

# Outline of the Book of Matthew

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## I. The Book of Matthew - Overview

We have put a chart together on the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven, when it is here and when it is not. There is plenty of room to write notes on it. You have heard me say many, many times that the key to everything in life is a good balance. Proverbs 11:1 says,

*1. A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight. Proverbs 11:1*

Everything in life, the Christian life, needs to have balance. As we start to come through the Word of God, we want to be able to have a balance in our study. So, we will do one book in the Old Testament, one book in the New Testament. I think that is really valuable because I know tonight you are going to see how Genesis and Matthew really coincide together.

**The Book of Matthew:**      28 chapters                      1,071 verses                      23,684 words

**Written:**                                      Around 37 AD

**Christ Portrayed:**                      King of the Jews

Most scholars put it in 60 AD, but it is probably one of the earliest books that was written simply because nothing in it even remotely comes into what Paul writes. If it was written later in the 60 AD period, there would be some reference to it in some shape or form.

Christ is portrayed as the King of the Jews and you will find that in Matthew 2:2.

*Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. Matthew 2:2*

I could never, in a million years, overstate the importance of the book of Matthew. In fact, your whole New Testament is going to be laid out and built around three books:

- Matthew
- Acts
- Hebrews

Every heresy on the planet, heresy within the body of Christ and heresy without the body of Christ (unsaved people), will come out of one of these three books. These three books are absolutely crucial for you to get down and understand. Matthew is the first one we are going to tackle. Again, I told you that Genesis was the first book in the Old Testament, and if you did not get Genesis down, you would never get the rest of the Bible in place. Well, Matthew will be the first book in the New Testament, and it is the same format: if you do not get Matthew down, you will never put the rest of the Bible together. It is that key of a book.

Matthew, Acts and Hebrews, all three of these will be transitional books. This is why they are so important. This is why when you do not see it that way, this is where you get messed up.

**Matthew will bring you from the Old Testament to the New Testament.** You will see that

clearly tonight. **The book of Acts will bring you from the nation of Israel into the church age.** Then you have the book of Hebrews. The book of Hebrews will be a transitional book now that Paul's writings are done, everything is completed. We are into the Epistles, and **the book of Hebrews transitions you out of the church age, back into the Tribulation period, winding up in the book of Revelation.**

## II. Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth – Four Keys

One of the things that is going to come out of this, and we talk about this all the time, the Bible says in 2 Timothy 2:15 that you are to be able to rightly divide the word of truth.

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15*

That is one of the main goals that I want through our teaching as we go through this, showing you how we do that. **To rightly divide the word of truth, there has to be four keys** to that. Most people just look at the one key; they never see the other three. But to biblically, 100%, be able to rightly divide the Scriptures, you have to have four aspects to that.

### 1.) Word of God:

The first aspect will be the Word of God itself. We compare Scripture with Scripture. We use the key words in the Bible, and it helps us set up the different dispensations and breaks down the different chapters, breaks down the different verses. Shows you how to rightly divide it so you do not get messed up and get into wrong doctrine.

### 2.) God's Perspective: How does God see it?

Any passage you look at, anything that you study in the Bible, not only do you have what the Bible says on it, you then have to understand God's perspective on it. How does God see it? How does He perceive that teaching, doctrine, passage, or whatever. You cannot just look at the Bible and go to it and start mixing, matching, and going places. You have to understand God's perspective on it.

### 3.) The Devil's Perspective:

You have to understand the devil's perspective on it. You have to see it from God's standpoint and the devil's standpoint, as the Bible lays it out, being able to do that.

### 4.) Historical Perspective:

I think this is the most important, it's the historical perspective. There is a biblical line of unbroken teaching and doctrine that runs through the true church. That line is unbroken. That line is in pure form. Paul said over there in 2 Timothy 2:2, the things that I have committed unto you, the same commit to faithful men.

*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:2*

There is a pure line historically being handed down based on what Paul said through the true church that we have today that is following the Bible. It is not just about the Bible. It is about these four aspects that form an unbroken chain of Bible doctrine that comes through the Bible. We can talk about that more at some point later, but **my goal is for you to learn to use those four.** So I am going to be covering those four in everything that we go through.

### III. Matthew's Unique Position

Matthew will be about Jesus as the King of the Jews. Matthew is the first book in your New Testament dealing with the kingdom of heaven. It is a political book; it deals with a government. So when God chose a man to write this book, staying in consistency, He picked a man named Matthew, who is also called Levi. He is a government official; he is a tax collector. So God, you will see, uses four men to write the Gospels, and even their lifestyles line up to that. Here is where you will find the definition of the kingdom of heaven, which nobody really understands today and thinks that it is all are the same. You are going to find in Matthew 52 references to the kingdom of heaven and only three references to the kingdom of God. You will know now that the kingdom of heaven is the literal, visible kingdom to Israel on this earth to the Jews.

Also, you will need to know this: this is what connects Genesis and Matthew and why they are both the beginning books. You are going to find two lines in your Bible that you must see and understand. The first line was back in Genesis, and that was where it said, "the book of the generations of Adam." In Matthew, you find "the book of the generation of Jesus Christ." Only two times do you find "the book of the generations" in your Bible: one in Genesis for Adam, and it says there that he died. The one in Matthew chapter one, you do not find the expression that he died. It is a key thing. One line from Adam will wind up and represents death. The other line, Christ, lines up with eternal life. You find those two lines; there is the connection between the two books.

You will find that the four Gospels, will portray Christ in four different ways.

**Matthew:** He is a tax collector. He is a civil servant with a political tax collector. So, he writes Matthew. Christ is portrayed as the King of the Jews.

**Mark:** He is a man who starts out as a missionary, fails, has to go back and learn some things, and then turns out being one of the great servants. So he writes Mark, and the theme of Christ in Mark is Christ as a servant.

**Luke:** He is a physician. In Luke, you find Christ portrayed as the Son of Man, and God chose His own physician to write about His actual birth.

**John:** God chooses John because of his reputation. Christ is portrayed as the Son of God. John writes the five wisdom books in the New Testament; and he writes the Gospel of John.

#### ➤ Christ Represented in Four Branches in the Old Testament

This is where the Bible gets consistent and a little deeper. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in the New Testament. In the Old Testament, you have Christ represented in four branches, like branches off a tree. Each one of these four branches will match one of the four Gospels.

1) Jeremiah 23:5: You have a righteous Branch. That is Matthew, the King.

*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David **a righteous Branch**, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. Jeremiah 23:5*

2.) Zechariah 3:8: You have the BRANCH, my servant. That will match up to Mark, the servant.

*Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth **my servant the BRANCH**. Zechariah 3:8*

3.) Zechariah 6:12: You have the BRANCH, the man. That will be Luke, the Son of Man.

*And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, **Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH**; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: Zechariah 6:12*

4.) Isaiah 4:2: You will have the branch of the Lord. That will be John, the Son of God.

*In that day shall **the branch of the LORD** be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. Isaiah 4:2*

You see how the Old Testament and the New Testament are going to connect back together, and how the New Testament many times is laid out in the Old Testament doctrines as you will see as we go through it.

## IV. Matthew's Twelve Natural Divisions/Sections

You will find that God has in the book of Matthew natural divisions. These natural divisions will be by the Holy Spirit of God as He designs His own books of the Bible to be broken down through rightly dividing the word of truth and letting the Word of God do it. I am going to run you through these quickly. Don't panic. I am going to go back through each one of these in a little more time, but just so you can get them.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: Someplace at the beginning of your Bible in Matthew, there is usually a blank page next to it or kind of blank, I would put them in there. You want to get these sections laid out. So, when you go to Matthew, you have them right there before you; so you will be able to see them.

➤ Matthew is broken down into 12 sections. Hence, you have the 12 tribes.

- Section 1: Matthew chapter 1: will be the genealogy of the King.
- Section 2: Matthew chapter 2: will be the coming to Earth of the King.
- Section 3: Matthew chapter 3: will be John the Baptist and the heralding of the King.
- Section 4: Matthew chapter 4: will be the preparation of the King.
- Section 5: Matthew chapter 5,6 and 7: will be the constitution of His kingdom, the kingdom of heaven.
- Section 6: Matthew chapter 8 and 9: this is where He presents His Old Testament credentials, showing Israel that He is the right King.
- Section 7: Matthew chapter 10: this is the kingdom being sent out by the 12 and the kingdom being preached.
- Section 8: Matthew chapter 11 and 12: you see Israel's response to it, and they reject the King and the kingdom.
- Section 9: Matthew chapter 13 through 25: the kingdom goes into a mystery form. These are called the parables.
- Section 10: Matthew chapter 26: you have the Passover, the agony in the garden, and His betrayal by Judas.
- Section 11: Matthew chapter 27: you have His crucifixion.
- Section 12: Matthew chapter 28: you have the resurrection.

I am going to attempt to lay these 12 out for you and give you some real keys to that. But here again, how simple the Bible is. Man will always try to make it harder than God intended it to be. You already know from 2 Corinthians chapter 11 that the devil's main job, and he will do this through higher biblical education, is to destroy the simplicity that is in Christ.

*But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:3*

I am going to show you through every book of the Bible that simplicity. When it comes to Matthew, 12 sections! You break these 12 sections down at the front of Matthew in your Bible and then get them into the sections as we go through, you will have the book of Matthew. My goal for you, and this is the way you get there, is that every one of you will have the ability with 30 seconds' notice to lay out the structure and teach every book of the Bible. That is my goal for you. It seems like that is an impossible goal. It is really not if you just follow the simplicity of Christ and see how it breaks down into the different natural sections that God intended. This is the beginning of rightly dividing the word of truth with the Bible itself. Then you add the other three aspects into it, then you have it.

## Section 1: Matthew 1 - The Genealogy of the King

Matthew chapter one lays out the two lines in the Bible. You are going to find that when Adam shows up and Christ shows up, Adam is called the first Adam, Christ is called the second Adam, 1 Corinthians chapter 15. So, you are going to see there is a connection between the two.

*And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 1 Corinthians 15:45*

In Matthew 1:1 you find the generations of Jesus Christ. You do not find the expression that He died like you do back in Genesis 5:1. Genesis shows you the end of God's fallen creation is death. Matthew shows you that life is only found through Jesus Christ. This genealogy will bring Christ up through the kingly line. This is why He is portrayed as the King of the Jews in Matthew.

We are going to destroy a lot of goofy little things that people believe, which are really okay. But I want you to have the exactness of the Word of God. The genealogy here in Matthew 1, will bring Christ up through the kingly line. It starts with Abraham and runs up through Christ. If you look in Matthew 1:1-17, that is where the line goes, but it stops in verse 17. It stops when Israel goes into the captivity and the kingdom of heaven is no longer here, Psalms 78. The reason why it stops is once the kingdom is gone, there is a prophecy in Jeremiah 22:28 about Jeconiah, whom God changes his name to Coniah. From that point on, God says nobody on the throne of Israel will have the kingdom of heaven or will prosper until Jesus shows up. This is what you have in chapter one.

*Is this man Coniah a despised broken idol? is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not? Jeremiah 22:28*

BIBLE NOTE TIP: I am a bracket guy. I told you, you need to do brackets. I would bracket the line of Abraham up, and then I would bracket the line where it stops. Then if you go on down here in verse 18, it picks up Christ. In verse 21, it says that “*He shall save His people from their sins.*” Then verses 22 and 23 says this is the fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14, where Christ is prophesied to a virgin birth. Put Isaiah 7:14 next to verses 22-23.

## Section 2: Matthew 2 – The Life of Jesus After His Birth

Matthew chapter two deals with the life of Jesus Christ after His birth. You are going to see that this is where many of God's people either do not care or do not know anything about the Bible. You are going to find that Luke deals with His actual birth. Luke is a physician, as I told you. So Luke deals with the actual birth. Here in this chapter, we see Him not as a babe in a manger but a young child in a house. **The focus here is that three wise men come from the East, that will be Babylon, where Daniel was written, and they come looking for the King of the Jews.** The story and the events here will take place somewhere where Christ is either two, two and a half

years old, somewhere in there. I know that you will note that the star is here over the house; it is not over the manger like you see on your Christmas cards. You will notice in verse 11 that He is in a house; He is not in a manger. In verse 11, He is a young child, not a baby in swaddling clothes. Then you will find when the wise men come to Him, find Him in the house, Jesus and His mother Mary, and **the Bible is very clear that they have come to worship Him, not her.**

*And when they were **come into the house**, they saw **the young child** with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11*

The three wise men, why are they important? Why do they show up here? These three wise men knew from Daniel within two or three years when Christ was going to be born. This is laid out in Daniel; you can figure it out. They are wise men because they had the book of Daniel and they believed it. They did the math, so to speak, and they knew where He was going to be born, what time He is going to be born, and then of course, God sends them a star to guide them. You know, you will always see the Christmas cards, with the Star of Bethlehem. That star is defined in Revelation 9:1. It was not a star like you and I think of; that star was an angel.

*1. And the fifth angel sounded, and **I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him** was given the key of the bottomless pit. Revelation 9:1*

Stars are angels in the Bible. So He leads him and guides him. When these guys show up, they bring three gifts. Most people have no idea of the significance of these three gifts. **They bring gold, myrrh, and frankincense.** Christ has three offices as the King of the Jews: He is King, He is a Prophet, and He is a Priest. The only other man in the Bible that has those three in the Old Testament is David. The only other people that have all three of those offices in the New Testament are you and me if we are saved. So they bring three gifts to represent those three positions:

❖ 1.) Gold – Represents Christ as a King

*Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold. 1 Kings 10:18*

❖ 2.) Myrrh – Represents Christ as a Prophet

*I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock. Song of Solomon 5:5*

❖ 3.) Frankincense – Represents Christ as the Priesthood Exodus 30:34-38

*And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight: Exodus 30:34*

So, you see that there is a mindset behind these wise men coming. It has nothing to do with His birth; it has to do with Him being the King of the Jews as portrayed in Matthew.

Herod wants to question the wise men; he wants to find out where He is at. Herod wants to eliminate the child. He cannot do that; God protects him. So what does Herod do? He kills every baby male child from two years old down. That tells us that Christ is somewhere in that bracket.

This chapter is about a King to Israel, not His birth. But today, as most things in Christianity, it becomes convoluted, confusing, and most of God's people put out their Christmas cards with nothing to do with the Bible.

## Section 3: Matthew 3 - The Heralding of the King

In Matthew chapter 3 we find the heralding of the king. This will be John the Baptist. John the Baptist shows up six months before Christ. His message, found in verses one and two of chapter three, is that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. It is to the Jews, not the Gentiles.

*And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matthew 3:2*

John shows up six months before Christ and tells the Jews, your King, that has been prophesied in the Old Testament, is now here. John the Baptist and his prophecies in the Old Testament are found in Isaiah 40:3-8. He comes calling for Israel, who is in deep apostasy. Israel is far from God.

*The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Isaiah 40:3*

John the Baptist shows up in the preparation for the King to bring the kingdom to the nation of Israel, and he is preaching a baptism of repentance for the nation of Israel. He is not telling them to look for the cross. He is preaching the baptism of John for Israel for their getting rid of the sin of rejecting Christ. Of course, this is Israel as a nation. He comes calling for Israel to repent, be baptized, and accept Christ as the King of the Jews.

In verses 11 and 12 of chapter three, he preaches **two baptisms**. He talks about the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the baptism of fire.

*11. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:***

*12. Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. Matthew 3:11-12*

Here is a place again where people could get it all screwed up because they do not get Matthew. Enter into the picture is our crazy, demon-possessed Charismatic. The Charismatic church teaches in this verse out of Matthew, along with other junk. They teach that these are the two baptisms that we as Christians should pray for. So you have Charismatics out there praying for the baptism of the Holy Ghost and then praying for the baptism of fire. This has nothing to do with the church. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is God bringing in the kingdom to Israel, and they accept it. The baptism of fire is that they do not accept it, and they wind up going to the lake of fire. So you have a Charismatic out there praying to go to hell, which he is probably going to do anyhow. But the bottom line is, here again, it is not being able to figure out how the Word of God comes together, praying for the baptism of fire. Matthew is the key to it all.

Every heresy that is formed in the Bible will come out of Matthew, Acts, and Hebrews. You are going to see that hopefully by the time we are done.

## Section 4: Matthew 4 -The Preparation of the King

In Matthew chapter four, we see He has come as King, and now He is tempted by the devil himself. Christ has to be tempted to fulfill Hebrews 4:15, which says He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin.

*For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15*

So the devil comes to Him. This temptation goes on for 40 days and 40 nights, the number of testing in the Bible. **The devil comes to Him three times.**

1.) **The first time**, verses three and four, and he tempted Him because Jesus is hungry, he says turn these stones into bread, which is a reference to Deuteronomy 8:3.

*And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, **command that these stones be made bread.** But he answered and said, **It is written**, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Matthew 4:3-4*

And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know **that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD** doth man live. Deuteronomy 8:3

Christ answered him, "**It is written.**"

2.) **The second time** is verses five, six, and seven. This is where he takes Him up to the pinnacle of the temple and he shows Him all the kingdoms, and he says, "*Cast thyself down and He shall give his angels charge concerning thee.*" That is Psalms 91:12 in the Old Testament. Christ replies, "**It is written.**"

*11. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.  
12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Psalms 91:11-12*

3.) **The third time** will be verses eight, nine, and 10 we see the real motive of the devil in coming to tempt Christ. Bow down and worship me, and I will give you all the kingdoms of the world. When you read this, you have to see what this really implies.

*And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Matthew 4:9*

In Revelation 19 and 20, God the Father is going to give Christ all of the kingdoms of the earth. So what the devil wants Him to do is what he wanted in Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14. He wants Christ to recognize that he is God, and then he will give Him the kingdoms. Again, Christ replies, "*It is written.*"

BIBLE NOTE TIP: You will want to bracket these three out in your Bible.

All three of these things that the devil tries to get Him to do will take place at the Second Coming of Christ.

#### ❖ Two Great Practical Lessons

From a practical standpoint, this is a great lesson for us. **First**, it shows us that the devil will try and has to get us to do the right thing at the wrong time. This is why you have to have the Holy Spirit of God, and "*it is written*" that you do not get out of whack.

The second thing is he comes to Him three times, and every time he says, "*It is written.*" There will be times of temptation in your life and my life. Christ is the model of that temptation that we all face. Christ says, "*It is written.*" You and I go back to the book, stay in the book. The devil will do the same thing with you that he did with Christ. After three times, he strikes out, he leaves Him alone. **Great practical lessons.** God's timing and God's power in the Word of God, it is quite incredible.

## Section 5: Matthew 5 thru 7 - The Constitution of His Kingdom

Matthew chapters five, six and seven. This is three chapters. Up to this point, we have just looked at individual chapters. Now, we are going to move into three chapters that all represent the same thing. This is commonly called the Sermon on the Mount. Today, you will find the Sermon on the Mount will be the basis for what we call the social gospel, "God is love" crowd, and "God is love, those who dwell in love, dwell in God," all that stuff. Of course, this has literally nothing to do with New Testament Christianity. Yet you are going to find preachers today, guys who write books, try to force this into the church age. Of course, you cannot get this into the church age in any way, shape, or form without wrongly dividing the word of truth.

#### ❖ Blessed is: 8 Things Given to the Jew in the Millennium

When you come down through verses one through four, it starts to talk about "Blessed is," and there are eight things. **#1** Blessed are the poor in spirit. **#2** Blessed are they that mourn. **#3** Blessed are the meek. **#4** Blessed are they which do hunger. **#5** Blessed are the merciful. **#6** Blessed are the pure in heart. **#7** Blessed are the peacemakers. **#8** Blessed are those that are persecuted." All this stuff is supposed to fit into us. "Blessed be the meek for they shall inherit the earth." **Not today in this world it will not.** "Blessed are those that are persecuted." God will deliver you. **Not in this world it will not.** "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." **Not in this world it will not!**

**These are things that are given to the Jew when the millennium starts.** In fact, chapters five, six, and seven set up the structure of the kingdom of heaven. It forms basically the constitution that God is going to follow for Israel in the millennium. When they are taught by the liberal crowd and pastors who do not know what they are doing, they are called the Beatitudes.

### ❖ The Book of Matthew Has a Few passages with Dual Application

Yet at the same time, within these passages, there are a few verses that have a dual application, but not many, and you have to be careful.

Matthew 5:28	He defines lust in a man's heart where it all starts. That works Old Testament and New Testament.
Matthew 6:19-23	He tells you the light of the body is the eye. That is true in any dispensation.
Matthew 6:24	He says, "No man can serve two masters." That will work.
Matthew 7:11	He says a great passage on the Holy Spirit of God; it works anywhere.
Matthew 7:13-14	It talks about the strait gate. "Narrow is the way," no problem with that.
Matthew 7:15-20	A good principle that we all use, "By their fruits you shall know them."
Matthew 7:20-24	He talks about the word "doctrine" means authority. So when you have a Bible with doctrine and you know doctrine, you speak with authority.

Basically, if you go down through it, that is all you really have. You have to really be careful. But just like anything else, there are some verses that will go across the board. I gave you the ones that you can use safely. But you have to realize that verses one through four and what goes on in this, I mean, somebody calling a man a fool being in danger of going to hell. You cannot put it into the church. You cannot. What happens with these guys, because they know they cannot or they do not know they cannot, they just pick and choose at it with things that they want to develop without giving you the context of the whole chapter. That is pretty dishonest.

## Section 6: Matthew 8 thru 9 – Christ as the True Messiah

Two more chapters together. Now we see Christ showing Israel how they are to know that He is who He says He is, the true Messiah. He does this with signs and wonders. You go back to Exodus chapter four, and that will be our next book next month. You will find the first case of healing in the Bible. Moses is told in verses one through nine by God to put his hand into his bosom. He pulled it out; it is leprous. Then he puts it back in, and he pulls it out, and it is clean as snow. God tells him that Israel is going to get everything that they have from God through signs and wonders. 1 Corinthians 1:22 tells us that the Jew requires a sign; the Greeks seek after wisdom.

***For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: 1 Corinthians 1:22***

At the first coming of Christ, based on what He told him in Exodus chapter four, which every Jew knew and understood, when they see Christ showing up with the sign gifts doing what He

does, they know from the Old Testament that was the prophecy of proof to Israel that He is the true Messiah. **Nothing in this to the church.**

These gifts are laid out for you in Mark chapter 16. They are: they cast out devils, they speak with tongues, they take up serpents, they drink any deadly thing, and they heal the sick and raise the dead. These were the sign gifts that are given to Israel. But our Charismatic crowd again comes back and takes all of these sign gifts that you are clearly told are given to the nation of Israel. 1 Corinthians 1:22 says the Jews require a sign. 1 Corinthians 14:22 says that tongues are for a sign.

*Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe. 1 Corinthians 14:22*

It is all to Israel, but they try to put it into the church age. I tell you again, you mess up in Matthew, and you are going to be a heretic. Matthew is the key to the New Testament. As Matthew, Acts, and Hebrews, the whole New Testament is built around those three books. So now we see Him coming. His Old Testament credentials are being presented, and Israel sees it.

## Section 7: Matthew 10 - The Kingdom of Heaven Preached

Then we come to Matthew chapter 10. Now you see how easy this is building? This is not complicated. Every book of the Bible will break down through a natural division that the Holy Spirit of God has built into the Bible. You just stick with the Book. No Greek, no Hebrew, no Bible scholars, no Bible college, just a simple, basic Bible that God built His own theology into that is revealed as you get in it and believe the Book. In Matthew chapter 10, we have the calling of the 12 apostles, and they are listed in there. You can mark those. Then He sends them out. Now you have to see this. They will be preaching the kingdom of heaven. If you look at verses five through eight, He says,

*5. These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: (half Jews, half Gentiles)*  
*6. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*  
*7. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.*  
*8. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Matthew 10:5-8*

He says, "Go not unto the way of the Gentiles and into any city of the Samaritans." Those are half Jews and half Gentiles. "Enter ye not, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, 'The cross is right around the corner. You need to be looking for the cross.'" No, "The kingdom of heaven." The cross is not even mentioned in anything until He is crucified. "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." The King showed up through the genealogy of the King. The wise men showed up to give Him the three gifts. John showed up to herald Him as the King. He has got the sign gifts of the King. Now He sent them out with the same sign gifts, these 12. Look at verse seven. "And as ye go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils, freely you have received, freely

give." You want to notice now this heresy that they are looking forward to the cross. They are not going to the Gentiles. They are not going to the Samaritans. They are only going to the nation of Israel. The message, not the kingdom of God. Not the kingdom of God is at hand. It's the kingdom of heaven is at hand. In Matthew 24:14, the kingdom of heaven of verse seven is called the gospel of the kingdom. This is the gospel that they are preaching. Gospel means good news.

*And this **gospel of the kingdom** shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Matthew 24:14*

Verse eight says the sign gifts follow them because they are going to the Jews, and the Jews require a sign, and tongues are for a sign. All this historically will be about the first coming of Christ. But I am going to show you as we go through here, doctrinally, all this figures into the Tribulation and the Second Coming as you move through it.

You will find as we get over here in Matthew 10:22-23 that even though they are going out to Israel, somebody is told to endure until the end to be saved.

*And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: **but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.** Mathew 10:22*

That is the Tribulation. In verse 34, He makes a great statement:

***Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.** Matthew 10:34*

Well, the liberals do, everybody does. Everybody is peace, peace, peace, peace, peace. "I came not to send peace, but a sword." In other words, what He is saying here, and you want to get this in, peace on earth will only come through a sword. That is Revelation 19:11, the Second Coming of Christ. Everything else is bogus.

*And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and **in righteousness he doth judge and make war.** Revelation 19:11*

*And **out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword**, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. Revelation 19:15*

Bible Note Tip: Be sure and get this marked in your Bible.

## Section 8: Matthew 11 thru 12 - Israel's Rejection of the King

Now in these next two chapters, we see the rejection of Christ and the kingdom.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: I would put up both in front of Matthew chapter 11 and Matthew chapter 12, a little note or a big note, saying these two chapters are pivotal chapters in the book of Matthew.

This is where it changes. This is where it splits. Chapters one through 10 showed us what God had for the nation of Israel. In chapter 11, they rejected John the Baptist; they killed him.

In chapter 12, they reject Christ Himself. You are going to find there are three groups that will oppose Christ at His first coming: scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees. The scribes were out of the Old Testament, but they are completely corrupted. The Pharisees and the Sadducees were never in the Old Testament. That 400-year period between 2 Chronicles 36 and Christ showing up, the devil brings up two religious groups that are satanic in their origin and are put in place to stop Christ. About 135 BC you have the Pharisees, about 167 BC, you have the Sadducees. These are two non-biblical groups Satan uses and that are satanic in every aspect. Both are non-biblical groups that are put in place to stop Christ at the first coming with a corrupt priesthood by the devil.

Now, I want you to see something. Look at verses 31 and 32.

*31. Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.*

*32. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. Matthew 12:31-32*

Now this, by the crazy Charismatics, is now the unpardonable sin. They will tell you that there is some sin that you can commit that you cannot get forgiven for. Completely out of the pit of hell, completely has nothing to do with the Bible. Again, the inability to rightly divide the word of truth when it comes to the book of Matthew. What He is saying in verses 31 and 32 is simply this: Christ has come, He has given you everything you want. He laid out everything for you. Now you are saying the spirit by which He does this is the spirit of Beelzebub, prince of the devils. What He is saying is as long as Israel takes the position that the spirit by which God's Son is doing His miracles is of the devil instead of God, Israel can never be saved in this world or the next one. That is what you have here. But when you are messed up in Matthew chapter one, you are messed up in Matthew chapter 11, 12, and the rest of it too.

Now look at Matthew 12:22-24. You have to see this.

*22. Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.*

*23. And all the people were amazed, and said, **Is not this the son of David?***

*24. **But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. Matthew 12:22-24***

He uses the sign gifts. Look at verse 23. "All the people were amazed and said, 'Is not this the son of David?'" They knew what Exodus chapter four was all about. He identified Him with what God told Moses. Now look at the next verse. "But when the Pharisees heard it," ah, here it comes. "They said, 'This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.'" You see that? There is the problem. There are the problems. God moves, the devil moves. Just like today. I tell you the King James Bible is the absolute perfect Word of God.

The Bible scholars will tell you, "No, it is not." It is the same system. The pattern was set in Genesis chapter three. Now you see it at work here again in Matthew chapter 12, and you see it at work in 2026. The scribes, the Pharisees and the Sadducees at the first coming of Christ, they are still around at the second coming. Their job is just a little different now. Back then they were to confuse and stop the first coming by taking the Bible out of the hands of the nation of Israel. Today they are here to confuse the second coming by taking the Bible out of the hands of God's people. Same crowd!

## Section 9: Matthew 13 thru 25 The Kingdom in Mystery Form

Matthew chapter 13. Here comes our key chapter. **This will be a key chapter in the book of Matthew.** This section will run 13 chapters in this section. It is the longest section. I am going to show you how to mark it out. Here is what has happened. You will want to get this down because you want to understand the historical side of this. The Messiah has come. He has been identified now as the Son of David, the Messiah. He has proved who He was with the Old Testament signs and wonders. Now He has been rejected and called the devil by the spirit by which He does things. Because of their rejection we see the kingdom go into a mystery form. A mystery form that nobody can understand. These mysteries are called the 12 parables in your Bible, in the New Testament. There are two sets of mysteries in your Bible. There is a set of mysteries for the New Testament church. There are seven of those. In those, you will find the key to understanding everything about the New Testament church. But you have 12 tribes. You have seven periods of church history. So you have seven mysteries to the church. With Israel, you have 12 because you have 12 tribes. These 12 mysteries, when we understand them and we can explain them, we see that what He has done is taken the kingdom of heaven, which was clearly offered to them, that they have rejected by making the spirit by which He does what He does, the spirit of the Antichrist. So, He puts it in a mystery form that they cannot get it. Proverbs 26:7 and 9 tells us that a fool could not understand a parable. So Israel is that fool.

*7. The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.*

*9. As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.  
Proverbs 26:7, 9*

I am going to give them to you briefly, and then we will walk through them again.

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| Parable 1: Matthew 13:3  | Parable of the sower.                            |
| Parable 2: Matthew 13:24 | Parable of a man sowing good seed.               |
| Parable 3: Matthew 13:31 | Parable of the mustard seed.                     |
| Parable 4: Matthew 13:33 | Parable of a woman who leavens the meal.         |
| Parable 5: Matthew 13:44 | Parable of a treasure hidden in a field.         |
| Parable 6: Matthew 13:45 | Parable of a merchant man seeking goodly pearls. |
| Parable 7: Matthew 13:47 | Parable of the net, God's great dragnet.         |

You will find that each one of these will tell you that it is the kingdom of heaven. He starts out that way, every one of them. "*And the kingdom of heaven is like unto.*" It goes into a mystery form because of their rejection.

The Bible is consistent. There are seven mysteries here. Then you do not find any more parables until chapter 18, and you find the rest of them there. Why is that? It is because these seven parables, even though they are given to the nation of Israel, they will match up to the seven church periods found in Revelation chapters one, two, and three.

- Parable 1: Matthew 13:3 will match up to Ephesus.
- Parable 2: Matthew 13:24 will match up to Smyrna.
- Parable 3: Matthew 13:31 will match up to Pergamos.
- Parable 4: Matthew 13:33 will match up to Thyatira.
- Parable 5: Matthew 13:44 will match up to Sardis.
- Parable 6: Matthew 13:45 will match up to Philadelphia.
- Parable 7: Matthew 13:47 will match up to Laodicea.

He puts seven in Matthew chapter 13, likens them unto the church age, gives you a break. Then the other remaining ones all deal with the Jew in the Tribulation period, showing you the church age, first coming of Christ, second coming of Christ, right there.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: I would bracket each one of these parables. You want to get them bracketed out and then put the title by what it is. i.e. The parable of the sower, parable of the mustard seed. You want to get them in there. This is the importance; that when you go to that passage, it is already laid out for you. You do not have to look through it and find it. It is there. It is a visual. This is the key to getting your Bible together.

In between chapter 13 and 18, there are some events that we need to mark. We will just briefly go through these.

Matthew 14:1-12 You will find the death of John the Baptist.

Matthew 14:17-21 You will find the miracle of the loaves and the fishes.

Matthew 14:22-33 They are sending them into a storm, and then Peter walks on the water to meet the Lord.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: Be sure to bracket each of these stories out so when you get into these stories, you want to isolate them so you can see them, put by them what they are, so you have it at your fingertips. This is getting the Bible to work for you.

## ❖ Matthew 15 – Great Story on Prayer

Matthew chapter 15. One of the things you want to note, and I have a note in my Bible, from chapter 15 on, there is nothing more than the scribes and the Pharisees and the Sadducees going after Him every chance they can.

Matthew 15:21-28: You have the story of a woman who gets denied her prayer by Jesus. It is a great study on prayer. You want to bracket that story out. That will be a good question for Thursday night.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: Be sure at the top of chapter 15 that the scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees are going after Christ every chance they can. Bracket out verses 21-28 on the story of the woman who gets denied her prayer by Jesus.

## ❖ Matthew 16 - The religious groups are coming after Christ

Matthew 16:13-28: This is where He says, "Peter, who do men say that I am?" Peter says, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Then He says that word, His famous saying, "*Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.*" The demon-possessed Catholic Church thinks that Peter now is the rock. If they read the context, Peter is not the rock; Peter is going to confess on the rock that he just confessed. By the way, the church here is not the church that you and I are a part of. It is a different church. There are at least seven different churches in the Bible. But when you do not know that, then you are stuck with it, and that is what happens.

## ❖ Matthew 17 – Mount of Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1-5: Oh, the Mount of Transfiguration. The Mount of Transfiguration will be a time, and you want to bracket this one out. It will be a time in Christ's earthly ministry where God takes Peter, James, and John up on the mountain, a picture of Mount Sinai. Picks Christ up, takes Him to the Second Coming of Christ, and glorifies Him in front of Peter, James, and John. It is that time where for a moment of time, Jesus is transformed from the Son of man to the Son of God with all the glory, and you see it laid out there. You know it is the Second Coming of Christ picture because Peter, James, and John see it, and they say, "Should we make tabernacles?" You know why? Because they knew that the Second Coming of Christ was going to come at the Feast of Tabernacles. You will find Moses and Elijah in there. Those are the two witnesses. It is one of those great places in the Bible that people, as you start to teach them, they are going to ask, "What is the Mount of Transfiguration?" You need to understand it. Get the information that I just gave you, and we will add to that one all the time.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: Be sure to bracket out verses 1-5 the Mount of Transfiguration.

## ❖ Matthew 18 – Parable of the king and his servants

We pick up our last five parables as we move on through here, all dealing with the Second Coming of Christ now and the establishment of the kingdom of heaven, now that they have rejected it.

Parable 8: Matthew 18:23 Parable of the king and his servants

The eighth one is found in Matthew 18:23, and this will be a parable of the king and his servants, and how he treats them when he comes back in the kingdom of heaven.

## ❖ Matthew 19 – Scribes & Pharisees Temp Christ on Divorce & Remarriage

In chapter 19, we see the scribes and the Pharisees tempt Him on Deuteronomy chapter 24, and the issue comes up here about divorce and remarriage. The scribes and the Pharisees are trying to get Him to violate the law by saying something that goes against the law. Of course, they never get that to happen, but that is what they are trying to do.

This passage for years has been used by the stupidest Baptist pastors, Baptist teachers, whoever, that try to teach New Testament teachings of divorce and remarriage out of Matthew chapter 19 and then going back to Deuteronomy chapter 24. That heresy, that terrible teaching, I have seen it unbelievable. Mark Palma was here for our Missions Conference. Mark was divorced many, many years ago, before he was saved. When Mark got saved, started going to First Bible Baptist Church up in Rochester, New York, the pastor there was Wayne Mullen. Mark got saved, and he was growing in the Lord, serving the Lord. Pastor Mullen calls him aside at some point and says, "I am really happy for you. But you need to know because you have been divorced you can never be a deacon, you can never pastor, and you can never really be a missionary." Five years later, Mullen left and divorced his wife. Mark told me that story, and I just looked at him and put my arm around him, and I said, "I am so glad that you got past that heresy because I have seen it destroy more men's lives, more people's lives." I worked at a church one time where there was a big issue that divorced men and women were coming into the church, and they were so afraid that all these divorced people would start wanting to date saved people in the church. So you know what they did? They had a special Sunday school class for only divorced people. I am telling you, it was the most god-awful heresy that destroyed more people's lives than all the booze and drugs that the world has ever offered. There are guys that still teach that because they do not know their Bible.

The New Testament teaching for the church on marriage, divorce, and remarriage is found in 1 Corinthians chapter seven. Paul writes it to the church, and he gives 18 principles for the New Testament Christian how to deal with marriage, divorce, and remarriage. It has nothing to do with Deuteronomy chapter 24 or Matthew chapter 19. This is the world we live in. This is the predicament that God's people find themselves in because of the godless, putrid teaching of pastors who do not know the Bible and lead their people in the wrong direction. It is one of those

things where Matthew, technically speaking, when he wrote this in chapter 19, is still in the Old Testament. Hebrews 9 tells you the New Testament did not come into effect at the death of the testator. No New Testament here. Paul sets down the church doctrine. The Bible makes it so easy if you just learn how to rightly divide it, but it takes those four things.

## ❖ Matthew 20. Parable of the Householder

Parable 9: Matthew 20:1-16: Parable of the Householder

Here comes our ninth parable. This will be the parable of the householder sending laborers into his vineyard. This will be based on a 12-hour day from morning to evening. It is Israel's work through a 12-hour day starting in the morning and going to the evening. Christ coming at the 12th hour or the evening. He breaks you through the third hour, the sixth and the ninth hour, and the 11th hour. At the evening, He comes back. It is a picture of God dealing with the nation of Israel.

## ❖ Matthew 21 - Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

We see His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. This starts the week before His crucifixion. This will be the fulfillment of Daniel 9:25.

*Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. Daniel 9:25*

You will notice and you see this in the other Gospels; they bring the ass and the ass of a colt. They bring the ass, which is the adult, but they bring the colt, which is an offspring of the ass. It is interesting that Jesus rides the colt and not the ass. Here again, most people do not figure this out, do not understand this. It is just that simple. You are going to find in Job 11:12 that ass is a picture of the nation of Israel.

*For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt. Job 11:12*

They have rejected Christ. So, He does not ride the ass; He rides the offspring of the ass, which is the colt, which is a picture of the church, because the church came out of the nation of Israel. Salvation is of the Jew. Those little things in the Bible that make the Bible come alive.

## ❖ Matthew 21:12-13: Christ goes into the temple two times

He goes into the temple and kicks out the money changers. If you know anything about your Bible, it is an interesting thing; it sets up a little series. **He goes into the temple two times** to kick out money changers. In John 2:15-16 was the first time. That is three years from where we are at here in Matthew. When He goes in that time and kicks them out, He says this, **You have made my Father's house.**"

15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, **he drove them all out of the temple**, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; **make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.** John 2:15-16

Three years later, right before His crucifixion, as He comes to Israel as the King, in Matthew 21 verse 13, He goes in again, and He says, "**You have made my house** a den of thieves." There is a difference; it is His now.

*And said unto them, It is written, **My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.** Matthew 21:13*

#### ❖ Matthew 21:33-44: Parable of the husbandman & his servants

Parable 13: Matthew 21:33-44 Parable of the husbandman & his servants **\*Special Parable\***

In Matthew 21 verses 33 through 44 you find another parable. This one you want to mark special. I do not know how you mark it special, but a trained eye when you read this one. Now keep in mind, He has brought you up here and given you everything and brought you up to the week before the crucifixion and His triumphal entry. Then He gives you another parable, but a trained eye will see that this one does not say "*the kingdom of heaven.*" It is something different. This is what I call a recap parable. This parable shows you the complete whole picture of the nation of Israel, beginning with their formulation in the book of Exodus, up through their captivity, bringing up through to the Second Coming of Christ. It is one of the most telling places in all the Bible, showing the plan of God for the nation of Israel. It is not one of the 12 given to Israel. When you count the 12 out, this will be the 13th. It is dealing with God's whole plan.

Who was the first man that got God's whole plan revealed to him? Who was the first man in the New Testament that got God's whole plan revealed to him? Paul. Paul is the 13th apostle. 13th parable. You have to be able to rightly divide it. You catch those little things. Every one of the 12 parables says, "the kingdom of heaven, the kingdom of heaven," but not here. You have to watch it.

**BIBLE NOTE TIP:** Be sure to mark this one **special**. This is what I call a recap parable.

#### ❖ Matthew 22 – Parable of a certain King who made a marriage for his son

Parable 10: Matthew 22:1-14: Parable of a certain king who made a marriage for his son.

Now here we find our 10th parable. Again, we are back to the kingdom of heaven. This is a parable of a certain king who made a marriage for his son. This will be Revelation 19:1-9. This will be dealing with the marriage of the Lamb to the church.

**BIBLE NOTE TIP:** You want to bracket this one out as the other one. Brackets is the name of the game.

So, he comes here in the story and he bids them to come to a wedding, but they will not come. Then he sends them into the highways and byways and gets as many of them to come to the wedding as he can. Doctrinally, this will be in the Tribulation period. This will be the 144,000 Jewish evangelists in the Tribulation that go evangelize the Gentiles to bring them in, in the Tribulation period. When you come through the seven families of God, these will be called the guests. There are seven distinct members of God's household. These are the guests, the Tribulation Gentiles.

**TRAINED EYE:** Interesting thing, look at verse 11. We are having the wedding; everybody is having a great time. Somebody shows up without a wedding garment. This has always been a source of people trying to figure this thing out. Here again, the Bible is always consistent. Whoever this person is, does not have a wedding garment, gets cast into the bottomless pit.

*11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which **had not on a wedding garment:***

*12 And he saith unto him, **Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?** And he was speechless.*

*13 Then said the king to the servants, **Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.** Matthew 22:11-13*

The first clue to who this person would be, once we know that Judas is the Antichrist, this person that shows up is the Antichrist. Who is Judas? You say, "Bob, how would you get that?" Because the Bible is always consistent. When Judas betrayed the Lord Jesus Christ, as you will see here in a minute, Jesus called him Friend, Matthew 26:48-50. So right in the middle of the marriage, calls him Friend and puts him into the bottomless pit, Revelation 20:1-3.

*48 **Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.***

*49. **And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.***

*50. **And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.** Matthew 26:48-50*

*1. **And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.***

*2. **And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,***

*3 **And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.** Revelation 20:1-3*

I will tell you, this forms a good timeline of these events.

## ❖ Matthew 22:37-38 The Great Commandment

He said you have the commandment. "*Love the Lord thy God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all of thy mind.*" This is the first and great commandment. What this shows you is that **there are three different things: the heart, the soul, and the mind.** They are not the same. Everybody wants to make them the same today.

37. *Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*

38. *This is the first and great commandment. Matthew 22:37-38*

BIBLE STUDY: Another good question for Thursday night.

## ❖ Matthew 23 – Eight Woes on the scribes and Pharisees

You will find that this is where He puts eight woes on the Pharisees. Woe their destruction.

- ❖ 1.) Matthew 23:13 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees
- ❖ 2.) Matthew 23:14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees
- ❖ 3.) Matthew 23:15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees
- ❖ 4.) Matthew 23:16 Woe unto you, ye blind guides
- ❖ 5.) Matthew 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees
- ❖ 6.) Matthew 23:25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees
- ❖ 7.) Matthew 23:27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees
- ❖ 8.) Matthew 23:29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees

Showing the phony deception of a non-biblical group of the Pharisees. Eight woes that He puts on them, and He explains them in these eight woes.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: Bracket each one of these, and then put your total. Eight woes of the Pharisees explaining the damnable heresy that they put on the people.

## ❖ Matthew 23:35 Sets the Old Testament Cannon of books

Matthew 23 verse 35 is a key verse. He says in verse 35 that "*from the blood of righteous Abel,*" that will be the book of Genesis, "*unto the blood of Zacharias.*" That will be Second Chronicles.

35. *That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, **from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias** son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.*

What He did by giving you that is He set the Old Testament canon of books. In your Old Testament, your Bible starts in Genesis and ends in Malachi. In a Jewish Old Testament, it is not the same order. Yes, it starts in Genesis, but the last book in a Jewish Old Testament is Second Chronicles. Do you know why that is? Because the last thing that Jew reads, when he reads Second Chronicles and ends his book, because he does not accept the New Testament, the last thing he reads in 2 Chronicles 36 is that he is told to go back to the land. The blood of righteous Abel is in Genesis. The blood of Zacharias is Second Chronicles. He just sealed for you that there are only 39 books in your Old Testament.

You are going to find if you do some studying and get out there, that there are other books that were written. You have the Book of the Wars. One of the famous ones is the Book of Enoch. People sometimes think that they are supposed to be part of the Old Testament Scriptures, or wonder why they are not. The answer to that is simple. God chose what books He wanted to be in. I am not saying that some of those books do not have a historical value. Some of them do, some of them do not. Many of them were written by the Gnostics, and they destroy everything in the Bible. The bottom line is it does not matter.

When God put your Bible together, He chose the books He wanted in your Bible. If it is a perfect, absolute, inspired Bible, then the books are inspired. You know why in your Bible, in the Old Testament, the last book is 2 Chronicles 36? It tells them to go back. You know why the order of your Old Testament books is different than the Jews? Because your Gentile Old Testament books show you the pre-millennial return of Christ and the establishment of a millennium. Jews do not have that. Jews are told to go back. It is the difference. It is God's book. Paul wrote to the seven churches. Is there anybody here that thinks for a moment that Paul did not write more letters than that? But that is all you have. John probably wrote more than one letter. In other words, it is not about who wrote what. It is about God chose what He wanted to put in your Bible. As far as the Old Testament is concerned, 39 books. Genesis to Second Chronicles, that throws out the Apocrypha, that throws out all the other books and gives you one Book with 66 books. Old Testament 39, New Testament 27, handpicked by God, and this is what He wanted.

## ❖ Matthew 24 - Mount of Olives

He is on the Mount of Olives, and His disciples come to Him, and they ask Him two questions:

- 1.) What will be the sign of your coming? (Verses 1-14)
- 2.) And the end of the world? (Verses 15-51)

| BIBLE NOTE TIP: You want to bracket this out. You want to put those two things I just gave |  
| you right by Matthew chapter 24, the two questions. Verses one through 14, He answers the signs |  
| of His coming. Verses 15 through 51, He answers the question to the end of the world. |

**Nothing here to the church**, but here again, you know, the Charismatics, they get it all out of whack, and this is why you have to be able to understand Matthew, Acts, and Hebrews.

## ❖ Matthew 25 - The Last two Parables

We find in this chapter our last two parables.

Parable 11: Matthew 25:1-13: Parable of the Ten Virgins

This will be the story of the 10 virgins. Five were wise and five were foolish. This will be a picture of the Jews in the Tribulation period. This will be the book of Proverbs, a wise man and a foolish man. This will be the book of 3<sup>rd</sup> John, a wise man and a foolish man. **The key word here will be "virgins," plural.**

*Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten **virgins**, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. Matthew 25:1*

Here again, the key word that denotes the different family members of God's household. Guests, Tribulation Gentiles, virgin, singular is the church in 2 Corinthians 11:2. Then virgins, plural, Matthew 25, Tribulation Jews.

*For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a **chaste virgin to Christ**. 2 Corinthians 11:2 (CHURCH)*

Wherever you find it, that will denote the context. The Charismatic crowd gets into this and tears it all up and tries to make it New Testament Christians, five wise, five foolish, and you can lose your salvation. Ridiculous!

Parable 12: Matthew 25:14-46: Parable of a man traveling into a far country

The 12th parable, verses 14 through 46. This will be a man traveling into a far country, God the Father, going back to heaven, taking the kingdom out and going into a far country. When He comes back, finds out what the nation of Israel did with what He gave them. Of course, this is Jews, nothing to the Gentiles.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: Be sure to bracket these two out.

### ❖ Matthew 25:31-46

Then you have verses 31 through 46. This is something that you will want to get down. This is God's judgment of the nation. There are seven judgments in the Bible. We talked about this last Sunday, and we will probably talk about it again a little bit this coming Sunday. One of those judgments is God judging the nations when He comes back at the Second Coming of Christ. This will be Psalms 9:17.

*17. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Psalms 9:17*

God judges nations just as surely as He judges people. You see down in these passages, the criteria for them being judged, will be what they did with the nation of Israel and helping them in the Tribulation period.

## Section 10: Matthew 26 - The Passover, Betrayal, and Agony

We come to the chapter here where we are passed the parables. Now we are coming down to the end. You want to see **four things** here.

- 1.) Matthew 26:1-13 The Passover.
- 2.) Matthew 26:26-46 The Last Supper, agony in the garden.
- 3.) Matthew 26:14-16 His betrayal by Judas and 47-50
- 4.) Matthew 26:57-75 Peter denies Him.

**BIBLE NOTE TIP:** These are four things you want to get into your Bible and then get them bracketed off to the side. So, when you look at the chapter, bang, bang, it is right there.

## Section 11: Matthew 27 - The Crucifixion

This chapter obviously deals with His crucifixion. There are **11 things** you want to get in your Bible.

- 1.) Matthew 27:1-10: Judas goes out and hangs himself. This will go along with Acts 1:25.

*That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which **Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.** Acts 1:25*

- 2.) Matthew 27:17-21: Christ goes before Pilate, and Barabbas is released.

3.) Matthew 27:25: You find the first statement of two terrible statements that Israel makes that they carry through the rest of their history right up into today. Verse 25, when Pilate wants to let Him go, the Jews say, "*His blood be upon us and our people.*" God in heaven said, "Write that down." He did for the next 2,000 years up to today, the bloodbath for the nation of Israel by the Gentile nations.

*Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Matthew 27:25*

In John 19:15, it is not listed here, but this is the second thing they say, "We have no king but Caesar." God said, "Write that down."

*But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, **We have no king but Caesar.** John 19:15*

Those two things that they say God has judged them through for the last 2,000 years.

4.) Matthew 27:28: He gets a scarlet robe. Roman Catholic Church, Revelation 17:4.

*And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: Revelation 17:4*

5.) Matthew 27:32: Simon the Cyrenian is compelled to help Him carry the cross to Calvary.

6.) Matthew 27:34: He says, "I thirst," and they give Him vinegar to drink.

7.) Matthew 27:35: They are casting lots for His garment as they are crucifying Him.

8.) Matthew 27:37: Pilate writes a description, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

What is interesting is the fact that he did it in three languages. Here is the King of the Jews, rejected, dying on the cross as a Son of God. It is going to go into the church age; it is going to be the Savior of mankind. So, God's Holy Spirit tells this demon-possessed, pagan Pilate, "Put a scripture up, 'Jesus the King of the Jews,' and put it in Latin, put it in Greek, and put it in Hebrew." Because as the Son of God dying on the cross, His salvation is going to be for:

- 1.) Ham (Latin)
- 2.) Japheth (Greek)
- 3.) Shem, the Jews (Hebrew)

All three races out of Genesis

9.) Matthew 27:46: You are going to find that in verse 46 here, He cries out, "*My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*"

10.) Matthew 27:50: Around 6 p.m. He gives up the ghost and He dies. At this point, the New Testament goes into effect even though nobody knows it yet.

11.) Matthew 27:59-66: He is taken off the cross and He is put in a tomb. This all takes place sometime after 6 p.m. on Wednesday, not Good Friday, Wednesday.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: Be sure to bracket these 11 out in your Bible.

## Section 12: Matthew 28 - The Resurrection

Chapter 28 deals with the women coming to the tomb early in the morning, and they find it empty. It deals with Christ's resurrection

BIBLE NOTE TIP: Be sure to bracket verses 1 through 8

❖ Matthew 28:1-8: Christ's resurrection

They meet the angel of the Lord. This will be Christ Himself showing up to tell them that He has risen. They do not know it. He says to them He has risen and to "*go tell his disciples.*"

BIBLE NOTE TIP: In verse six, something you want to note in your Bible, this is the first time by the Holy Spirit of God who gives the narrative where Jesus is called Lord. People have called Him Lord, but in the narrative of the Scriptures, up to this point, He was not ever called Lord by the Holy Spirit of God because He had to resurrect to be the Lord of the resurrection.

❖ Matthew 28:11-15: The Rejections of His Resurrection

Now we see the first of a long line of rejections of His resurrection. The first thing they do is pay off the soldiers to say that they came and stole the body. Anything to get away from the resurrection, that He really did not raise from the dead.

BIBLE NOTE TIP: Be sure to bracket verses 9-15

❖ Matthew 28:16-20: The Millennial Commission to Israel

We see the millennial commission to Israel when they get the third chance to get the kingdom in Acts 1 through Acts 7. This is commonly put into the church age as the church's Great Commission. Of course, men do that because they do not know the Bible themselves, and they figure the people that they are teaching are dumber than they are. If anybody would read this commission or any of the commissions, you would see that it is impossible to be put into the church age. Completely a kingdom commission.

If you went to Psalms 56, Psalms 57, Psalms 66, Psalms 72, Psalms 82, Psalms 86, Psalms 108, you would see that this commission is not to the church age. If you want a commission to the church age, what would be the Great Commission? It is Acts 11, 12, and 13. He says in verse 19, "*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...*" These stupid Baptist preachers try to make this verse the things that Paul wrote in the New Testament. Paul is not even here yet. The church age is not even established yet. The things that He is telling them to tell the nations is found in Matthew chapter five through Matthew chapter 10. The kingdom. All the things that He commanded to the Jews is about the coming kingdom when Israel still has one last chance. He is teaching nothing of the New Testament church. The church was not even revealed yet. This is understanding how Matthew was a transitional book. He tells him in verse 20, "*To observe all things that I have commanded.*" All things up to that point. He has not commanded anything to the church. If you look at all things that He commanded, it is to the nation of Israel getting a literal kingdom. But this is the inability to rightly divide the word of truth. Remember, you need to do four things to get it right. Yes, you have to have the Bible, but you have to have God's perspective, the devil's perspective. You have to have the historical perspective, the unbroken chain of evidence of why

we believe what we believe. All this goofy stuff that is being thrown out today could be thrown in the trash when He comes to pick it up.

| BIBLE NOTE TIP: You will want to bracket each of these out. |

## V. Summary

You should be able to see a couple of things after our first two books, Genesis and Matthew.

### 1.) How easy your Bible really is

Just by following the natural outline of each book as God breaks it down. Again, no Greek, no Hebrew, just a Bible in sixth-grade English. Man will always try to take for example the Sadducees and the Pharisees and the scribes and the Bible colleges and Bible scholars will try to destroy the simplicity that is in Christ, 2 Corinthians 11.

*But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:3*

2.) Matthew is a key book in the New Testament, establishing when God comes at the first coming. He is coming to establish a government, a political kingdom to Israel called the kingdom of heaven.

Today, God has placed three stumbling blocks to men and women who come to the Word of God with the wrong attitude. Those three stumbling blocks are Matthew, Acts, and Hebrews. All the heresy in the church and unsaved man's heresy religion will come from those three books. Not one thing in Matthew will be directly written to anybody in the church age. As I have always said, not all the Bible is written to you, but all the Bible is written for you. You have to be able to rightly divide it. You are told in Romans 16:25-27 that the revealing of the New Testament church, was kept from everybody from the foundation of the world. From Genesis to Paul, until He showed up and revealed it. What do you do with that?

*25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, **according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,***

*26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:*

*27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen. Romans 16:25-27*

Our job, my job, your job is to help to get you to the place where you rightly divide the Word of truth. You have to remember; you do it four ways. You do it by the Bible itself. You do it by

getting God's perspective, the devil's perspective, and history's perspective. You cannot rightly divide it without a thorough understanding of those four aspects. Without them four, you are just going to wind up wrongly dividing it.

One more thing and I am done. Let me show you how Matthew at the first coming of Christ will be a parallel to the Second Coming of Christ.

**BIBLE NOTE TIP:** Be sure to find someplace in your Bible to get this down.

<b>Christ comes the first time:</b>	<b>Christ comes the second time:</b>
Israel is in captivity	Israel again is in captivity
Rome is in power	Rome again is in power
The Jews were in the homeland	Since 1948 they are in the homeland again
Nation of Israel was in apostasy	Israel is in total apostasy
John the Baptist is the forerunner	Elijah, who comes in His spirit is the forerunner
One universal language – Greek	One universal language – English
Military dictatorship running the world-Rome	There will be a military dictatorship, Rome running the world under the antichrist
Christ comes privately to His Family, then the world	Christ comes to His Family, Rapture of the church, seven years later, then the whole world

It shows you that history will always repeat itself. Matthew is the beginning of the New Testament. Now you know how easy Matthew breaks down. Once you get the preliminary stuff down, it breaks down into those twelve sections.