

^{1.1} The book of the genesis of Jesus Christ, Son of David, Son of Abraham.

² Abraham birthed Isaac. Isaac birthed Jacob. Jacob birthed Judah and his brothers. ³ Judah birthed Perez and Zarah from Tamar. Perez birthed Hezron. Hezron birthed Aram. ⁴ Aram birthed Aminadab. Aminadab birthed Nahshon. Nahshon birthed Salmon. ⁵ Salmon birthed Boaz from Rahab. Boaz birthed Jobad from Ruth. Jobad birthed Jesse. ⁶ Jesse birthed David the king.

David birthed Solomon from the wife of Uriah. ⁷ Solomon birthed Rehoboam. Rehoboam birthed Abijah. Abijah birthed Asa. ⁸ Asa birthed Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat birthed Joram. Joram birthed Uzziah. ⁹ Uzziah birthed Jotham. Jotham birthed Ahaz. Ahaz birthed Hezekiah. ¹⁰ Hezekiah birthed Manasseh. Manasseh birthed Amon. Amon birthed Josiah. ¹¹ Josiah birthed Jeconiah and his brothers during the exile in Babylon.

¹² After the exile in Babylon Jeconiah birthed Shealtiel. Shealtiel birthed Zerubbabel. ¹³ Zerubbabel birthed Abiud. Abiud birthed Eliakim. Eliakim birthed Azor. ¹⁴ Azor birthed Zadok. Zadok birthed Achim. Achim birthed Eliud. ¹⁵ Eliud birthed Eleazar. Eleazar birthed Matthan. Matthan birthed Jacob. ¹⁶ Jacob birthed Joseph the husband of Mary, she birthed Jesus the one being called Christ.

¹⁷ Therefore, all the generations from Abraham until David are fourteen generations. From David until the exile in Babylon are fourteen generations. From the exile in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.

¹⁸ The genesis of Jesus Christ was like this. His mother Mary was promised for marriage to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant by means of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ But Joseph, her husband, being righteous and not wanting to expose her, decided to secretly send her away. ²⁰ But after he decided these things, the Lord's messenger appeared to him in a dream, saying,

“Joseph, child of David! Do not be afraid to receive Mary as your wife. The one conceived within her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son and you will call his name ‘Jesus,’ for he will rescue his people from their selfish-actions. ²² This has all happened to fulfill the word of the Lord through the prophet, saying, ²³ *‘Look! The virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son and they will call his name Immanuel.’* This name means, ‘The Creator is with us.’”

²⁴ When Joseph woke up from sleep, he did as the Lord's messenger commanded and received Mary as his wife.

²⁵ However, he did not intimately-know her until she gave birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

^{2.1} Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king. Look, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, ² saying,

“Where is the one who has been born as King of the Judeans? We saw his star in the east and we came to pledge-allegiance to him!”

³ When he heard this, the king Herod was troubled and all of Jerusalem with him. ⁴ After he gathered all of the high-priests and all the scholars of the people, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They said to him,

“In Bethlehem of Judea, as it is written through the prophet, ⁶ *‘You Bethlehem, of the land of Judah, you are by no means the least among the leaders of Judah. For out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people of Israel.’*”

⁷ Then secretly calling the magi, Herod accurately-learned from them the time of the star's appearance. ⁸ Then sending them into Bethlehem, he said,

“Go search carefully for the child. Then when you find him, report to me where he is, so I may also go and pledge-allegiance to him.”

⁹ After listening to the king, they left. And look, the star they saw in the east went before them until it stood above where the child was. ¹⁰ After they saw the star they were filled with an overwhelming amount of great joy. ¹¹ After they entered the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother. While falling down, they pledged-allegiance to him. Opening their storage-boxes, they brought to him gifts of gold, frankincense, and burial-perfume. ¹² Being advised in a dream not to submit to Herod, they returned to their region by another way.

¹³ After the magi had left, the Lord's messenger appeared in a dream to Joseph, saying,
"Get up! Take the child and his mother and flee into Egypt. Live there until I speak to you. For Herod is going to seek the child in order to destroy him."

¹⁴ After getting up, he took the child and his mother during the night and went away into Egypt. ¹⁵ He lived there until Herod came to an end so that the word of the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,
"I called my son out of Egypt."

¹⁶ Then, when Herod saw that he had been mocked by the magi, he burned greatly. He ordered the removal of all the children, two years and younger, in Bethlehem and all the surrounding regions. This was based on the timeframe he had accurately-learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then the word through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled, saying,

¹⁸ *"A sound was heard in Ramah, weeping and great wailing. Rachel was weeping for her children and she did not want to be helped, for they are no longer."*

¹⁹ After Herod came to an end, the Lord's messenger appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying,
"Get up! Take the child and his mother and journey into the land of Israel, for those seeking the soul of the child are dead."

²¹ After getting up, Joseph took the child and his mother and entered the land of Israel. ²² When he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. After being advised in a dream, he went away into parts of Galilee. ²³ Then he came and settled in the city called Nazareth so that the word through the prophet was fulfilled that he would be called a Nazarene.