**Sermon**  **Matt 1:1-17** **The Promised King** 12-1-2019 TN

**Point 1: WHAT CHILD IS THIS?**

**Genesis 12:1-3. [ ] 🡪 2 SAM 7: 4, 12-17 [ ]**

**POINT 2: WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS ?**

**1.**  **God is sovereign and did this according to plan.**

**Eph 1:4**

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4even as he chose us in him **before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

**1 Pet 1:20**

He was foreknown **before the foundation of the world** but was revealed in these last times for your sake

**Rev 13:8**

everyone whose name has not been written **before the foundation of the world** in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

**2. God planned to enter human history.**

John 1:1; 1 John 1:1

**3.**  **God became man to identify with and save sinners.**

**4. God’s plan and purposes are still moving forward.**

**Gal 4:4**

4But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman.

*What child is this
who laid to rest
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?*

***This, this is Christ the king,*** *whom shepherds guard and angels sing*

*Haste, haste, to bring him laud,
the babe,
the son, of Mary.*

**Discussion/ Application**

1. Think of something happening in your life right now. How are you cultivating *biblical* convictions that God is sovereign and ruling in the midst of it? What verses come to mind?

2. Compare God working out his plan using Matthew 1:1-17, Ps 103:19 & Ephesians 1:11-12.

3. In what way might you be comforted knowing God brought Jesus the Promised King through sinful people?

4. Has your understanding of the Christmas story grown through this passage? In what ways?

5. In what way does this part of the Christmas story give you hope for the future?

\*\* Books on Biblical Theology – tracing the story line of the bible

***God’s Big Picture- Tracing the Storyline of the Bible***, Vaughn Roberts

*According to Plan- The Unfolding revelation of God in the Bible*, Graeme Goldsworthy

*The Unfolding Mystery- Discovering Christ in the Old Testament*, Edmund Clowney

*Gospel and Kingdom*, Graeme Goldsworthy

*Covenants Made Simple: Understanding God’s Unfolding Promises to His People*, Jonty Rhodes

*The Christ of the Covenants*, Palmer Robertson

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