

Introduction to Matthew

Six Q's - Overview (Look in a Bible Dictionary or your Bible's Introduction)

1. Who wrote this scroll?
2. To whom was it written?
3. When was it written?
4. What is the category/style (genre) in which it was written?
5. What is the central story / aim of this scroll?
6. How is the scroll arranged?

Step 1: Read the Whole Section *Note any questions or anything that you didn't understand.*

Step 2: Answer the Study Questions

1:1-17

1. Fill in the blank (1:1):

“The book of the genealogy of _____, the son of _____, the son of _____.”

2. What do the following passages teach us about why Matthew chose these two figures to highlight first in the ancestry of Jesus?

Genesis 12:1-3

2 Samuel 7:8-12

3. Matthew structures the genealogy into three parts. For each section, provide the first and last name in the list.

Part 1 - (1:2-6a):

Part 2 - (1:6b-11):

Part 3 - (1:12-16):

4. It would be very rare in ancient genealogies to include the names of women. List the five women:

5. What do you know about these women and why do you think Matthew includes them in the list?

1:18-25

6. How are Jesus' parents each described?

7. Look up “betrothal” in a English dictionary or Bible dictionary. What does this word mean?

8. ATTENTION: DESIGN PATTERN!! What cross reference is cited in 1:22? (Use “Reference Bible” or “Biblegateway.org”)

10. Provide the two names given for the baby in these verses: (EXTRA POINTS!! Try to guess what their corresponding translations are in each language)

	Hebrew Name	Greek Name	English (meaning)
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1:21

1:23

Step 3: Summarize assigned "FOCUS" section of text: _____

<p>Summarize</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Summarize this section into a heading or title.2. Who are the characters in the story and what are they like?3. When and where does the setting of this story take place?4. Is there a plot conflict or a problem?5. How are the characters responding?	
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Step 4: (Space for Taking Notes IN CLASS Only)