

# MATTHEW.

## CHAPTIR ANE.

*The Forbears and Nativity o' Christ.*

**T**HE buik o' the generation o' Jesus the Christ, Dauvid's son, the son o' Abr'am.

2. Abr'am begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jaucob; and Jaucob begat Judah and his brethren.

3. And Judah begat Pharez and Zarah, o' Tamar; and Pharez begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram.

4. And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naason; and Naason begat Salmon.

5. And Salmon begat Boaz, o' Rahab; and Boaz begat Obed, o' Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse.

6. And Jesse begat Dauvid the king; and Dauvid the king begat Solomon, o' her wha was Uriah's.

7. And Solomon begat Rehoboam; and Rehoboam begat Abijah; and Abijah begat Asa.

8. And Asa begat Jehosaphat; and Jehosaphat begat Jehoram; and Jehoram begat Uziah.

9. And Uziah begat Jotham; and Jotham begat Ahaz; and Ahaz begat Hezekiah.

10. And Hezekiah begat Manasseh; and Manasseh begat Amon; and Amon begat Josiah.

11. And Josiah begat Jehoiachin and his brethren, nar-haun the time they war carry't awa' till Babylon.

12. And eftir they cam till Babylon, Jehoiachin begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zerubbabel.

13. And Zerubbabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor.

14. And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud.

15. And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jaucob.

16. And Jaucob begat Joseph, Mary's husband, o' wham was born Jesus, wha is ca'd "The Christ."

17. Sae a' the generations frae Abr'am till Dauvid are fowrtteen generations; and frae Dauvid till the takin awa' till Babylon fowrtteen generations; and frae the

takin awa' till Babylon till Christ fowrtteen generations.

18. Noo the nativity o' Jesus Christ was this gate: whan his mither Mary was mairry't till Joseph, she was fund wi' bairn c' the Holie Spirit.

19. Than her guidman, Joseph, bein an upricht man, and no desirin her name sould be i' the mooth o' the public, was ettlin to pit her awa' hidlins.

20. But as he had thir things in his mind, behauld! an Angel o' the Lord appear't till him by a dream, sayin, "Joseph, son o' Dauvid, binna feared to tak till ye yer wife, Mary; for that whilk is begotten in her is by the Holie Spirit."

21. "And she sal bring forth a son, and ye sal ca' his name JESUS; for he sal <sup>a</sup>save his folk frae their sins."

22. Noo, a' this was dune, that it micht come to pass what was said by the Lord throwe the prophet,

23. "Behold! a maiden sal be wi' bairn, and sal bring forth a son; and they wull ca' his name Emmanuel," whilk is, translatit, "God wi' us."

24. Sae Joseph, comin oot o' his sleep, did as the Angel had bidden him, and took till him his wife.

25. And leev'd in continence wi her till she had brocht forth her first-born son; and ca'd his name JESUS.

## CHAPTIR TWA.

*The Wyss Men frae the East. To Egypt, and back again.*

**N**OO, whan Jesus was born i' Bethlehem-Judah, i' the days o' King Herod, behauld! Wyss Men cam frae the <sup>b</sup>East till Jerusalem.

<sup>a</sup> V. 21. The dourness o' the Jews, and e'en o' his ain kith accordin till the flesh, was unco strange. The Angel till Joseph, (and Simeon and Anna,) said naething o' his bein a great conquerer, but aye to be a blessin till the world; and yet they wad hae it that he sould be a conquerin King like Dauvid.

<sup>b</sup> V. 1. The comin o' the Wyss Men wad be for some gude end. It wad pit gear i' Joseph's haun to gang till Egypt wi'; but muckle mair, it wad open the way i' the East for the Blythe-Message, eftirhaun carry't by the Apostles: