

# MATTHEW

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## 1. TITLES:

- A. Matthew = gift of God; Levi = joined
- B. The Gospel According to Matthew
- C. The Book of The King

## 2. AUTHOR:

Written by Matthew, a tax collector, who was called by Christ to be one of the twelve apostles.

## 3. DATE:

- A. Covers approximately 34 years from Christ's birth to His Ascension.
- B. Probably written between 52 and 68 A.D. before the fall of Jerusalem.

## 4. KEY WORDS:

- A. Kingdom (of heaven) - 56
- B. Just, Right (eous, ness) (same Greek word) - 25
- C. Fulfill (ed) - 18

### Key Phrases:

- A. Son of Man - 32
- B. Father in heaven, heavenly Father - 20
- C. Which was spoken - 13
- D. Son of David - 9

## 5. KEY VERSES: 1:1, 5:17, 18, 24:14

## 6. PURPOSE:

- A. To show the Jews, by prophecy and fulfillment, that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Kingly Messiah.

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- B. To show the Jews' rejection of their King and His Kingdom.
- C. To give a preview of the events of this present age from Christ's Ascension to His Second Coming.

## 7. MESSAGE:

- A. The Kingdom of heaven is not a materialistic kingdom governed by worldly principles neither is it a nationalistic kingdom confined to this earth.
- B. The Kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom of heavenly character, nature and order. It refers specifically to where the rule and reign of God is made effective by submission to the spiritual principles of the King.

## 8. OUTLINE:

- I. Preparation of the King ----- Chapter 1–4
- II. Presentation of the Kingdom ----- Chapter 5–10
- III. Preaching of the Kingdom ----- Chapter 11–15
- IV. Passion of the King ----- Chapter 26–28

## 9. SUMMARY:

The distinctive characteristic of Matthew's Gospel is its appeal to the Jewish mind. It was probably originally written in Hebrew and contains many more Old Testament quotations than the other gospels. It was thus meant to convince the Jews that Jesus of Nazareth was their promised Messiah. It presents the King and His Kingdom. Because of their nationalistic and materialistic concept of the Kingdom they rejected the King. Thus, the Kingdom was taken from them and it became the ministry of the church (only mentioned in Matthew's Gospel) to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to all the world.

## 10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ is seen as the King (2:2), the Lawgiver (Is. 33:22; Mt. 5–7), the Anointed (3:16, 17). The Son of David (1:1), and the Fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (5:17).