



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Matthew 1	Title:	Salvation Masterplan
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Summary of Chapter	The book of Matthew was written to Jewish Christians to present Jesus as the Jewish Messiah and King sent by God to fulfil Old Testament prophecy. Chapter 1 starts off with the Jewish genealogy of Jesus showing that He was promised descendent of Abraham and eternal King from the line of king David. It also shows how Jesus is Immanuel, God with us, conceived through virgin Mary to save His people from sins, as prophesied in the Old Testament.		
Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?		
<i>²¹ And Mary will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.</i>	<p>Over a period of 2000 years, God had a salvation masterplan to use different kinds of people to bring His Son into the world. There were heroes of faith like Abraham, Isaac and David. There were evil kings like Manasseh and Abijah. There were ordinary people like Hezron and Ram. There were even non-Jewish women listed like Tamar, Rahab and Ruth. At the climax of this salvation masterplan, God chose a commoner, the virgin Mary to conceive the Son of God who would save His people from their sins. God can use all kinds of fallible people to accomplish his infallible plan. Some contributed in significant positive ways like the heroes of faith. Others may have contributed in small ways like Rahab who hid the spies. Others in a negative way like the evil king, Manasseh. No one can derail the salvation masterplan of God. No world crisis can hinder His plans including the COVID-19 situation. Trust in God and His plans.</p> <p>God uses different ones of us to build God's kingdom through Grace Assembly throughout her 70 years of history. Ask God to continue to use you mightily in His salvation masterplan here at Grace and wherever He has placed you.</p>		
APPLICATION REFLECTIONS			
Adult:	How are you trusting in God's masterplan even during this pandemic? How are you serving God and sharing His salvation masterplan today?		
Youth:	What are some of your anxieties or fears regarding your future? How does this chapter encourage you to trust God and be involved in His salvation masterplan today?		
Child:	What do you want to be when you grow up? God has a plan for you and can use you in whatever job you will be doing in the future! Pray today and ask God to show you His plans for your life.		
PRAYER			
Praying Scripture:	Dear heavenly Father, I thank You that You already had a salvation masterplan from Old Testament times to its fulfilment through Jesus Christ. Involve me in Your salvation masterplan to build Your church and to bring Your salvation message to		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.		