

UNDERSTANDING THE ONE STORY OF SCRIPTURE

Week 12 – JROC – The Kingdom of God Pt. 2

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What did the Jewish people know about the Kingdom? Some are teaching that the Jewish people had a misunderstanding about the kingdom of God! Let's see....

What is the backdrop to the Beatitudes?

Matt. 4:23-25 - ²³ *And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.* ²⁴ *Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.* ²⁵ *Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.*

What are you observing in Matt. 4:23-25?

Was there a misunderstanding about the kingdom of God?

Deut. 28:13 – Israel was the tail and not the head. In the future, in the kingdom, Israel will be the head and not the tail!!!

Isa. 2:1-4 – in the latter days – in the future – the nations will flow to the House of the LORD and the God of Jacob will teach.

Isa. 9:1-7 – the government of the Promised Son!

Isa. 10:20ff – the returning remnant of Jewish people

Isa. 11 – the future reign of the Branch/the root of Jesse – Jesus; the recreated earth – harmony among the animals.

Isa. 26 – the song of salvation.

Isa. 31 – God will deliver Jerusalem.

Isa. 35 – the future glory of Zion.

Isa. 40 – speak comfort to God's people – to Jerusalem

Isa. 43 – the Redeemer of Israel

Isa. 53 – the Suffering Servant – His redeeming death and resurrection.

Jer. 30 – the restoration of Israel and Judah.

Jer. 31 – the remnant of Israel saved.

Jer. 31:31 – God will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

Eze. 40-48 – the glory of God returning to the 4th temple constructed in Jerusalem!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dan. 9:24-27 – vv. 25-26 - Jesus will come at His first coming prior to the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 AD. Jesus will be cut off (crucified) but not for himself (having nothing) (no kingdom) v. 27 - afterwards – the antichrist will make a treaty with Israel for 7 years (during the tribulation). The antichrist will cut the treaty in half – after 3.5 years – and the consummation (the fulfillment re: the antichrist) determined for the antichrist will be poured out on him.

These verses equate to a smattering of the teaching re: the kingdom of God that God called His prophets to declare!!!!

Check out Luke 1:67-79 – Zacharias’ benediction. Did he understand God’s plan?
Simeon – Luke 2:25-35
Anna – Luke 2:36-38

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Matt. 4:23-25 – **SO?????** Check out Isa. 35:1-6

Isa. 35:1-6 - **The Future Glory of Zion**

The wilderness and the wasteland (bareness) shall be glad for them, and the desert (parched ground) shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; ² It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the excellency of our God. ³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who are fearful-hearted, ‘Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you.’ ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶ Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness....

What is this passage which was spoken to Israel – speaking of?

Here’s what the Messiah will be doing when He comes to this earth! (Including what the Jewish religious leadership deemed as Messianic miracles: man born blind; Jewish leper healed; demon exorcised from a deaf/mute!) Jesus was announcing His Messiahship! Yes, even at His first coming!

What is significant about Jesus teaching from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan in Matt. 4:25?

In Matthew 4:25, these five regions represent a diverse cross-section of the ancient world. The significance lies in the geographical and cultural scope of Jesus’ following, which shows that His message of the kingdom transcended strict religious and ethnic boundaries, pulling in both devout Jews and Gentiles.

The specific regions hold distinct significance:

- **Galilee** – Jesus primarily ministered in Galilee esp. in the beginning of His ministry. WHY?
- **Galilee:** Heavily populated by Jewish people altho’ often called “Galilee of the Gentiles”. WHY would this appeal to Jesus – and why SHOULD it appeal to His disciples? (Isa. 43:10 – God had called Israel to witness to the Gentiles. Psa. 117:1-2 – in the middle of the Bible; the shortest chapter; driving the point home. Rom. 15:8-12 TURN TO/READ)
- **Decapolis:** Meaning "ten cities," this was a heavily Hellenized (Greek) and predominantly Gentile region located southeast of the Sea of Galilee. Gen. 12:3 – ...and through you all the families of the earth will be blessed.
- **Jerusalem:** The Jewish religious leadership needed to hear! Jesus needed to be crucified by the Romans – in Jerusalem – at Passover!
- **Judea:** The southern region surrounding Jerusalem. Judea was the heartland of traditional, orthodox Jewish religious life. (Matt. 28:19).

- **Beyond the Jordan:** Also known as Perea (the territory east of the Jordan River) – Edom/Bozrah – Petra (Rev. 12 – Israel will flee into the wilderness at the midpoint of the tribulation).

Why would Jesus travel to these surrounding areas?

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Gen. 12:3 - *...and through you all the families of the earth will be blessed.* Through whom? Through Israel – through Abraham and his physical descendants!

John 3:16 - to Nicodemus, Jesus said.... *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.*

What do we know from our study in the Hebrew Scriptures about the kingdom of God? Is it now? NO!

Matt. 23:37-39 – *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! ³⁸ See! Your house is left to you desolate; ³⁹ for I say to you, you shall see Me no more **till** you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’*

Luke 19:11-12 - ¹¹ *Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. ¹² Therefore He said: “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. Who is this nobleman?*

Isa. 33:14-24 -

Luke 19:44 – Jesus spoke of the destruction of the Temple that would occur in 70 AD.

WHY? They missed the time of their visitation.

AND SO...Acts 1:6-7

