

**Gospel of Matthew**  
**Introduction**  
**Matthew 1:1-17**

**I. Introduction to New Testament**

***Matthew - A Bridge from the Old Testament***

1. Written to those living under Old Testament
  - Looking with anticipation for promised Messiah
  - Looking for the establishment of the kingdom
  - More than 125 quotations from Old Testament
  - Readers would have some knowledge of Scripture
2. Genealogy begins with Abraham – 1:1
  - Father of the people of Israel
  - One to whom God made a covenant & promises
  - Presenting Jesus as Messiah to Jewish readers
  - Luke's genealogy goes back to Adam – Luke 3:38
3. Lineage traced to King David – 1:1
  - God made a covenant with David – 2 Samuel 7:16
  - Son of David will be King forever
  - Genealogy begins with Judah – Matthew 1:2-3
  - Other tribes noted as Judah's brothers – 1:2
4. Presentation of Kingdom of Heaven
  - This term is used 33 times in Matthew
  - Other Gospels use "kingdom of God"
  - Gentiles need to see God's kingdom different from man's kingdom
  - Jews knew Kingdom of God in Theocracy of Old Testament
  - Needed to see Kingdom of Heaven in contrast to earthly kingdoms
  - Built on spiritual principles & on heavenly (eternal) values
5. Jesus used parables to teach of kingdom
  - Help earthly people understand spiritual truth and heavenly (eternal) values
6. The Law is interpreted by the King
  - Beyond external command is internal truth
  - Jesus is King, He alone can interpret God's law
  - He not only interpreted but He fulfilled it – 5:17
  - He lived out God's law in its fullness
  - Both the commandments & the spirit of the law

**II. King's New Covenant – 26:26-29**

1. The King's mission was redemption
  - His sacrifice paid in full for human sin
  - Providing reconciliation with God
  - New Covenant provides eternal life as a gift
2. The King reigns over His Church
  - Announces He will build His Church – 16:17-18
  - Authorizes His followers to proclaim His message 28:18-20

3. The King promises to return – Matt. 24-25
  - His return will be in power and great glory

**III. King's Genealogy – 1:1-17**

1. His lineage reflects His message
  - With justice there is mercy
  - With law there is grace
  - With sinfulness there is forgiveness
  - With outcasts there is acceptance
2. Consider those in His family
  - Judah and his sin with Tamar
  - Rahab, a harlot & a Canaanite
  - Ruth a Moabite – Note Deuteronomy 23:3
  - David & Bathsheba
  - Many evil kings in Judah