

The Gospel of Matthew

“Jesus Christ...Son of Abraham”
Matthew 1:1

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Author: Matthew (Levi), the apostle
Title: “The Gospel *according to Matthew*”
Four Gospel Accounts:

- each provides its own unique perspective
- each is written with more than just historical interest but with theological purposes

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Matthew 1:1

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”

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God’s Kingdom Purpose

➤ *God is forming a people to live in His place enjoying His presence under His rule and blessing*

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God’s Kingdom Purpose

1. The Kingdom Patterned

- Man enjoyed God’s limitless blessing and His presence in the sanctuary of Eden
- Man, as God’s image bearer, was to rule and subdue and fill the earth

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2. The Kingdom Perished

- Man rebelled against God and was corrupted; he was banished from Eden and subjected to death
- Began a downward cycle of sin, death and judgment...yet with glimmers of hope

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3. The Kingdom Promised

- An irrevocable promise of kingdom restoration to Abraham and his "seed"
- *This is the foundational promise of the Bible!*

Jesus is the son/seed of Abraham who fulfills this promise

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4. The Kingdom Pictured (in Part)

- Through the Mosaic Covenant, God established Israel as a holy nation in the land of Canaan
- God promised David that his "son/seed" would reign on the throne forever (2 Sam. 7:12-16)

Jesus is the Son of David, the Christ, who will reign forever

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5. The Kingdom Prophesied

- God promises through the prophets a glorious kingdom restoration following exile
- This restoration will be brought by the Davidic king, God's "Messiah"

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1. Theme: "fulfillment"

- "fulfill" – key word in Matthew
- there are 54 direct Old Testament citations and over 260 allusions or verbal parallels in Matthew

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2. Purposes: *Matthew demonstrates...*

- that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of David, the Son of God, to whom the Scriptures pointed
- that the promised kingdom has been inaugurated by the life, death and exaltation of Jesus
- that this messianic reign is continuing as believers submit to Jesus and make disciples of all nations
- that this messianic kingdom will be consummated when Jesus the Messiah personally returns

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