II. 1. ST. MATTHEW. 5   
   
 was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, ° \* Be- \*%"-™   
 hold, ¢ @ virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a   
 son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being   
 interpreted is, God with us. % Then Joseph being raised   
 from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him,   
 and took unto him his wife: % and knew her not till she   
 had brought forth ! her firstborn son: and he called his name   
   
   
 JESUS.   
 II. 1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judwa   
 in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came \* wise \* farm   
   
 © render, the. f read, @ Son.   
 Hebrew has, ‘thou shalt call’ (fem.).   
 in order that. The words “all this was Emmanuel] i. e. (is) with us.   
 done,” and the uniform usage of N.T., In Isaiah, prophetic primarily deliver-   
 forbid any other. Nor, if rightly ance from the then impending war; but   
 does the passage any other. What- also of final and glorious deliverance   
 ever may have been the partial fulfilment by the manifestation of God in the flesh.   
 of the prophecy in the time of Ahaz, its 25.) With regard to the   
 reference to different and a higher verted sense this verse may obeerve,   
 deliverance, undeniable: and then, (1) That the prim& facie impression on   
 ever causes contributed bring about all the reader certainly is, knew her   
 this, might be all up in the fulfil- was confined to the period of time   
 ment of the divine purpose, which that here mentioned. (2) That there is no-   
 prop! was the declaration. The ac- thing in Scripture to remove this   
 complishment of a promise formally made impression, either by narration,—and   
 is often alleged the cause of an action the very use of the term, “brethren of   
 extending wider than the promise, and the Lord” (on which see note at ch.   
 purposed long before its utterance. And xiii. 65), qualification, that   
 of course these remarks apply to every the idea was not repulsive: (2) by im-   
 passage where the’phrase is Such a plication,—for every where in the N.   
 construction can have but one meaning. marriage is spoken of in and honour-   
 If such meaning involve us in difficulty able terms; and the words of the angel   
 regarding the prophecy itself, better to Joseph rather imply, than discoun-   
 leave such in so doubtful matter tenance, such a supposition. (8) On the   
 as the interpretation prophecy, other hand, the words of this do not   
 than create one in so simple a matter as require it: the being justified the   
 the rendering of a phrase whose meaning contrary hypothesis. See my Greek Test.   
 no indifferent person could doubt. The On ap whole it seems to me, that one   
 immediate and literal of the pro- would ever have thought of interpreting   
 pheey seems to be related Isa. viii. the verse any otherwise in its prima   
 ‘et there the child was not called Em- Sacie meaning, except to force it into   
 mantel: but in ver. 8 that used accordance with a preconceived notion   
 as applying to one of far dignity. of the perpetual virginity Mary. It   
 ‘Agee foe ix, 6 to be a reference is characteristic, historically   
 this prophecy, also Micah v. 3. tive, that the t im er of the view   
 23. dhe virgin] the words are from the given above should be Jerome, the im-   
 int. Such is the rendering the pugner of marriage itself: and that his   
 LXX. The Hebrew word is the more opponents in its in tation should   
 eral term, “the young woman,” and is have been branded as heretics by after   
 so translated Aquila. they shall call] ages. See a brief notice of the contro-   
 This indefinite is surely without versy in Milman, Hist. of Latin Chris-   
 meaning here. Mon shall call—i.e. it tianity, 1.72 he called] i.e. ;   
 shall be name by which He ehall be see ver. 21.   
 —one of his appellations. The change of Cuap. II. 1—12.] Vist anpD ADORA-   
 person seems to shew, both that the pro- oF Maar yRoM THE Easr.   
 phecy had a literal at the time, 1, Bethlehem of Judea] There was an-   
 and that it is quoted in a form suited other Bethlehem in the tribe Zebulun,   
 to its greater and final The