



## **The Book of Matthew Chapter 1b And 2 The Created Birth of Yeshua (Jesus)**

Shalom everyone and welcome once again to our study into the book of Matthew chapter one. Today we'll be closing out chapter one and moving on into the book of Matthew chapter two but before we get to that I would like to just once again mention what we've already seen in the first chapter of the book of Matthew.

Last week we covered a multitude of things that the Hebrew Jewish Matthew (also known as Levi) believed to be true concerning the Messiah that he wrote about in his original Hebrew language. The very first sentence of what many call the "New Testament" begins with a very important proclamation that comes from the very Jewish Matthew as he rightfully proclaims our Messiah to be and I quote, "The Son of David, the Son of Abraham". Once again pointing directly to the covenant promise of David found in 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel chapter 7 which tells us that Yehvoah God... the Elohyim of Israel had made a promise to his faithful servant David concerning the fact that it would be Davids offspring that would come from David's body who would sit on the throne of David forever.

We also talked about the true name of our Messiah that Matthew told us was not "Jesus" but "Yeshua" within Matthew's original Hebrew writing of the book of Matthew. Once again... no-one had ever even heard of the name "Jesus" until the 16<sup>th</sup> century and if you don't know that Biblical fact, we would like to encourage you to go back and take the time to view our study into the book of Matthew chapter one part one that we did just last week that will explain to you in detail the historical significance of our Messiah's name. You can find that study on our website at [HolyImpactMinistries.com](http://HolyImpactMinistries.com).

We also spoke about the fact that the very Hebrew, very Jewish Matthew had actually written his original manuscript in the Hebrew language and not in the Greek language as many scholars had assumed. The original book of Matthew was written by Matthew in his native tongue and according to history an early Christian author named "Papias" wrote around the year 100 that "Matthew composed his history in the Hebrew dialect, and everyone translated it as he was able". And this does indeed shed much light on the fact that Matthew along with the other Apostles and most of their audiences were indeed Hebrew Jewish people who were well acquainted with the Torah, the writings of the prophets and the Psalms that we call the "Old

Testament” today. And so, what’s important to understand is that it should be clear to all of us who take the time to sit down and read the book of Matthew that Matthew and his Jewish audience did not see the first half of the Bible as “old news”. To them... the Bible was the word of Yehvoah God, and what Yehvoah God said... was truth and nothing but the truth. And they also believed as David did... that the first half of the Bible also known as the law of God... or the Torah of God was perfect.

We also learned God’s name and the fact that God has written his name in his God breathed Scripture over 6519 different times, and the wickedness of men have added to our English translated Bibles by covering up our Father’s name with nicknames like “LORD” and “Adoni” and “Heshem” and “ElSheddai” and a whole host of other man-made nick names and cliché’s. Once again adding to and taking away from God’s word which according to his word is indeed a “sin” by the way.

And so, we covered a lot of ground last week concerning exactly who Matthew was and what Matthew believed about our Messiah and where he had come from and where he went. But today we’re going to dive even deeper into what the Apostle Matthew believed and wrote about concerning our very Hebrew... very Jewish Messiah.

And so, from here let’s turn to the book of Matthew and once again read **Matthew 1:18-25 E1**

### **The Birth of Jesus Christ**

**Mat 1:18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child **from the Holy Spirit.**

**Mat 1:19** And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

**Mat 1:20** But as he considered these things, behold, **an angel of the Lord** appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her **is from the Holy Spirit.**

**Mat 1:21** She will bear a son, and you shall call his name **Jesus**, for he will save his people from their sins.”

**Mat 1:22** All this took place to fulfill **what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:**

**Mat 1:23** “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name **Immanuel**” (which means, God with us).

**Mat 1:24** When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as **the angel of the Lord** commanded him: he took his wife,

**Mat 1:25** but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. **And he called his name Jesus.**

The very first thing that we see here in Matthew chapter one verse 18 is that Mary the mother of Yeshua Jesus was betrothed to a man by the name of Joseph. But before they had been married and consummated the marriage Mary was found to be with a child from the Holy Spirit. And

this can be perplexing for many to understand because Yeshua always claimed all throughout his ministry to be the Son of God... not the Son of the Holy Spirit. Or did he?

What's important to understand here is that the "Holy Spirit" of Yehvoah God is part and parcel of Yehvoah God. It is written that God is not a man... but is Spirit. (scrn 1)

## God Is Not A Man... God Is A Spirit...

**Joh 4:24** God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

**Num 23:19** God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?



Clearly, it is written that God is not a man nor is he a son of man. Yehovah God our Elohyim is a Spirit, and his Spirit is able to share himself with others that have been born into his creation. Is it the very "Holy Spirit" of Yehvoah God that is indeed a very important part of who Yehvoah God our Elohyim is. Each and every one of his chosen set apart people have a portion of his Holy Spirit within them. Even our Messiah was baptized with the Holy Spirit of his Father. (scrn 2)

## The Baptism of Yeshua...

Mat 3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

Mat 3:14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Mat 3:15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

Mat 3:16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

Mat 3:17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



It was this Spirit of God that had come to rest upon our Messiah that instilled in him the presence of his Father who would do many mighty works through him as his only begotten Son. This "Holy Spirit" is indeed a portion of our Father in heaven who is... Spirit. Yehvoah God the Elohyim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob can indeed share the Spirit that he is with others. (scrn 3)

## The Holy Spirit Is... God's Spirit!

Act 13:2 While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."



The "Holy Spirit" of God is indeed the Spirit of God working in and through his people. And this is why it is written in the book of Matthew that Mary was found to be with the child of the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit was anyone other than God himself... then there would be adultery in heaven because it is written that the child within Mary was from, and I quote... "the Holy Spirit". And this is exactly why when Philip told Yeshua to show them the Father, Yeshua responded by saying "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me Philip? Whoever has seen me... has seen the Father!".

You see the Holy Spirit of Yehvoah God was given to Yeshua when he was baptized by John the Baptist. The Spirit of God was at work within Yeshua doing all of the miraculous healings and teaching his people what it was that he wanted them to know about him. Each and every one of us should be able to say just as our Messiah did... "If you seen me... you've seen my Father". Each and every one of us who has the Holy Spirit of Yehvoah God should be well able to make that statement truthfully. And if we cannot... then we need to ask ourselves... why we cannot?

That very Holy Spirit that impregnated Marry with the very seed of David was indeed Yehvoah God himself doing exactly as he had promised David that he would do. Once again... **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:12-17 (scrn 4)**

## The Covenant Promise of David!

2Sa 7:12 When your days are fulfilled (David) and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

2Sa 7:13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2Sa 7:14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men,

2Sa 7:15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.

2Sa 7:16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

2Sa 7:17 In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.



It was this covenant promise that the Holy Spirit of God was fulfilling by creating the seed of David within the womb of Mary that fulfilled this prophecy and promise of God to David. And once again... this Holy Spirit is indeed a central part of who Yehvoah God himself is. This is why it is written that if you have the Holy Spirit (the Ruach Hakodesh) that God dwells within you and that you are the temple of God. **(scrn 5)**

## Yehvoah God Is His Spirit That Dwells Within You!

1Co 3:16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

1Co 3:17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.



There is no separation between Yehvoah God and his Ruach Hakodesh. The Ruach Hakodesh the Holy Spirit is part and parcel of who Yehvoah God is and the two cannot be separated. This God... this Elohyim that we serve is able to not only put his very breath in the lungs of his creation and give them life... but he is also able to fill his creation with his own Spirit in order to lead and to guide and to indwell within us as long as we treat that Spirit with the reciprocation of love that has been shown to us. And this is why it is written that it is dangerous to forsake the Ruach Hakodesh or to grieve the Holy Spirit. **(scrn 6)**

## Outraging The Spirit of Grace...

Heb 10:26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Heb 10:27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

Heb 10:28 Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.

Heb 10:29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, **and has outraged the Spirit of grace?**

Heb 10:30 For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people."

Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.



Make no mistake about it my friends... the Ruach Hakodesh... the Holy Spirit is indeed Yehvoah God himself! **Isaiah 61:1-3 (scrn 7)**

## Yehvoah Has Sent Me!

Isa 61:1 **The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;**

Isa 61:2 **to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;**

Isa 61:3 **to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.**



In order to get an even better picture of the Ruach Hakodesh and that fact that this Spirit of God is indeed the Spirit of God, let's turn to **Isaiah 63:7-14 E2**

## The Holy Spirit of God With His People

Isa 63:7 I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

Isa 63:8 For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior.

Isa 63:9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Isa 63:10 But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.

Isa 63:11 Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit,

Isa 63:12 who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name,

Isa 63:13 who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble.

Isa 63:14 Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

Yehvoah God because he is "Spirit" has the unique ability to give some of his Spirit to whom ever it is that he wishes, and it is for this very reason that Yehovah shares himself with his children in a way that no other god can, and this is why we should not grieve his Holy Spirit. Contrast what we've just read in Isaiah chapter 63 with what we read in **Psalms 78:40-42 (scrn 8)**

**In Isaiah 63 They Grieved His Holy Spirit**  
**In Psalms 78 They Provoked The Holy One of Israel**

Psa 78:41 They tested God again and again and **provoked the Holy One of Israel.**

Psa 78:42 They did not remember his power or the day when he redeemed them from the foe,



It is this “Holy Spirit” of Yehovah God that adopts us as sons of God. The very Spirit of God himself testifies with our spirit that we are indeed... children of God. Not says I... but says our God breathed Scripture in **Romans 8:14-17 (scrn 9)**

**The Spirit of God... Is God!**

Rom 8:14 **For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.**

Rom 8:15 **For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”**

Rom 8:16 **The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,**

Rom 8:17 **and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.**



Once again... this is how we become one with God just as our Messiah prayed to God that we would all be one with him. (scrn 10)

### So That We May Be ONE!

Joh 17:20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

Joh 17:21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Joh 17:22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,

Joh 17:23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.



It is the Holy Spirit... the Ruach Hakodesh that causes us to be welded together with the Spirit that Most High is. His Spirit and our spirit become one just as Yehovah God’s Spirit and our Messiah’s Spirit became one, and in this way the world will know that Yehvoah has loved us just as he loved our Messiah.

Mary... the mother of our Messiah was impregnated by the Spirit of Yehvoah and Yeshua Hamashiach Jesus the Messiah is indeed... the only begotten Son of God make no mistake about it.

Moving forward... Joseph had a difficult time understanding or even believing such a thing could even happen, that is until the angel of Yehvoah came to straighten Joseph out. And I would like to once again talk about this “angel of the Lord” that we hear so much about.

Once again, the angel of the Lord has a name and it’s not “Jesus” my friends. Listen closely to what is written in the book of Luke about the “angel of the Lord” appearing to Zechariah the father of John the Baptist as he was at work in the Temple. **Luke 1:8-19 E3**

**Luk 1:8** Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty,

**Luk 1:9** according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the

temple of the Lord and burn incense.

Luk 1:10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense.

Luk 1:11 And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

Luk 1:12 And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him.

Luk 1:13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

Luk 1:14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth,

Luk 1:15 for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.

Luk 1:16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God,

Luk 1:17 and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

Luk 1:18 And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years."

Luk 1:19 And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.

The "angel of the Lord" had a name here in the book of Luke and the "angel of the Lord" was clearly the angel "Gabriel" who stands in the presence of God. And to be clear... Yehvoah God has many angels. And we know that our Messiah Yeshua was not an angel. **Hebrews 1:5-9 (scrn 11)**

## Yeshua (Jesus) Is Not And Was Not... An Angel

Heb 1:5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?

Heb 1:6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God's angels worship him.”

Heb 1:7 Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.”

Heb 1:8 But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

Heb 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”



So much for the philosophical man-made theory that Yeshua Jesus was an angel. Once again, by reading the book for ourselves we have come to the realization of the truth and not according to men... but according to Yehovah God. And once again... we see the office of “God” being used here by Yehovah God to show the authority of his only begotten Son by calling his only begotten Son and I quote... a “God”.

And so, once again we see that “God” is not God’s name. The office of being a “God” bestowed upon someone the authority to be seen as a “god”. And this authority was given to our Messiah because of what he had suffered for us all just as it is written in **Hebrews chapter 5. (scrn 12)**

## Yeshua Jesus Was Designated By God!

Heb 5:4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

Heb 5:5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

Heb 5:6 as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Heb 5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

Heb 5:8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

Heb 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

Heb 5:10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.



Isn't it amazing what it is that we learn when we sit down... slow down... and read the book for ourselves.

Once again there are many gods and many lords that can be found within our God breathed Scripture and we have many different teachings on this particular topic. But what's important to understand this that "God" is not God's name. The word "God" which comes from the Hebrew "Elohyim" is an office that someone might hold. It is not the name of the Elohyim of Israel. The God of Israel tells us his name in Exodus chapter three verse 15 and it is not "God" and it is not "LORD". According to our original Hebrew manuscripts it is indeed... Yehvoah and he wrote it in his Bible over 6519 times.

Moving forward, we can also clearly see that Mary and Joseph did not name this Son that Mary was giving birth to by any name that they wanted. The name of our Messiah was a name that was commanded by Yehvoah God to give his Son. And this also is extremely important to understand. Let's go back and once again read **Matthew 1:21-25 (scrn 13)**

## You Shall Call His Name “Yeshua” (Not Jesus)

Mat 1:21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name (Yeshua) Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Mat 1:22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

Mat 1:23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

Mat 1:24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,

Mat 1:25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name (Yeshua) Jesus.



Joseph and Marry were not given an option as to what to call this Son that they were given by the Spirit of Yehovah God. God was to be the Father of this child according to **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel chapter seven verse 14.** (scrn 14)

## I Will Be To Him A Father...

2Sa 7:14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men,

2Sa 7:15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.



And so, once again, we ought to know the name of our Messiah and just as we have already seen in last weeks study of the first chapter of the book of Matthew... no-one had ever even heard of the name "Jesus" until the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Even the first edition of the King James Version of the Bible did not have the name "Jesus" in it. Our Messiah was a Hebrew Jew who came from the house of David and the tribe of Judah. His name according to the original writing of the Apostle Matthew in the Hebrew Language was "Yeshua" which means "salvation from God". The Greek name "Jesus" has absolutely no meaning at all whatsoever.

And so, when we read in Matthew chapter one verse 21 through 23 that the name to be given to this child was "Jesus" we can know that this is once again a horrible translation in our English translated Bibles that hides the very name of our Messiah from us, just like they hid the very name of our God in the Old Testament.

My friends... think about it. Do you really think that the Devil is going to allow us to know the names of the Father and the Son that easily? Our Adversary is brilliant, and he has done all that he can to hide both the name of our Father in heaven and the name of his only begotten Son from us. Even though our Father in heaven wrote his name over six thousand times within his God breathed Scripture and commanded his only begotten Son's name to be "Yeshua" so that we would know that salvation comes from Yehvoah God and Yehvoah God alone... man has once again re-named and re-labeled our Messiah in order to once again hide the truth from our eyes. The true name of both our Father and his only begotten Son can only be revealed by those who truly do ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone. Those who put their hands to the plow and study... and seek him... will find him. But those who sit in a man-made denominational empire will never see these things come to light because mans denominational empires willfully and intentionally chose to sit in the dark because of the teachings of their so called "early church fathers" and their prestigious Bible commentators and their country club charters of men and their popish leaders who they have made out to be... gods on earth.

But as for you and I... we... just like the Nobel Jews of Berea have rightfully chosen to search the scriptures to see if these things be true... and we... time and time again find the church today to be weighed and wanting because we do search the Scripture and the Scripture alone.

Once again, our God... our Elohyim is not man. Our God is Yehvoah the creator of the heavens and the earth and the wisdom that we seek is not that of man... but that of Yehovah our Elohyim. And this is why we teach and preach sola scriptura... Scripture only. We have only one King who has been set before us to sit upon the throne of David, and that King has been appointed to us by our Father in heaven who points to our King as... his only begotten Son. And anything less than that... is fraudulent and full of darkness. And our Messiah's name according to the original Hebrew writing of the original Hebrew Jewish Matthew is indeed... "Yeshua". You may call him by his Greek name "Jesus" if you choose to. But know in your heart of hearts that our Messiah was not a Greek man, nor are most of us Greek, and therefore... we must question why once we know the truth... we would continue to call a Hebrew man by a

Greek name.

We are not given the option of what to call our Messiah. His name was commanded by God because his name means something in its original Hebrew language. The Greek name “Jesus” means absolutely nothing and has no message to offer.

Keeping these things in mind... let’s now turn our attention to Matthew chapter two, and let’s read it for ourselves so that we can know exactly what it says and just as importantly... what it does not say. **Matthew chapter 2 E4**

#### The Visit of the Wise Men

Mat 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,

Mat 2:2 saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

Mat 2:3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;

Mat 2:4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

Mat 2:5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

Mat 2:6 “‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Mat 2:7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.

Mat 2:8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”

Mat 2:9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.

Mat 2:10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

Mat 2:11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Mat 2:12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

#### The Flight to Egypt

Mat 2:13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”

Mat 2:14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt

Mat 2:15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

#### Herod Kills the Children

Mat 2:16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two

years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.

Mat 2:17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

Mat 2:18 “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

The Return to Nazareth

Mat 2:19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

Mat 2:20 saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.”

Mat 2:21 And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.

Mat 2:22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee.

Mat 2:23 And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

One of the first things that we will look at next week is the correlation between King Herod who murdered all the first born Hebrew children and the Pharaoh of Egypt who also murdered all of the first born Hebrew children. We must remember... Moses was saved by being floated down the river in a basket which is actually called an “ark” in the Hebrew language.

The Devil has more than one time attempted to foul the plan of God because the Devil has always known that it would be a human Hebrew man that would be sent to crush his head just as Yehovah had prophesied the serpent clear back in the beginning in **Genesis chapter 3 verse 15 (scrn 15)**

## The Offspring of The Human Woman...

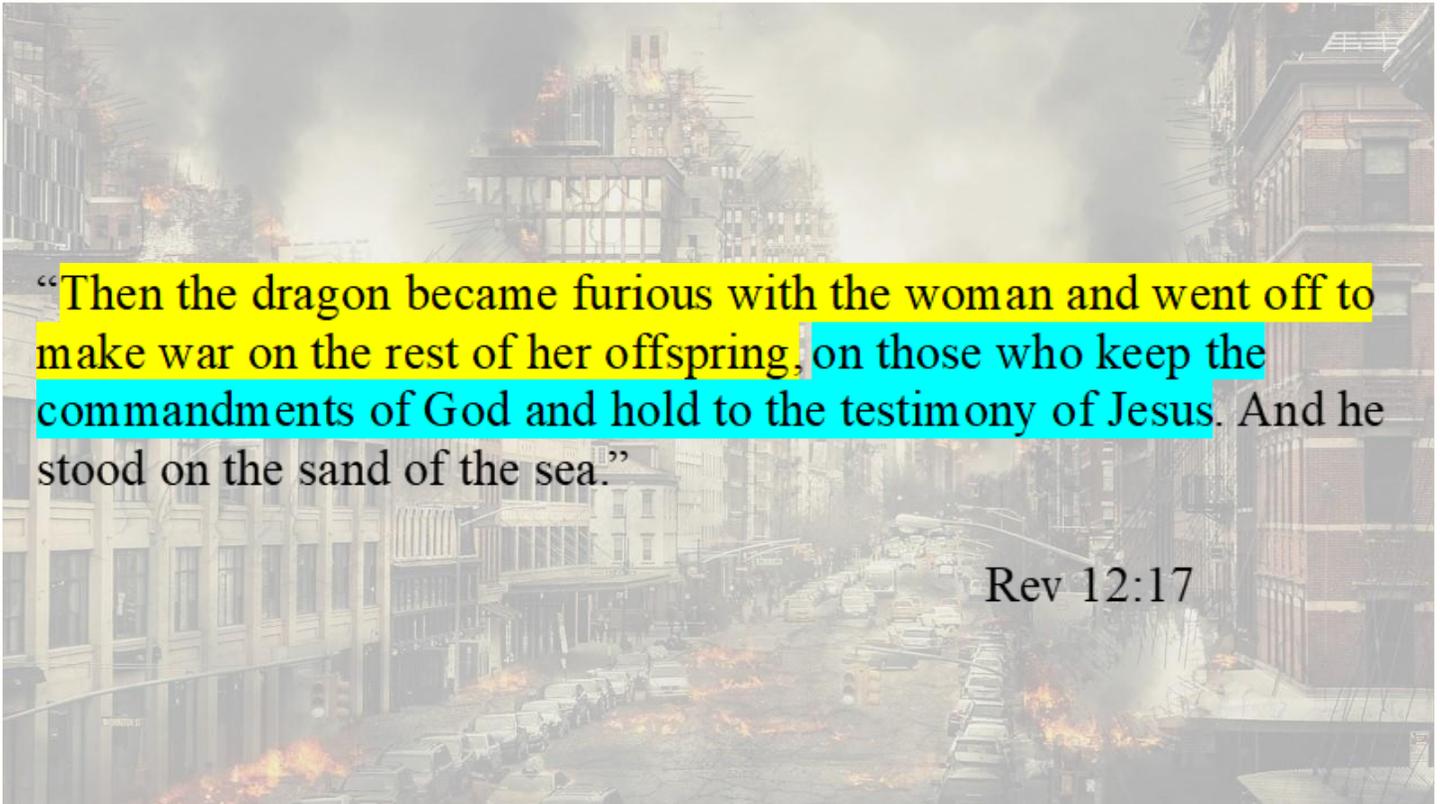
Gen 3:14 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

Gen 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."



This human man that would come from this human woman was who the Devil had been attempting to destroy from the very beginning. And just as we see the Pharaoh of Egypt attempting to destroy all of the Hebrew children... we also see in the book of Esther Hayman trying to destroy all of the Jews during Purim because the Devil knew about the covenant promise of the very Jewish David. And once again, Herod here in the book of Mathew was attempting to destroy this human child that was prophesied by God to come and to crush the Serpent's head. This was simply another attempt by the Devil to destroy this human Hebrew man that he knew was coming to destroy him.

Our adversary was well aware of the human Hebrew Jewish man that was going to be sent from among the house of Israel and the tribe of Judah to destroy him. And our adversary was working diligently to not allow this human man to be born. And now things have gotten even worse for the Devil because he knows that he has missed his opportunity to stop this Hebrew Jewish man from being born and that his time is now short. And this is why he has set his sights on making war with the rest of this woman's offspring, and on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Yeshua. **Revelation 12:17 (scrn 16)**



“Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.”

Rev 12:17

You and I my friends are exactly who the dragon has made war on. And it is you and I that are called to put on the full armor of God so that we can stand in the evil day that we are right now as we speak standing in.

And as we continue our study into the book of Matthew, we will continue to see how this war unfolded in the past and also how this war will unfold in the future.

So, keep your guard up and know that our adversary is indeed like a prowling lion lurking in the shadows to see whom it is that he can devour. And be sure to join us next seventh day Sabbath as we continue to put on the full armor of God and dress for battle through the knowledge of the truth that is... sola scriptura... our God breathed Scripture only.

And with that being said... as we close this morning... I will once again ask as I always do that everyone within the sound of my voice would please... take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet, and to bow your head, and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true... or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door, and his door alone and the proper door will be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end... you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.