

# MATTHEW

## 1. TITLES

- A. Matthew = gift of God; Levi = joined
- B. The Gospel according to Matthew
- C. The Book of the King

## 2. AUTHOR

Written by Matthew, a tax collector, who was called by Christ to be one of the twelve apostles.

## 3. DATE

- A. Covers approximately 34 years from Christ's birth to His Ascension.
- B. Probably written between 52 and 68 A.D. before the fall of Jerusalem.

## 4. KEY WORDS

- A. Kingdom (of heaven) ----- 56
- B. Just, Right (eous, ness) (same Greek word) ----- 25
- C. Fulfill (ed) ----- 18

## 5. KEY VERSES

1: 1, 5: 17, 18, 24: 14

## 6. PURPOSE

- A. To show the Jews, by prophecy and fulfilment, that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Kingly of Messiah.
- B. To show the Jews' rejection of their King and his Kingdom.
- C. To give a preview of the events of this present age from Christ's Ascension to His second Coming.

## 7. MESSAGE

- A. The Kingdom of heaven is not a materialistic kingdom governed by worldly principles neither is it a nationalistic kingdom confined to this earth.
- B. The Kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom of heavenly character, nature and order. It refers specifically to where the rule and reign of God is made effective by submission to the spiritual principles of the King.

## 8. OUTLINE

- I. Preparation of the King ----- Chapter 1 – 4
- II. Presentation of the Kingdom ----- Chapter 5 – 10
- III. Preaching of the Kingdom ----- Chapter 11 – 15
- IV. Passion of the King ----- Chapter 26 – 18

## 9. SUMMARY

The distinctive characteristic of Matthew's Gospel is its appeal to the Jewish mind. It was probably originally written in Hebrew and contains many more Old Testament quotations than the other gospels. It was thus meant to convince the Jews that Jesus of Nazareth was their promised Messiah. It presents the King and His Kingdom. Because of their naturalistic and materialistic concept of the Kingdom they rejected the King. Thus the Kingdom was taken from them and it became the ministry of the church (only mentioned in Matthew's Gospel) to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to all the world.

## 10. CHRIST SEEN

Christ is seen as the King (2: 2), the Lawgiver (Is. 33: 22; Mt, 5 – 7), the Anointed (3: 16, 17). The Son of David (1: 1), and the Fulfilment of the Law and Prophets (5: 17)