The 2022 Studies In The Scriptures Conference

That It Might Be Fulfilled Studies In Matthew

Welcome! We are delighted that you have chosen to be part of the 2022 Studies In The Scriptures Conference as we explore the Gospel of Matthew.

After an angel assured Joseph that he should not be afraid to take Mary as his wife, because she had conceived a child by the power of the Holy Spirit (Mt. 1:20-21), Matthew says, "So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet...." (Mt. 1:22). This is the first of fourteen statements in Matthew's Gospel affirming that various aspects of Jesus' life were the fulfillment of OT prophecy. Matthew's Gospel was written by a Jew, about a Jew, to other Jews to prove that Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled the OT prophecies concerning the Messiah who would be born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14), in Bethlehem to be a Ruler and a shepherd of His people (Mic. 5:2), who would bring light to a people in darkness (Isa. 9:1-2), who would declare justice to the Gentiles (Isa. 42:1-4), who would teach in parables to reveal truth to those who wanted it and conceal it from those who did not (Isa. 6:9-10; Psa. 78:2), who would come to His people riding on a donkey (Zech. 9:9), and finally give His life to save the world from sin (Isa. 53:1-12).

All the lectures this year are related in one way or another to the overall theme: *That It Might Be Fulfilled*. The next two days will be a time of intensive study and reflection designed to help each of us see Him more clearly, love Him more dearly, and follow Him more nearly. Thanks for coming! May the Lord richly bless our study together.

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