.

(20) But while he thought about these things, The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, **Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary to be your wife; because that which is conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit.**

(21) **And she will bring forth a son, and you shall call His Name JESUS {Jehovah saves}:<sup>e</sup> because He will 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 [the] 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.<sup>f</sup>

(24) Then Joseph waking up from sleep did as The Angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife to himself:

(25) But had no sex with her until she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called His name JESUS {4038 A.H./C-4 B.C.}.<sup>g</sup>

**Chapter 2**

(1) Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,<sup>a</sup>

(2) Asking, Where is He Who is born King of the Jews? Because we have seen His star in the east, and have 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 was supposed to be born.

1:21e - Jesus {Ιησους}- from Hebrew Joshua {יהושע} - Jehovah saves -note the gematria {numerical value of the letters} of the name "Jesus" in Greek totals 888 in {8 is the Lord's number} as opposed to the antichrist's number 666.

- See "Use of Numbers in Scripture" at [www.TheWordNotes.com](http://www.TheWordNotes.com)

1:23f - Is. 7:14 - see: [Appendix H: Does Isaiah 7:14 Refer to A Virgin? - Yes!!!](#)

- ha-almah {העלמה} -Hebrew: literally "the virgin"

1:25g - 450 years since Cyrus' decree to restore Jerusalem [4038 A.H./C-4 B.C.] {See: [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)}

2:1a - If the wisemen came from the Babylon area the trip was about four months - see Ezra 7:9

{40} Matthew

(5) And they said to him, In Bethlehem of Judea: because it is written by the prophet,

(6) **And you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the princes of Judah: because out of you shall come a Governor, Who shall rule My people Israel.**<sup>b</sup>

(7) Then Herod, when he had privately called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

(8) And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young Child; and when you have found Him, bring me word again, that I too may come and worship Him.

(9) When they had heard the king, they departed; and, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, until it came and stood over where the young Child was.

(10) When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

(11) And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshiped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented to Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

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

(13) And when they had departed, The Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young Child and His mother, and flee into Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word: because 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 by the Lord through the prophet, saying,

**Out of Egypt I have called My Son.**<sup>c</sup>

(16) Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked by the wise men, was exceedingly angry, and sent forth, and killed all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all its surroundings, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.

(17) Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

2:6b -Micah 5:2 -- According to tradition the wise men came to Jesus when He was twelve days old, hence the "twelve days of Christmas", and "epiphany". This fits with Luke's account Luke 2:22, 39 – but not with modern "pop" theology. The "star" probably first appeared at Jesus' conception so the wise men had 9 months to prepare and make their journey from the Babylonian area to Jerusalem and then to Bethlehem. Note: modern "pop" theology rejects Luke 2:22 and 2:39 and states the wise men came two years after Jesus' birth. See notes on "The Magi and The Date of Jesus' Birth" at: [www.TheWordNotes.com](http://www.TheWordNotes.com)

2:15c - Hosea 11:1

**{40} Matthew**

(18) **A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation {loud crying}, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they were no more.**<sup>d</sup>

(19) But when Herod was dead, an angel of the Lord appeared 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: because those who sought the young Child's life are dead.**

(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 reigned in Judea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there: nevertheless, being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:

(23) And he came and lived in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets,

**He shall be called a Nazarene.**<sup>e</sup>

**Chapter 3**

(1) In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

(2) And saying, Repent: because the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

(3) Because this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying,

**The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the LORD {Jehovah}, make His paths straight.**<sup>a</sup>

(4) And this same John had his clothing of camel's hair, and a leather belt about his waist;<sup>b</sup> and his food was locusts and wild honey.

(5) Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan went out to him.

(6) And were baptized by him in *the* Jordan River, confessing their sins.

(7) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees<sup>c</sup> coming to his baptism, he said to them, O generation of vipers {snakes}, who has warned you to flee from the wrath {anger; judgment} to come?

(8) Therefore bring forth fruits worthy for repentance:

(9) And do not think to say within yourselves, We have Abraham as *our* forefather: because I say to you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

2:18d - Jer. 31:15

2:23e - Num. 6:2; Jg 13:5; I Sam 1:11- Nazareth in Hebrew means "sprout" or "shoot" and the name is given to the Messiah in Is. 11:1

3:3a - Is. 40:3

3:4b - II Ki. 1:8; dressed as Elijah; Mk. 1:6; Mat. 11:14; Mat. 17:12; Mk. 9:13; Lk. 1:17

3:7c - Pharisees and Sadducees - both teach scriptures - pharisees believe the old testament is literally true. They believe in the miracles of the old testament really happened; they believe in angels, and life after death. Sadducees do not believe the miracles of the old testament really happened; they do not believe in angels, or life after death. See Mat. 22:23-32; Acts 23:8