

THE MESSIAH

Matthew 1-3

CAST

SPEAKING: Angel, Prophet, Maji 1, Priest, Herod, John, Yeshua,

NON: Joseph, Mary, Maji 2, Israelites, 2 Pharisees, 2 soldiers

The book of the genealogy of Yeshua ha-Mashiach, Ben-David, Ben-Avraham:

Abraham fathered Isaac, Isaac fathered Jacob, Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers, Judah fathered Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez fathered Hezron, Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab, Boaz fathered Obed by Ruth, Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David the king. David fathered Solomon by the wife of Uriah, Solomon fathered Rehoboam, Rehoboam fathered Abijah, Abijah fathered Asa, Asa fathered Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat fathered Joram, Joram fathered Uzziah, Uzziah fathered Jotham, Jotham fathered Ahaz, Ahaz fathered Hezekiah, Hezekiah fathered Manasseh, Manasseh fathered Amon, Amon fathered Josiah, and Josiah fathered Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

After the Babylonian exile Jeconiah fathered Shealtiel, Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel fathered Abiud, Abiud fathered Eliakim, Eliakim fathered Azor, Azor fathered Zadok, Zadok fathered Achim, Achim fathered Eliud, Eliud fathered Eleazar, Eleazar fathered Matthan, Matthan fathered Jacob, and Jacob fathered Joseph the husband of Miriam, from whom was born Yeshua who is called the Messiah.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the Babylonian exile are fourteen generations, and from the Babylonian exile until the Messiah are fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Yeshua the Messiah happened this way. When His mother Miriam was engaged to Joseph but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Ruach ha-Kodesh. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, made up his mind to dismiss her secretly. But while he considered these things, behold, an angel of Adonai appeared to him in a dream, saying,

ANGEL- Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Miriam as your wife, for the Child conceived in her is from the Ruach ha-Kodesh. She will give birth to a son; and you shall call His name Yeshua, for He will save His people from their sins.

Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by Adonai through the Prophet, saying,

PROPHET- Behold, the virgin shall conceive and give birth to a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which means "God with us."

When Joseph woke up from his sleep, he did as the angel of Adonai commanded him and took Miriam as his wife. But he did not know her intimately until she had given birth to a Son. And he called His name Yeshua. Now after Yeshua was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem, saying,

MAGI- Where is the One who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.

When King Herod heard, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had called together all the ruling kohanim and Torah scholars, he began to inquire of them where the Messiah was to be born. So they told him,

PRIEST- In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said,

HEROD- Go and search carefully for the Child. And when you have found Him, bring word back to me so that I may come and worship Him as well.

After listening to the king, they went their way. And behold, the star they had seen in the east went on before them, until it came to rest over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great gladness. And when they came into the house, they saw the Child with His mother Miriam; and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their own country by another way. Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of Adonai appears to Joseph in a dream, saying,

ANGEL- Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the Child, to kill Him.

So he got up, took the Child and His mother during the night, and went to Egypt. He stayed there until Herod's death. This was to fulfill what was spoken by Adonai through the Prophet, saying,

PROPHET- Out of Egypt I called My son.

Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became furious. And he sent and killed all boys in Bethlehem and in all its surrounding area, from two years old and under, according to the time he had determined from the magi. Then was fulfilled what was spoken through Jeremiah the Prophet, saying,

PROPHET- A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and loud wailing, Rachel sobbing for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.

But when Herod died, behold, an Angel of Adonai appears in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying,

ANGEL- Get up! Take the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those seeking the Child's life are dead.

So he got up, took the Child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel. But hearing that Archelaus was king of Judea in place of his father Herod, he became afraid to go there. Then after being warned in a dream, he withdrew to the region of the Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Natzeret, to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets, that Yeshua shall be called a Natzrati. In those days, John the Immerser came proclaiming in the wilderness of Judea,

JOHN- Turn away from your sins, for the kingdom of heaven is near!" For he is the one Isaiah the prophet spoke about, saying, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of Adonai, and make His paths straight.'

Now John wore clothing from camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were being immersed by him in the Jordan River. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his immersion, he said to them,

JOHN- You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore produce fruit worthy of repentance; and do not think that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'! For I tell you that from these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. Already the axe is laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire! As for me, I immerse you in water for repentance. But the One coming after me is mightier than I am; I am not worthy to carry His sandals. He will immerse you in the Ruach ha-Kodesh and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He shall clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the barn; but the chaff He shall burn up with inextinguishable fire

Then Yeshua came from the Galilee to John, to be immersed by him in the Jordan. But John tried to prevent Him, saying

JOHN- I need to be immersed by You, and You are coming to me?

But Yeshua responded,

YESHUA- Let it happen now, for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.

So John yielded to Him. After being immersed, Yeshua rose up out of the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Ruach Elohim descending like a dove and coming upon Him. And behold, a Voice from the heavens said,

SPIRIT- This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased!

SONG: BORN OF A VIRGIN, YOUR KINGDOMS EMERGIN, IT WON'T BE ENDIN, JESUS THE SON OF GOD X2
GOD WITH US, YESHUA THE SON OF GOD X2
SO....
TURN... TURN... TO GOD X3
AND HIS FIRE...HOLY GHOST FIRE...WILL BURN- INSIDE!

WRITTEN ON YOUR HEART

Parent opens time with prayer. (2 min)

Reflect on the Story

1. What did you like?
2. What confused you?
3. What did you learn about God?
4. What did you learn about people?
5. How can you apply what you learned from this story in your life this week?
6. How will you remember this story?
7. Who will you tell this story to?

Key Verse:

I baptize you with water, but the one who is coming soon...is greater than I am---so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave...He will baptize you with God's Spirit... Matthew 3:11

How does this verse make you feel?

Pray the Word

Father, thank you that you have come. And we say you are so great- greater than any other. Come and baptize me with your Spirit.

Father, help me to want to turn away from the world and turn to you, and to be baptized in water, and by your Spirit.