

# *Planned Parenthood*

*Matthew 1:18-25*

*Christmas*  
*According to Matthew*

# Matthew 1:18-25

*This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about:  
His mother Mary was pledged to be married to  
Joseph, but before they came together, she was found  
to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because  
Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did  
not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had  
in mind to divorce her quietly*

*But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”*

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*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” - which means, “God with us.” When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.*

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# The Extraordinary Prophecies

*The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”*

*So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life...”*

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# The Extraordinary Prophecies

*“And I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers; he will crush  
your head, and you will strike his heel.”*

*~Genesis 3:13-15*

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# *A Prophetic Birth:*

- Isaiah 7:14 born of a Virgin...and called **Immanuel**.
- Isaiah 9:6-7 tells us Jesus will be a son...from **David's line**.
- Daniel 9:25 tells us that Jesus is the **Anointed One**.
- Micah 5:2 tells us that Jesus will be **born** in Bethlehem.

## 5 Times in the Matthew Account ...you will find the Birth is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Prophecies.

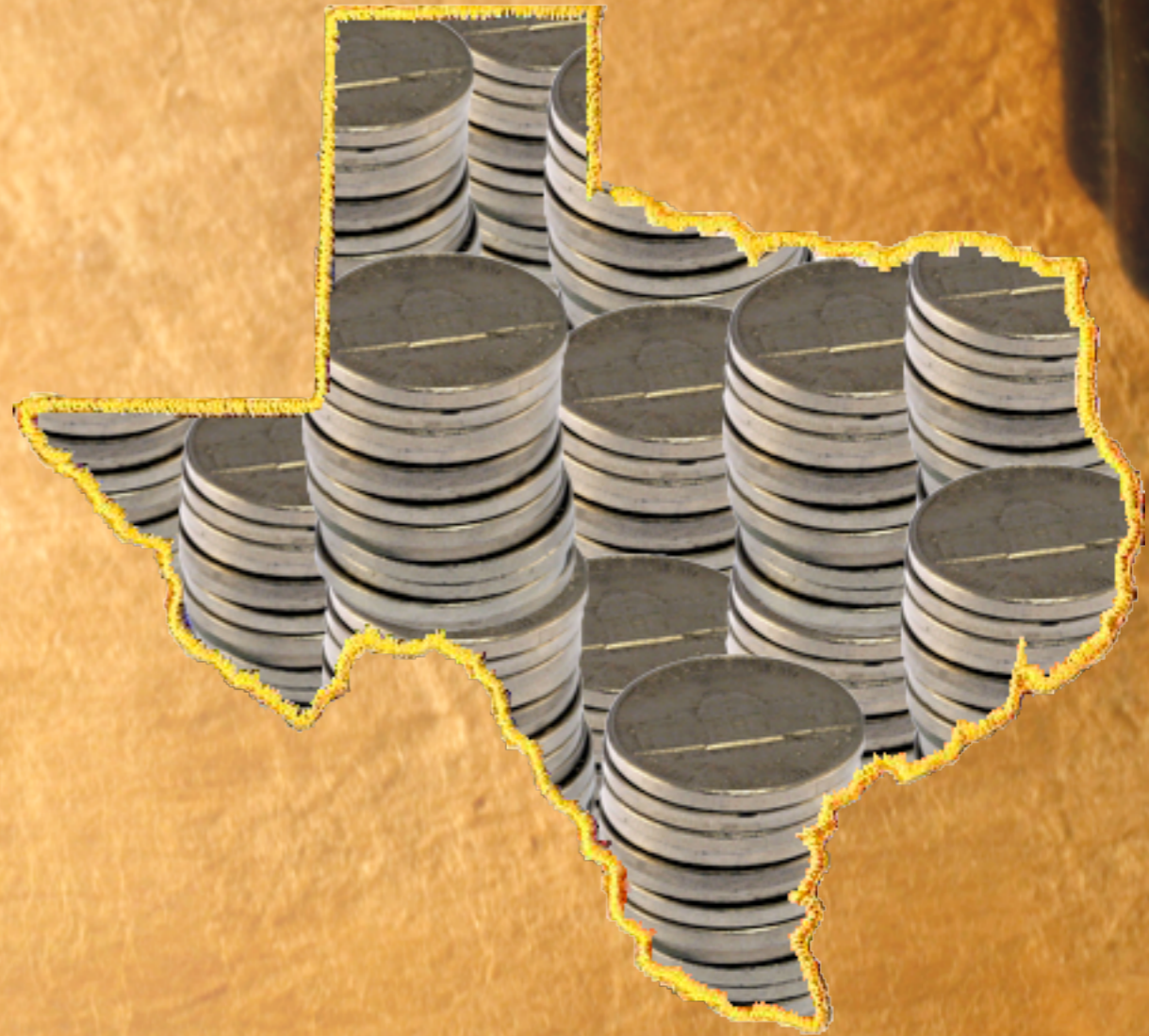
- Matthew 1:22 *All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet...*
- Matthew 2:5 *...for this is what the prophet has written...*
- Matthew 2:15 *...so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”*



## 5 Times in the Matthew Account ...

- Matthew 2:17 *Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled...*
- Matthew 2:23 *So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: “He will be called a Nazarene.”*

*“The chance that any  
man might have...  
fulfilled all 8 prophecies  
is 1 in 10 to the 17<sup>th</sup>...”*  
~Peter Stoner



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# *The Entrusted Parents*

*...Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.*

*~Matthew 1:16*



# The Man Named Joseph

- **Matthew 1:18** *This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph...*
- **Matthew 13:54-55** *Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?” they asked. “Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon & Judas?”*

# The Man Named Joseph

1. Joseph had a personal relationship with God.

*“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”*

*~Psalm 46:1*

# The Man Named Joseph

2. Joseph had a proper attitude toward Mary.

*“Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace.”*

*~Matthew 1:19*

# The Man Named Joseph

## 3. Joseph had a perceptive ear to the voice of God.

*But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”*

*~Matthew 1:21-22*

# The Man Named Joseph

4. Joseph had a prompt response to the will of God.

*“When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.”*

*~Matthew 1:24*



# Joseph's Prompt Response

- a) **When He Took Mary As His Wife:** *“He did as the Angel commanded.”* ~Matthew 1:24
- b) **When He Took The Family To Egypt:** *“So he got up...”* ~Matthew 2:13-15
- c) **When He Took The Family Back To Israel :** *“He did as the Angel commanded.”* ~Matthew 2:19-21
- d) **When He Took The Family To Nazareth:** *“He went and lived...”* ~Matthew 2:22-23

# The Man Named Joseph

Times Joseph demonstrates his prompt response to the will of God:

c) **When He Took The Family Back To Israel :** *“He did as the Angel commanded.”* ~Matthew 2:19-21

d) **When He Took The Family To Nazareth:** *“He went and lived...”* ~Matthew 2:22-23

# The Man Named Joseph

5. Joseph had purposed in his heart to glorify God.

*“But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.”*

*~Matthew 1:25*

*“And We know that in all things God works for the good to those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”*

*~Romans 8:28*

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# Applying The Message

- Will you be that kind of person?
- Will you serve even when you don't understand all the details?
- Will you believe the best when faced with the worst?