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Matthew

The Book at a Glance

Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham (1:1)

28	5	c. A.D. 50–65	About 12
Chapters, 1,071 Verses	Teaching Sections	Date Written	Fulfillment Quotations

BACKGROUND

Who, When and for Whom

AUTHOR

Matthew the Apostle

Matthew (Levi), the tax collector Jesus called (9:9). Papias, Irenaeus and the whole early church name him as the author.

DATE

c. A.D. 50–65

Written before the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the temple in A.D. 70; the temple tax (17:24–27) shows the temple still standing.

AUDIENCE

Jewish Believers

Matthew quotes the Old Testament often, explains Jesus' link to Abraham and David, and speaks of "the kingdom of heaven."

PURPOSE

Jesus Is the Promised King

Matthew shows that Jesus fulfills the promises to Abraham and David and the words of the prophets.

STRUCTURE

The Book in Seven Parts



Bar widths show each part's share of the 1,071 verses. Parts follow the outline on BibleStudyForAll.com.

I PART 1:1–4:11

Birth and Preparation

Genealogy, birth, wise men, John the Baptist, baptism, temptation

II PART 4:12–7:29

The Kingdom Proclaimed

Ministry in Galilee begins; the Sermon on the Mount

III PART 8–10

Miracles and Mission

Healings and miracles; the Twelve sent out

IV PART 11–13

Opposition, Parables

Doubt and rejection grow; parables of the kingdom

V PART 14–18

Teaching the Disciples

Feeding the crowds, Peter's confession, the transfiguration

VI PART 19–25

To Jerusalem

The journey, the triumphal entry, final teaching

VII PART 26–28

Death and Resurrection

Last Supper, arrest, cross, empty tomb, the Great Commission

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Teaching, Family Line and Fulfillment

THE PATTERN

Five Great Teaching Sections

1	2	3	4	5
CH. 5–7	CH. 10	CH. 13	CH. 18	CH. 24–25
Sermon on the Mount	**Sending the Twelve**	**Parables of the Kingdom**	**Life Together**	**The End of the Age**
Blessings, true righteousness, prayer, the two foundations	Instructions for mission and persecution	The sower, the tares, the mustard seed and more	Humility, the lost sheep, correction, forgiveness	Signs, readiness, the virgins, the bags of gold, the sheep
"when Jesus had ended these sayings" (7:28)	*"when Jesus had made an end of commanding His twelve disciples" (11:1)*	*"when Jesus had finished these parables" (13:53)*	*"when Jesus had finished these sayings" (19:1)*	*"when Jesus had finished all these sayings" (26:1)*

Each teaching section ends with a similar line, and stories of what Jesus did come between them.

CHAPTER 1:1–17

Three Sets of Fourteen Generations

14 GENERATIONS	14 GENERATIONS	14 GENERATIONS
Abraham → David	**David → The Exile**	**The Exile → Christ**
From the father of Israel to its great king	From Solomon through the kings of Judah	From Babylon to Joseph and Mary

FIVE WOMEN NAMED IN THE FAMILY LINE

Tamar	Rahab	Ruth	Uriah's Wife	Mary
1:3	1:5	1:5	1:6	1:16

"So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations ..." (1:17)
The list skips some names, as ancient family lists often did, and groups the rest to aid memory.

PROMISE AND FULFILLMENT

"That It Might Be Fulfilled"

MATT. 1:22–23 · Isaiah 7:14 *"A virgin shall be with child"*	MATT. 2:5–6 · Micah 5:2 *A ruler from Bethlehem*	MATT. 2:15 · Hosea 11:1 *"Out of Egypt have I called My son"*
MATT. 2:17–18 · Jeremiah 31:15 *Rachel weeping for her children*	MATT. 2:23 · The prophets *"He shall be called a Nazarene"*	MATT. 4:14–16 · Isaiah 9:1–2 *A great light in Galilee*
MATT. 8:17 · Isaiah 53:4 *"Himself took our infirmities"*	MATT. 12:17–21 · Isaiah 42:1–4 *"Behold My servant"*	MATT. 13:14–15 · Isaiah 6:9–10 *"By hearing ye shall hear"*
MATT. 13:35 · Psalm 78:2 *Speaking in parables*	MATT. 21:4–5 · Zechariah 9:9 *Thy King cometh, meek*	MATT. 27:9–10 · Zech. 11:12–13; Jer. *Thirty pieces of silver*

From His birth to His betrayal, Matthew shows Jesus fulfilling what the prophets wrote.

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Beatitudes, Parables and Titles of Jesus

CHAPTER 5:3–10

The Beatitudes

	BLESSED ARE …	FOR …
3	the poor in spirit	*theirs is the kingdom of heaven*
4	they that mourn	*they shall be comforted*
5	the meek	*they shall inherit the earth*
6	they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness	*they shall be filled*
7	the merciful	*they shall obtain mercy*
8	the pure in heart	*they shall see God*
9	the peacemakers	*they shall be called the children of God*
10	they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake	*theirs is the kingdom of heaven*

Quotations are from the KJV. The sermon goes on to salt and light, the law, prayer, worry, and the two foundations (5:13–7:27).

CHAPTER 13

"The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like …"

13:3–9, 18–23
The Sower
Seed falls on four kinds of ground.

13:24–30, 36–43
The Tares
Wheat and tares grow together until the harvest.

13:31–32
The Mustard Seed
The least of all seeds becomes a tree.

13:33
The Leaven
A little leaven works through the whole batch.

13:44
Hidden Treasure
A man sells all he has to buy the field.

13:45–46
The Pearl
One pearl of great price.

13:47–50
The Net
Good and bad fish sorted at the end.

13:52
The Householder
Treasure new and old.

Matthew says "the kingdom of heaven" more than thirty times; the other Gospels say "the kingdom of God."

WHO IS JESUS?

Names and Titles in Matthew

Son of David 1:1; 9:27; 21:9	**Son of Abraham** 1:1	**Emmanuel** 1:23	**King of the Jews** 2:2; 27:37
Son of Man 8:20; 16:13; 26:64	**The Christ** 16:16; 26:63–64	**Son of God** 3:17; 14:33; 27:54	**Lord** 8:25; 14:30

THE TURNING POINT (16:13–21)

"But whom say ye that I am?"

Peter: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." From then on Jesus speaks of the cross.

God With Us, Themes and Key Verse

BEGINNING AND END

God With Us

MATTHEW 1:23

“they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us”

MATTHEW 28:20

“lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world”

Go

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations”

Baptize

“in the name of the Father … Son … Holy Ghost”

Teach

“Teaching them to observe all things”

The book opens with God coming to be with His people and closes with Jesus’ promise to stay with His disciples (28:18–20).

BIG IDEAS

Key Themes

Jesus the Messiah

Son of David and Son of Abraham, the promised King.

1:1; 16:16

Scripture Fulfilled

The Old Testament points to Jesus.

5:17

The Kingdom of Heaven

God’s reign has come near in Jesus.

4:17

True Righteousness

From the heart, greater than the Pharisees’.

5:20; 6:33

Following Jesus

Disciples hear His words and do them.

7:24; 16:24

Good News for All Nations

From the wise men to the Great Commission.

2:1–12; 28:19

KEY VERSE

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.”

Matthew 28:19–20 (KJV)