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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.*

## Outline of the Bible Book of Matthew

**Matthew = "Gift from God" or "Manly"**  
*(either of Hebrew or Aramaic origin)*

**[God Is Punctual]**  
*Blueprint for Redemption*

### I. **The Person of Jesus Christ 1:1-4:16**

#### A. His **Ancestry 1:1-23**

1. Son of David, the Son of Abraham **1:1-17**
2. Son of Holy Spirit **1:18-23**

#### B. His **Advent 2:1-2:23**

1. Herod surprised **2:1-15**
2. Herod angered **2:13-18**
3. Herod dead **2:19-23**

#### C. His **Ambassador 3:1-12**

1. Voice of Readiness **3:1-4**
  - a) John's preaching **3:1-2**
  - b) Isaiah's prophecy **3:3-4** (**Isaiah 40:3-4**)
2. Voices of Restoration **3:5-12**
  - a) Jewish responsive hearts **3:5-6**
  - b) John's reasoning with unresponsive hearts **3:7-12**
3. Voice of Realization **3:13-17**
  - a) John's humility **3:13-14**
  - b) Jesus' obedience **3:15-16a**
  - c) God's confirmation **3:16b-17**

#### D. His **Advance 4:1-4:11**

1. In place by "the Spirit" **4:1**
2. Impoverished by the flesh **4:2**
3. Inveigled by tempter, devil, Satan **4:3-10** (**James 1:13-16**)
  - a) Only 3 ways to be tempted (**1 John 2:16**)

- (1) Lust of the flesh **4:2-4**
- (2) Lust of the eyes **4:5-7**
- (3) Pride of life **4:8-10**
- b) Only 1 way to conquer it: Scripture **4:4, 7, 10**
- c) The Devil CAN be overcome **for now. 4:11a (James 4:7-8; 1 Peter 5:8-9)**
- d) Angels come AFTER temptation, NOT before or during!!
  - (1) Never sent to **keep one from** temptation **Cf Luke 22:43**
  - (2) "Guardian angel" is in Devil's mis-application of Bible **4:6**
- 4. Imbued by "angels" **4:11b**

## II. The Purpose of Jesus Christ **4:12-16:20 (Cf 4:17)**

### A. Principles **4:12-7:29**

- 1. His preaching *begun*:
  - a) By energizing prophecy **4:12-17**
  - b) By enlisting assistants **4:18-22**
  - c) By enlarging audience **4:23-25**
- 2. His preaching *beautiful*:
  - a) Converting "be" attitudes **5:1-12**
  - b) Contrasting "old" administration
    - (1 of Moses' laws **5:13-48**)
    - (2 of ungodly religious spirit **6:1-23**)
    - (3 of materialistic faith **6:24-34**)
    - (4 of hypocritical judgments **7:1-6**)
    - (5 of Adam's avoiding God **7:7-12**)
    - (6 of Devil's multiple choices **7:13-27**)
    - (7 of waiting for "another" Christ **7:28-29**)

### B. Power **8:1-9:34**

- 1. Over leprosy **8:1-4**
- 2. Over Centurion's faith **8:5-13**
- 3. Over Peter's mother-in-law's fever **8:14-15**
- 4. Over demonic possession **8:16-17**
- 5. Over disciples' conviction **8:18-22**
- 6. Over weather **8:23-27**

7. Over demons and swine **8:28-34**
8. Over paralysis and sins **9:1-8**
9. Over Matthew's life **9:9-13**
10. Over Pharisaic rules of fasting **9:14-17**
11. Over death **9:18-26**
12. Over blindness **9:27-31**
13. Over demonic mute **9:32-34**
14. Over selfish considerations **9:35-38**

**C. Preaching 10:1-11:30**

1. By 12 chosen disciples:
  - a) Empowered **10:1-4**
  - b) Governed by rules **10:5-15**
  - c) Warned of dangers **10:16-39**
  - d) Advised of rewards **10:40-42**
2. By John the Baptist succeeded by Christ
  - a) John's inquiry answered **11:1-6**
  - b) John's work admired **11:7-11**
  - c) John's place assured **11:12-19**
  - d) John's result urged **11:20-24**
3. By Jesus' invitation **11:25-30**

**D. Parallels 12:1-16:20**

1. Misunderstood "sabbath"
  - a) didn't forbid human necessity **12:1-8**
  - b) didn't forbid Divine mercy **12:9-21**
2. Misrepresented Spirit's testimony **12:22-37**
3. Misplaced emphasis on miraculous **12:38-42**
4. Miserable "apostate" **12:43-45**
5. Misdirected relationships **12:46-50**
6. Misinterpreted teachings **13:1-52**
  - a) *Parable* of good seed but different soils
    - (1) Spoken **13:3-9**
    - (2) Taken **13:18-23**
  - b) "*Parable*" of parables **13:10-17**

- c) *Parable* of good seed but bad harvest
  - (1) Spoken **13:24-30**
  - (2) Token **13:36-43**
- d) Parable of good seed and great growth **13:31-32**
- e) Parable of good seed and influential growth **13:33**
- f) Parable of prophecy **13:34-35** (**Psalm 78:2; 1 Peter 1:8-12**)
- g) Parable of personal possessions **13:44**
- h) Parable of purity prevailing **13:45-46**
- i) Parable of perceptive net **13:47-50**
- j) Responsibility of response **13:52-53**
- 7. Misplaced faith **13:53-58**
- 8. Misgiving servant **14:1-12**
- 9. Misjudged miracle (5000+ fed 5 loaves + 2 fish) **14:13-21**
- 10. Misfired confidence **14:22-33**
- 11. Miscellaneous enthusiasm **14:34-36**
- 12. Misconception of sin **15:1-20**
- 13. Misjudged stranger **15:21-28**
- 14. Miscellany of healings **15:29-31**
- 15. Mission of mercy (4000+ fed with 7 loaves + few fish) **15:32-39**
- 16. Misread teaching **16:1-4**
- 17. Misinformed disciples **16:5-20**

### III. The Passion of Jesus Christ **16:21-28:20** (Cf **16:21**)

#### A. Personal **16:21-17:21**

- 1. Preset plan
  - a) Required sacrifice of Lord **16:21-23**
  - b) Requires sacrifices of disciples **16:24-28**
- 2. Pleasing prophet
  - a) Jesus over Moses and Elijah **17:1-8**
  - b) "Elijah" (Cf **Malachi 4:5-6**) was John the Baptist **17:9-13**
- 3. Proficient person **17:14-21**
- 4. Presage preached **17:22-23**

#### B. Practices **17:24-20:28**

- 1. "Fishy" Jewish temple tax **17:24-27**

2. Kingdom principles of:
  - a) Humble "children" **18:1-9**
  - b) Returned "sheep" **18:10-14**
  - c) Rejected refugees **18:15-20**
  - d) Compassionate forgivers **18:21-35**
3. Answered questions about:
  - a) Divorce for any reason **19:1-12**
  - b) Being kind to children **19:13-15**
  - c) Receiving eternal life **19:16-30**
    - (1) keep the commandments **19:16-22**
    - (2) make the sacrifices **19:23-30**
    - (3) being satisfied with one's own reward **20:1-16**
  - d) If God's plans had changed **20:17-19**
  - e) If special favors were granted **20:20-28**

#### C. Pains **20:29-23:39**

1. Who saw Jesus as the Christ:
  - a) Blind men **20:29-34**
  - b) Great multitude in Jerusalem **21:1-11**
  - c) Merchants in the temple **21:12-17**
  - d) Disciples and fig tree **21:18-22**
2. Who did not see Jesus as the Christ:
  - a) chief priest and elders questioned His authority **21:23-27**
  - b) parable - about the impenitent **21:28-32**
  - c) parable - wicked vinedressers who killed the son **21:33-46**
  - d) parable - wedding invitees who refused or showed disrespect and dressed inappropriately **22:1-14**
3. Who probed Jesus' teaching for "loopholes?"
  - a) Pharisees - pay Caesar taxes? **22:15-22**
  - b) Sadducees - bodily resurrection? **22:23-33**
  - c) Pharisee - pick the great Mosaic commandment **22:34-40**
  - d) Questioners questioned - Whose son is Jesus? **22:41-46**
4. Jesus attacked Pharisaic hypocrisy:
  - a) NOT for keeping commandment specifics!!!! **23:1-3a**

b) FOR:

- (1) saying and doing not **23:3b-4**
- (2) obeying "to be seen by men"
  - (a) by special garments **23:5**
  - (b) by special seats and public greetings **23:6-7**
  - (c) by special religious titles **23:8-12**
- (3) hindering people from entering kingdom **23:13**
- (4) long on prayers, short on compassion **23:14**
- (5) making converts to hypocrisy **23:15**
- (6) swearing by "splitting hairs" **23:16-22**
- (7) tithing tiny herbs, ignoring weightier doctrines **23:23-24**
- (8) purifying externally, rotting internally **23:25-26**
- (9) emphasizing only appearance of righteousness **23:27-28**
- (10) self-righteous judging of past **23:29-39**

**D. Possessions 24:1-28:20**

1. Prophecy of Jerusalem's destruction **24:1-2**
  - a) Disciples asked "when" AND "what" ending of the age? **24:3**
  - b) Signs preceding "when" Jerusalem destroyed **24:4-35**
2. NO signs preceding final judgment **24:36-25:46**
  - a) as unprepared and worldwide as Noah's day **24:36-44**
  - b) as unprepared as evil servant **24:45-51**
  - c) as unprepared as foolish virgins **25:1-13**
  - d) as unprepared as 1 talent man **25:14-30**
  - e) as unprepared as goats who did not **25:31-46**
3. The cross was in sight **26:1-27:66**
  - a) no secret to Jesus **26:1-2**
  - b) secret among Jewish leaders **26:3-5**
  - c) no secret to woman who anointed Jesus for burial **26:6-13**
  - d) secret to Judas **26:14-16**
  - e) no secret for final Passover **26:17-30**
    - (1) placed picked, revealed Judas to Judas **26:17-25**
    - (2) Lord's Supper established **26:26-30**
  - f) no secret to Peter's denial **26:31-35**
  - g) secret prayer in Gethsemane **26:36-46**

- h) no secret for Judas's betrayal **26:47-56**
  - i) secret trial before high priest, Caiphas **26:57-67**
  - j) no secret for Peter's denial **26:69-75**
  - k) secret "repentance" and suicide of Judas **27:1-10**
  - l) no secret trial before Pilate **27:11-31**
  - m) no secret crucifixion **27:32-44**
  - n) no secret "statement" between Jesus and God **27:45-56**
  - o) no secret burial by Joseph of Arimathea **27:57-61**
  - p) no secret sealing of the tomb the next day **27:62-66**
4. The victory is won! **28:1-28**
- a) over death **28:1-8**
  - b) over women's fear at announcing meeting place **28:9-10**
  - c) over Roman & Jewish lie **28:11-15**
  - d) over disciples' doubt **28:16-20**

### **Matthew's "Matters:"**

1. **Matthew** divided the book into thirds with the phrase "From that time" (**4:17**; **16:21**). From the time John the Baptist was imprisoned, Jesus began to preach John's prophetic message to the Jews to "Repent" (**4:17**). Then from the time the Father's evidence convinced Jesus' disciples to confess Him, Jesus predicted His suffering and death and presented Himself for it (**16:21**).
2. **Matthew** is the "hinge" to show the fulfillment of the Old Testament in the events of the New Testament, hence, it has a fitting place in the canon. This first book of the New Testament points to the Old Testament prophecies that anticipated the "Messiah" ("Shiloh," "Branch," "Sheep," "Suffering Servant") and begins with a genealogical, physical connection between Jesus and the blessing of God through Abraham and the promise of a King like David.
3. Regarding the 4 biographies of the Life of Jesus Christ on earth:
  - A. **Matthew wrote for Jews** with the theme: "Behold, the King." Jesus "fulfilled" for the first time Old Testament prophecies throughout this account;
  - B. **Mark wrote for Romans** with the theme: "Behold, the Servant." Jesus "immediately" went about His travels, teaching, and miracles;
  - C. **Luke wrote for Humanity** with the theme: "Behold, the Man." Jesus "saves" anyone who follows Him, regardless of age, sex, circumstance, background, or work;
  - D. **John wrote for Believers and Unbelievers** with the theme: "Behold, the Son of God." Jesus is "the light" of the world because He came from God,

received His teaching from God, and obeyed God's Will completely, and went back to God.

4. When Matthew writes, "that it might be fulfilled," he then quotes or refers to an Old Testament prophecy that had never been fulfilled by anyone living in the Prophet's day, or since, until the time of Jesus' life. (**Matthew 1:22; Matthew 2:15; Matthew 2:23; Matthew 4:14; Matthew 8:17; Matthew 12:17; Matthew 13:35; Matthew 21:4; Matthew 26:56; Matthew 27:35**). To "fulfill" means "there is no such thing as "partial fulfillment" of Bible prophecy regarding Jesus Christ, because to make full, to fill up, i.e. to fill to the full" shows that when something is "fulfilled," it cannot be used again. There is no therefore, there is no such thing as "dual fulfillment" of Messianic prophecies! Speculation and opinion are the rule in many commentaries on Old Testament prophecies, but when God points to New Testament events and says this happened this way "that it might be fulfilled," the silence of Scriptural proof that this prophecy pointed to some other person or event becomes deafening! God knew what He had in mind when He spoke "at various times and in different ways ... to the fathers by the prophets" (**Hebrews 1:1-2**), and when He points to its "fulfillment," then those who believe – will!