

Notes for Matthew 1:18-25

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

Matthew (*ma-tea-TYÁ-hu* in old Hebrew) means “Gift of the Lord”

Matthew was probably written before the destruction of the temple in A.D. 70, possibly as early as A.D. 50–65.

Based on biblical archeologists, scholars & Jewish marriage traditions on marriages in biblical Israel, the most likely age for Mary was 13-15 at betrothal and Joseph was likely 18-24.

Deuteronomy 22:23–24 - *If there is a betrothed virgin, and a man meets her in the city and lies with her, 24 then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them to death with stones, the young woman because she did not cry for help though she was in the city, and the man because he violated his neighbor's wife. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.*

Genesis 1:2 - *The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God was hovering** over the face of the waters.*

Genesis 18:12 - *So **Sarah laughed** to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?”*

Genesis 18:14 - ***Is anything too hard for the Lord?** At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.*

Isaiah 7:14 - *Herefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel*

Luke 1:68 & 69 - *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,*

The name “Jesus” in Greek is Iēsous (Yee-zeus).

It comes from the Hebrew Yeshua/Joshua and means “Yahweh is salvation” or “Yahweh saves” or “God Saves”. Yahweh is how we say in English the Hebrew letters YHWH – the Tetragrammaton – which is kind of like saying God’s name.

Saying or writing it was avoided by Jews out of respect.

1 John 3:1 - *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, **that we should be called children of God; and so we are.** The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him”*

Hebrews 4:16 - ***Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,** that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Matthew 28:20 - *teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, **I am with you always,** to the end of the age.*

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GOSPEL OF MATTHEW																			
Author	Apostle Matthew																		
Time	4 BC ca. - 33 AD ca.																		
Classification	Synoptic Gospel																		
	PREPARATION											PROCLAMATION							
Sections	Arrival of Jesus	Teaching of Jesus		Healing of Jesus		Reaction to Jesus		Parables of Jesus		Miracles of Jesus		Reaction to Jesus		Parables & Teaching of Jesus		Prophecies of Jesus		Finished Work of Jesus	
Chapters	1	4	5	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	23	24	25	26	28		
Topics	Teaching All Men & Women						Teaching Disciples												
	Increasing Acceptance						Increasing Antagonism												
Place	Bethlehem Nazareth				Galilee						Jerusalem								

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