

MATTHEW 1 & 2

The Genealogy: 1:1-17 – Jesus is qualified to be the Messiah and sit on David's throne.

A. Jesus' birth and name: 1:18-25 (Nazareth to Bethlehem)

- dream: Joseph should keep Mary and own Jesus
- prophetic connection: Isaiah 7:14 – Jesus is like Hezekiah who was born to a young woman and who was a sign that God remembered his promise to David for a son to rule. Jesus is not illegitimate (John 8:41). He is the true fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14 – born of a virgin.

B. Gentile Magi honor Jesus as king: 2:1-12 (Bethlehem)

- prophetic connection: Micah 5:2 – Jesus is the promised ruler born in Bethlehem.
- dream: The Magi should not return to Herod

C. Jesus escapes: 2:13-15 (Egypt)

- dream: Joseph should take his family and flee
- prophetic connection: Hosea 11:1 – Jesus is connected to Israel in going into and coming up out of Egypt.

~B. Judean Herod tries to kill Jesus: 2:16-21 (Bethlehem)

- prophetic connection: Jeremiah 31:15 – refers to the exile into Babylon. "Rachel" weeps for those who are no more – taken into captivity. Jesus' exile to Egypt and the weeping for those killed by Herod are linked to this.
- dream: Joseph can come back since Herod has since died

~A. Jesus' home and name: 2:22-23 (Bethlehem to Nazareth)

- dream: Joseph should go to Galilee
- prophetic connection: Isaiah 11:1 (Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15; Zechariah 3:8; 6:12). Jesus is again connected to Hezekiah. Jesus is the true fulfillment of the prophecy of a branch that will come from David. This is a Hebrew word-play between "Branch": NSR and "Nazareth": NSRT. Jesus' home of Nazareth does not make him insignificant (John 1:46; 7:41-42;52), it ties him to the prophetic promises of the branch of David.

Pictures of the future from Jesus' birth and childhood

Story #1. Jesus will be despised because of the circumstances of his birth, although they actually point out that he is the promised Messiah – Isaiah 7:14.

Story #2. Jesus will attract Gentiles who will honor him as King.

Story #3. Jesus will show himself to be the faithful Son of God – Hosea 11:1

Story #4. Jesus will be opposed by the Judean authorities who will eventually kill him.

Story #5. Jesus will be despised because of his hometown, Nazareth, although the name actually points to him being the promised branch, or Messiah – Isaiah 11:1.