

Questions On Matthew Chapter 1

1. Matthew's gospel opens with a genealogy of Christ. There are gaps in the list:

a. Verse 1 skips from Abraham to _____.

b. Verse 2 skips from Abraham to _____.

c. According to 1 Chronicles 3:11-12, what three men are omitted in Matthew 1:7-8 between Joram and Azariah (aka Uzziah)?

d. Matthew 1:12 says that Salatheil (aka Shealtiel) begat Zerubbabel. However, who was omitted according to the first part of 1 Chronicles 3:19?

Note — The genealogy in Ezra 7:1-5 omits six generations of the priesthood that are mentioned in 1 Chronicles 6:3-15, so skipping generations happens elsewhere in Scripture.

2. Critics claim that gaps in the genealogy prove the Bible to be inaccurate. However, what does one learn from verse 17 about the general design and the real purpose of the list?

a. The genealogy is broken down into three blocks of _____ generations.

b. List the time periods of the three blocks of generations:

3. How is Joseph described in verse 16? What is significant about this description in light of what verses 18-23 teach about Christ's conception?

a. Even though Mary became pregnant without having sexual relations with Joseph, how is Joseph's lineage described in verse 20?

4. What was peculiar about Mary's conception with Jesus? (v. 18)
5. What was Joseph's reaction upon learning about Mary's pregnancy?
6. What did the angel explain to Joseph regarding the nature of Mary's pregnancy?
 - a. In what state (mental and physical condition) was Joseph when the angel explained these things to him? (skip to verse 24)
7. Why was Mary's child named "Jesus?" (that is, what does it mean?)
8. Why was Jesus also called "Immanuel?" (that is, what does it mean?)
 - a. What does John 1:1, 2 & 14 teach about the identity of Jesus, even while He was in the flesh?
 - b. What does Colossians 2:9 teach about Jesus?
9. Whose prophecy is quoted in verse 23?
10. What did Joseph do after receiving the angel's information? (24)