

MATTHEW 1.1-2.23

1. The bible gives us a little information about **Matthew**, the author of this gospel. Write down everything you can learn about him from the following passages: Matthew 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32; Matthew 10:1-4; and Acts 1:12-14.
2. **(A)** Before Matthew gives us Jesus' genealogy, what two **descendants** of Jesus does he mention in verse 1? **(B)** In 2 Samuel 7:8-13, the Lord makes several promises to David. What is the final promise made to him? What promise is repeated in 2 Samuel 7:16-17? **(C)** In Genesis 12:1-3, God made several promises to Abraham. What is the final promise He made to him?
3. It was not customary for genealogies to include the names of **women**, but Matthew lists several women in Jesus' genealogy. Look through the genealogy and write down each woman listed.
4. Matthew divides Jesus' genealogy into three distinct **time periods**. The first time period begins with Abraham and ends with _____. The second time period begins with _____ and ends with the Babylonian captivity. The third time period begins with the captivity and ends with _____.
5. As you read tonight's text, write down at least three positive characteristics that you see in **Joseph**.
6. **(A)** According to 1:21, Mary would bear a son and they'd call his **name** what? Why would they call him that? **(B)** According to verse 23, she'd bear a son and they'd call his name what? Why?

7. Write down every statement that you can find in 1:18-25 that indicates that Mary did not have sexual relations before or during her pregnancy. Why does Matthew emphasize this?

8. Write down each verse in tonight's reading in which you see the Lord speak to someone in a **dream**.

9. In 1:18-2:23, Matthew emphasizes how the events that surrounded Jesus' birth **fulfilled** Old Testament prophecy. Write down each verse in your reading that speaks of prophecy being fulfilled.

10. When Herod heard about the birth of the king of the Jews, what was his reaction (2:3)?
When the wise men found the Christ, what was their reaction (v. 10)?

11. In what city was Jesus born? When Herod threatened Jesus' life, where did Jesus' family flee to?
When they moved back to Israel after Herod's death, what city did they live in?