

Matthew 1 • The Working of Providence & Promise

1. (v.1-17) The primary purpose and theme of Matthew's Gospel is to prove Jesus is the **Messiah**, the **King of the Jews**.
 - a. This genealogy is a very powerful testimony to **Jews**.
 - b. This genealogy is a very powerful testimony to God's **providence** to fulfill His promises.
 - c. This genealogy has **practical** application for every believer.
 - d. This genealogy belongs to the only Jew alive today who can claim lineage to the **throne of David**.
[References: Rev. 22:16; Rom. 1:1-4; 2 Ki. 11; Tamar: Gen. 38; Rahab: Josh. 2 & Heb. 11:31; Ruth (Ruth); Is. 41:4; Is. 46:10; Is. 55:11]

2. (v.18-19) Joseph was a biblically righteous man who sought to retain the spirit of **love** while upholding the **Law**.

3. (v.20-23) Herein is expressed the working of God to fulfill His **promises** which work in concert with His providence; they are not **mutually** exclusive.

4. (v.24-25) True followers do not stand idly by depending only on God's **intervention** whether through providence or promise – they are willing and obedient **participants** in His will.

Overall Application: Some things are brought about according to His **providential** intervention, some things according to the unconditional **promises** He has made, but in all things requires our obedient **participation** according to the greater working of His **Word**.