

Matthew 1:1

(1) The record of the genealogy of Jesus [the Messiah](#) [- *the Christ* = the anointed One], the son of David, the son of Abraham:

*Remember: A king must be anointed before taking the throne.
Christ was anointed by God!*

**Davidic Covenant – 2 Sam 7:12-13
Abrahamic Covenant – Gen. 22:18**

Matthew 1:16

(16) Jacob **was the father** of Joseph ...

- Aorist Active Indicative – indicating **Joseph** was the physical seed of **Jacob** the husband of **Mary** ...

- Feminine Singular **Μαρια**

by **whom** ...

- Feminine Singular Relative Pronoun
 - Refers to **Mary** as the physical mother of Jesus (the humanity of Christ)

Jesus was born ...

- Aorist Passive Indicative of
 - Aorist tense takes the reader back to 4 BC when Jesus came out of Mary's womb.
 - Communicates that Joseph was not the physical father of Jesus.
 - Therefore, Joseph did not copulate with Mary.

POD: Jesus was not the physical progeny of Joseph.

POD: Since the sin nature is transmitted through procreation by the male, Jesus did not possess a sin nature (Rom. 5:12).

POD: Therefore, the imputation of Adam's original sin was not imputed to the genetically transmitted sin nature which would have resulted in spiritual death (Rom. 5:12-19).

POD: Jesus was thus born spiritually alive without a propensity to sin.

POD: The virgin birth of Christ is a fundamental of the Christian faith because it qualified Jesus to be our unblemished sacrificial lamb.

The virgin birth breaks the transmission of the sin nature and also fulfills the legal ramifications of Coniah's curse.

Matthew 1:16

(16) Jacob **was the father** of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born ...

... Who is called the Messiah - **μ** - Lit. *the One who is being called Messiah*.

- Matthew is communicating that people had identified Jesus as the Messiah.
- The one God had anointed as king to rule over the kingdom God promised David (2 Sam. 7:12-13)

(17) So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations. *Emphasis on Jesus Christ being a descendent of David.*

vs. 18 deals with the Historical account of the birth -

(18) Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

Prior to dealing with verse 18, it is important to understand the royal protocol required to announce the king's presence.

Before the Royal King steps across the threshold from eternity into time and enters human history, Royal Protocol demands that His coming in announced and His presence is heralded.

This was the responsibility of John the Baptist.

He was to announce the coming of Israel's promised King and herald the physical presence of the King.

Luke 1:5-7

(5) In the days of Herod, king of Judea (reference Herod the Great 37-4 BC), there was a **priest** named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

(6) They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.

- There were 24 divisions of priests.
- Zacharias belonged to the Abijah Division.
- He was a descendant of Aaron.

“...walking blamelessly before the Lord in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord”

indicates that when they sinned they confessed their sins and brought the prescribed sacrifices to the temple for their sins.

- Doing what God wanted them to do.
 - Following the divine protocol of worship during the Age of Israel.
- A woman's self worth in the ancient biblical world was found in bearing children.
 - If a woman was barren, many would look upon her unfavorably.
 - Oftentimes her inability to conceive and bear children was attributed to personal sin or divine discipline.
 - To observe this read **Luke 1:25**

Contrast -

(7) **But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years.**

- Elizabeth did not have the ability to conceive even as a young bride.
- She was physically incapable.
- Now she is beyond child bearing years.

(25) "This is the way the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He looked with favor upon me, to **take away my disgrace among men.**"

- The disgrace was there because she had not conceived and bore children.

POD: If a Christian woman is unable to conceive and bear children there is a divine purpose behind it.

- There is some unforeseen reason
- Isaiah 55:8-9 states,

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.
“For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are My ways higher than your ways
And My thoughts than your thoughts.”

- The solution to this problem is **Prayer!**
- This is observed in the lives of Elizabeth and her husband Zacharias
 - They had been praying about the lack of a child for years.

How do we know this . . .? Their prayer for a child was answered (Luke 1:13)!

Luke 1:8-14

(8) Now it happened that while he was performing his priestly service before God in the appointed order of his **division**,

POD: When the believer is fulfilling all that God wants him to do in his respective dispensation, he will always be at the right place at the right time – doing the right thing.

POD: The Church Age believer will always be at the right place at the right time doing what God wants him to do when he follows the leading of God the Holy Spirit (See Gal 5:18 & Rom. 8:14-15).

- The filling of the Spirit is prerequisite to being led by the Spirit.
- In order to be led the believer must be in fellowship with God, walking in dependence upon the Holy Spirit, malleable to whatever God would have the believer to do, whenever and wherever God directs.

(9) according to the custom of the priestly office, **he was chosen by lot** to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense (incense offering).

POD: When the Christian is fulfilling the responsibilities of the Church Age Believer Priesthood, the Lord is going to place him where he needs to be with His providential hand.

- Zacharias presence in the Temple to offer incense as a priest was a once in a lifetime opportunity.
- This opportunity was chosen by lot (vs. 9) – God’s providential direction of the circumstances.
- **Prov. 16:33** “The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.”

God will direct every born again believer where he needs to be at the exact right time he needs to be there – and He did that with Zacharias.

Zacharias is burning incense inside the Temple seizing a once in a lifetime opportunity while everyone else is **praying . . .**

(10) And the whole multitude of the people were in prayer outside at the hour of the incense offering.

(11) And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, **standing to the right of the altar of incense.**

- Jewish tradition held that the right side of the altar was God's place.
- Left side of the altar was Archangel Gabriel's place.

(12) Zacharias was troubled when he saw *the angel*, and **fear gripped him.**

Where was this angel standing? . . .

- **to the right of the altar of incense (v.11)**

Why does fear grip Zacharias?

- Because this angelic being is standing in the Lord's position and he thinks it is the Lord.
- Zacharias "was troubled"
 - Aorist Passive Indicative **ταράσσω** – TARASSO
 - *Indicates he was shaken from within because of his perception.*

He was shaken from within and **fear gripped him**

- Aorist Active Indicative + Preposition
 - *Fear fell upon him.*

(13) But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition ...

- "Your petition" - **δέησις σου** – DEESIS – *A specific request or entreaty.*
 - The Definite article governing the nominative **δέησις** indicates the request was a specific request.
 - One that Elizabeth and Zacharias had prayed about for years!

for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John.

That's how we know Zacharias and Elizabeth were praying about a child for years.

Importunity pays off in prayer.

They had prayed to the only One who could do something about Elizabeth's inability to conceive.

They set God in motion through prayer and God answered their prayer for his glory at the right time, in the right manner, at the right place.

POD: The protocol of prayer sets God in motion to answer for his greatest glory at the right time, in the right place, and when the believer least expects it.

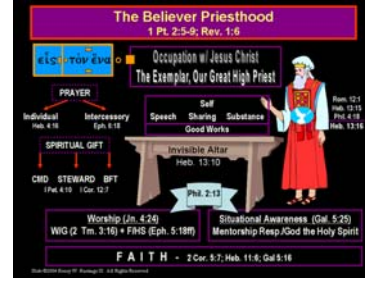
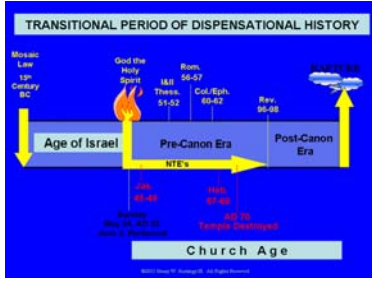
- God's breaks his silence after 400 years.
- It had been 400 years since the last prophecy of Malachi.
 - There was no special revelation during that period.
 - The Dark Age of Israel.
 - The Old Testament canon was completed.

This is why there is no Special Revelation in the time in which we live, i.e. everything is completed in the New Testament canon.

(14) "You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

(15) "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb.

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