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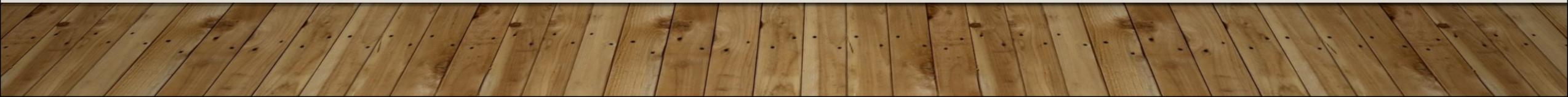
MATTHEW 1:22-25 BIBLE STUDY

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THE GENESIS OF JESUS – SAVIOR FROM SIN: REVIEW

- “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and **all peoples on earth** will be blessed **through you.**” (Gen 12:2-3, NIV)
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THE GENESIS OF JESUS – SAVIOR FROM SIN: REVIEW

- 18 The genesis of Jesus the Messiah went like this: His mother Mary was **betroted** to Joseph, [but] **before** they came together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. 19 So her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, had in mind to divorce her privately. 20 But after these things were considered by him, behold: an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying: “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For [the Child] Who has been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit 21 For she will give birth to a son, and you shall call Him by the Name Jesus – because He will save His people from their sins (Mt 1:18-21, AT)



MATTHEW 1:22
FULFILLED

- Now all these things took place so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be **fulfilled**: (Mt 1:22, AT)



MATTHEW 1:22

GOD IS IN CONTROL

- 1 “This is what the LORD says to his **anointed** [מָשִׁיחַ | *māšîaḥ*], to **Cyrus**, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: 2 I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. 3 I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. 4 **For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me.** 5 I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, **though you have not acknowledged me,** (Is 45:1-5, NIV)
- I will **raise up Cyrus** in my righteousness: I will make all his ways straight. He will **rebuild my city and set my exiles free,** but not for a price or reward, says the LORD Almighty.” (Is 45:13, NIV)



MATTHEW 1:22
GOD IS IN CONTROL

1 In the first year of **Cyrus king of Persia**, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the heart of **Cyrus king of Persia** to make a proclamation throughout his realm and also to put it in writing:

2 “This is what **Cyrus king of Persia** says:

“ ‘The LORD, the God of heaven, **has given me all the kingdoms of the earth** and he has **appointed me to build a temple for him** at Jerusalem in Judah. 3 Any of his people among you may go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the temple of the LORD, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem, and may their God be **with** them. (Ez 1:1-3, NIV)





MATTHEW 1:23 THE VIRGIN CONCEPTION

- "Behold, the **virgin** [παρθένος | *parthenos*] shall conceive and bear a son and they shall call Him by the name, Immanuel" (which is translated, "God With Us"). (Mt 1:23, AT)
- Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The **virgin** [παρθένος | *parthenos*] will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel (Isa 7:14, NIV)
- Hebrew: הַמָּלְאִים (*almâ*) (cf. Gen. 24:43; Exod. 2:8; Ps. 68:26 MT [68:25 Eng.]; Song 1:3; 6:8; Pr 30:19)



MATTHEW 1:23
THE VIRGIN CONCEPTION
IN ISAIAH

- 14 Therefore the Lord **himself** will give you a sign: The **virgin** will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him **Immanuel**. 15 He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, 16 for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste. 17 The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria.” (Is 7:14-17, NIV)



MATTHEW 1:23
THE VIRGIN CONCEPTION
IN ISAIAH

- Here I am with the **children** the LORD has given me to be **signs** and **wonders** in Israel from the LORD of Hosts who **dwells** [שָׁכַן | *šākan*] on Mount Zion (Is 8:18, HCSB)
- 6 For to us a **child** is born, to us a **son** is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on **David's throne** and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness **from that time on and forever**. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. (Is 9:6-7, NIV;



MATTHEW 1:23 SON OF GOD



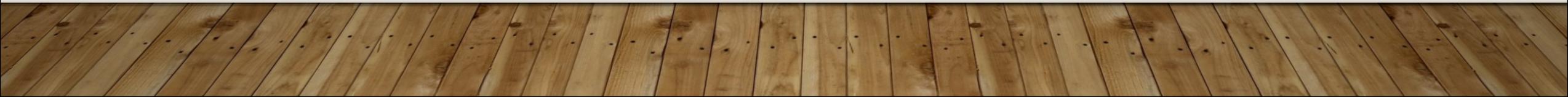
- After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are **the Son of God**, tell these stones to become bread.” (Mt 4:3, NIV cf. Mt 4:6)
- 28 When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. 29 “What do you want with us, **Son of God**?” they shouted. “Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?” (Mt 8:28-29, NIV)
- When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the **Son of God!**” (Mt 27:54, NIV)



MATTHEW 1:23 SON OF GOD



- “When Israel was a child, I **loved him**, and out of Egypt I called **my son**. (Hos 11:1, NIV)
- 14 So he [Joseph] got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, 15 where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was **fulfilled** what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called **my son**.” (Mt 2:14-15, NIV)
- 16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a **voice from heaven** said, “This is **my Son**, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” (Mt 3:16-17, NIV)
- While he [Jesus] was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a **voice from the cloud** said, “This is **my Son**, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” (Mt 17:5, NIV)

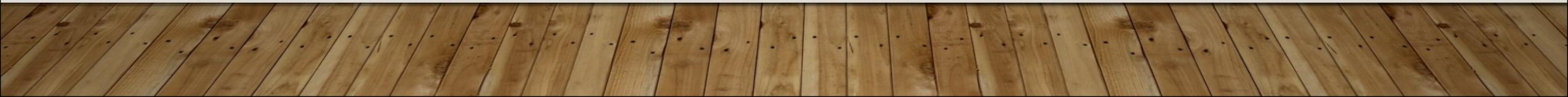




MATTHEW 1:24-25
DO AS YOUR TOLD!



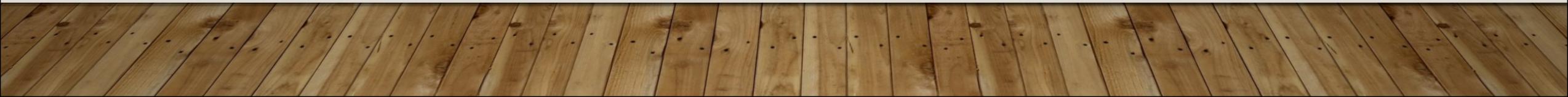
- 24 So after Joseph woke from sleep, **he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him** and took [Mary] as his wife. 25 Yet he was not being sexually intimate with her until she bore a son. And, he called His Name Jesus (Mt 1:24-25, AT)





MATTHEW 1:24-25

OLD TESTAMENT JOSEPH

- 2 The LORD was **with Joseph** so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. 3 When his master saw that the LORD was **with** him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, 4 **Joseph** found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. (Gen 39:2-4, NIV)
 - 20 Joseph's master took him and put him in **prison**, the place where the king's **prisoners** were confined. But while Joseph was there in the **prison**, 21 the **LORD was with him**; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. (Gen 39:20-21, NIV)
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MATTHEW 1:24-25
OLD TESTAMENT JOSEPH

- 38 So Pharaoh asked them, “Can we find anyone like this man, one **in whom** is the **spirit of God**?” 39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since **God** has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. 40 You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.” (Gen 41:38-40, NIV)
- You intended to harm me, **but God intended it for good** to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. (Gen 50:20, NIV)



MATTHEW 1:24-25
(PERPETUAL) VIRGIN MARY?

- 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her **firstborn**, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. (Lk 2:6-7, NIV)
- 55 “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his **brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas**? 56 Aren’t all his **sisters** with us? ... (Mt 13:55-56a, NIV; cf. Mt 12:46; Mk 3:31-32, 6:3; Lk 8:19-20; Jn 2:12, 7:3, 5, 10; Ac 1:14)



MATTHEW 1:18-25

TABERNACLED AMONG US

- The Word became flesh and **made his dwelling** [σκηνόω | *skēnoō*] among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (Jn 1:14, NIV)
- 44 “Our ancestors had the **tabernacle** [σκηνή | *skēnē*] of the covenant law [cf. Ex 38:21; Num 1:5, 17:7; NIV] with them in the wilderness. It had been made as God directed Moses, according to the pattern he had seen [cf. Ex 25:8, 9, 20; NIV; Exodus 26f.]. 45 After receiving the **tabernacle**, our ancestors under Joshua brought it with them when they took the land from the nations God drove out before them [cf. Jos 3:14–17; 18:1; 23:9; 24:18; Ps 44:2; NIV]. It remained in the land until the time of David [cf. 2 Sam 7:2, 6; NIV], 46 who enjoyed God’s favor and asked that he might provide a **dwelling place** [σκήνωμα | *skēnōma*] for the God of Jacob [cf. 2 Sa 7:8–16; 1 Ki 8:17; Ps 132:1–5]. 47 But it was Solomon who built a **house** [i.e., the Temple] for him [cf. 1 Ki 6:1-38; NIV]. (Ac 7:44-47, NIV)

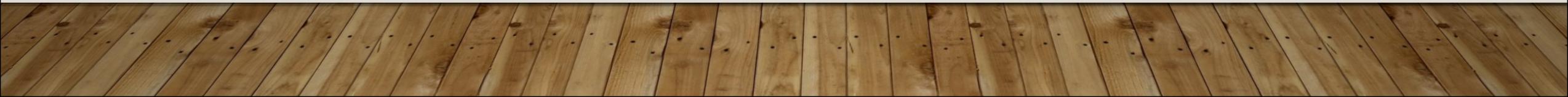


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GOD WITH US

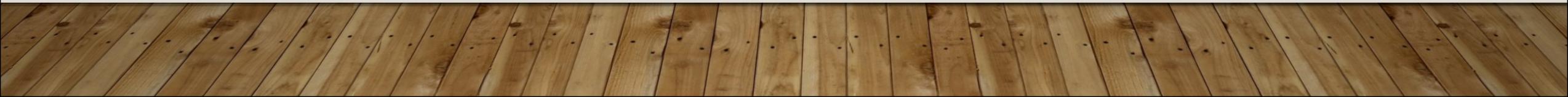


- "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall call Him by the name, Immanuel" (which is translated, "**God With Us**"). (Mt 1:23, AT)
- For where two or three gather in my name, there am I **with** them." (Mt 18:20, NIV)
- Therefore go and make disciples of **all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am **with you** always, to the very end of the age." (Mt 28:19-20, NIV)





MATTHEW 1:18-25 FAMILIARITY OF CHRIST

- 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to **empathize with our weaknesses**, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, **just as we are**—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace **to help us in our time of need.** (Heb 4:15-16, NIV)
 - For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my **brother and sister and mother.**” (Mt 12:50, NIV)
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MATTHEW 1:18-25
DIVINE WITH-NESS

1. God **present** through His **Shekinah** glory
 2. God **present** through His **Son**
 3. God **present** through His **Spirit**
 4. God **present** fully when **salvation** is consummated for all eternity (cf. Rev 21:1-22:5)
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