

### Outline to the book of Matthew:

#### I. The King Has Come 1:1-13:53

- 1. The Incarnation and the preparation of the King 1:1-4:11
- 2. The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 7:29
- 3. The Manifestation of the King 8:1 11:1
- 4. The Opposition to the King 11:2 13:53

#### **II.** The Kingdom Has Not 13:54-28:20

- 5. The Reaction of the King, 13:54 19:2
- 6. The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 25:46
- 7. The Crucifixion and the Resurrection of the King, 26:1-28:20

\*\*\*Subpoints follow Stanley Toussaint's seven main divisions outlined in his commentary.

## I. THE KING HAS COME 1:1-13:53

The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 - 7:29

(Matthew 5:1-12)

"The Blessings of the Heirs of the Kingdom"

# Outline:

- 1. Important questions
- 2. The 9 Blessings of the Sermon on the Mount vv. 1-12

- 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, v. 3
- 2) Blessed are those who mourn, v. 4
- 3) Blessed are the meek, v. 5
- 4) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, v. 6
- 5) Blessed are the merciful v. 7

- 6) Blessed are the pure in heart, v. 8
  - "pure in heart" = someone who has been made this way.
  - Scripture is clear that no one is pure of heart or can achieve pureness in heart.
  - This is however, the result of someone who is justified by faith.

- 6) Blessed are the pure in heart, v. 8 Reward:
  - "For they shall see God."
  - This quality is shared by someone who has been declared righteous by God because of faith. The result is that they will see God.
  - This reward is clearly taught in OT texts regarding the kingdom.
  - God will dwell with His people.

- 6) Blessed are the pure in heart, v. 8 Application:
  - Have you been made positionally "pure in heart?"
  - Do you live practically in this position?

- 7) Blessed are the peacemakers, v. 9
  - Lit. a maker of peace.
  - Someone who seeks peace in disagreements with others.
  - This quality again has a tone related to forgiveness.

- 7) Blessed are the peacemakers, v. 9 Reward:
  - "For they shall be called sons of God."
  - "they shall be called" is a future tense.
  - Signifying that in the future (during the kingdom) is when this reward will occur.
  - Throughout Scripture the mention of inheritance or reward is used to remind the believer to finish well.

- 7) Blessed are the peacemakers, v. 9 Application:
  - The believer is a child of God.
  - The believer must live at peace in the hostile world we live in.
  - This was one of Paul's applications toward the end of Romans.

- 8) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, v. 10
  - This is in the context of Jesus' ministry in Matthew.
  - Those who suffer for their association with the Messianic movement.

- 8) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, v. 10 Reward:
  - "For theirs is the kingdom of heaven"
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  - All these qualities are to exist in the heir of the kingdom.
  - The rewards are or will be theirs.
  - These qualities are true and inevitable. Jesus is using them to develop His kingdom invitation for that generation.

- 8) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, v. 10 Application:
  - Can believers today suffer persecution?
  - What is persecution?
  - Do we focus on the glory ahead of us?

- 9) Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake." vv. 11-12
  - Note the irony... Jesus says you are blessed when they curse you.
  - These verses have a tone of warning for those who would follow the Messianic movement.
  - But there is encouragement that they are blessed despite their persecution.
  - The implication is that they will face resistance and persecution so they shouldn't be discouraged away from Jesus when those things occur.

# 9) Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake." vv. 11-12 Reward:

- "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
- Jesus then pronounces the reward in two facets.
- First, their reward is "great" and "in heaven"
- This is safeguarded and guaranteed by God, and received in the kingdom.
- Second, the prophets of old were persecuted in the same way and so they are in the greatest of company.

# 9) Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake." vv. 11-12 Reward:

- Jesus is preparing His followers for the inevitable persecution they will face because of the growing rejection of the Messianic movement.
- Not much has changed regarding the world's response to those who belong to Jesus.
- We MUST look forward to glory when we live this life.
- This life is "training for reigning."

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The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 - 7:29

(Matthew 5:13-20)

"The Necessity of Law-Keeping for Israel's restoration"

# Outline:

- 1. The People's Purpose vv. 13-16
- 2. The Messiah's Purpose vv. 17-20

# 1- The People's Purpose vv. 13-16

- 2 Metaphors describing the purpose of the nation of Israel.
  - 1) "You are the salt of the earth" v. 13
    - The intended purpose of Israel v. 13a (cf. Ex. 19:5-6)
    - Missing the purpose v. 13b
    - The expected result v. 13c
    - > "Thrown out" (cf. Deut. 29:27-29)
    - ➤ "and trampled underfoot by men." (cf. Dan. 7:23-28; Lk. 21:24; Rev. 11:2)

# 1- The People's Purpose vv. 13-16

- 2 Metaphors describing the purpose of the nation of Israel.
  - 2) "You are the light of the world." v. 14
    - > The function of the chosen nation v. 14
    - > The implied assessment of 1st century Israel v. 15
    - > The charge to function properly v. 16

# 1- The People's Purpose vv. 13-16

#### B. Summary/Application:

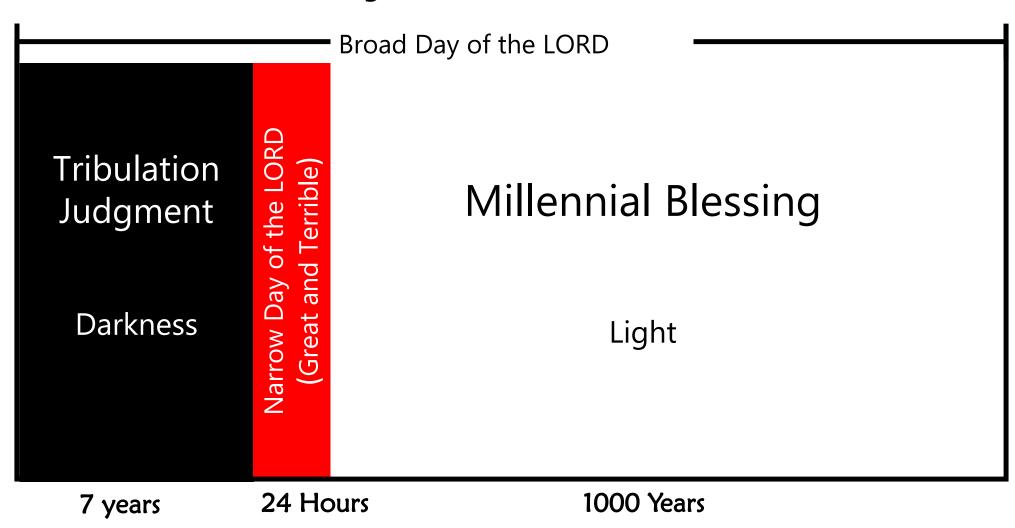
- God intended Israel to be an influence in the world. (this is pictured by the image of salt)
- God also (later in history relative to Jesus speaking these things) has the Church influencing the world.
- Are we making the same mistakes that Israel did?
- Israel has been used by God to shine His revelation and plan for creation to the rest of the world.
- The Church presently is steward to God's light.
- Are we shining? Or do we need to change our batteries?

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- 1. The People's Purpose vv. 13-16
- 2. The Messiah's Purpose vv. 17-20

- The purpose stated v. 17
  - The audience might think Jesus was countering the Mosaic Law but His purpose is the exact opposite.
- The purpose emphasized v. 18
  - > What is meant by "till heaven and earth pass away?"

# The "Day of the LORD"



- The purpose stated v. 17
- The purpose emphasized v. 18
  - What is meant by "till heaven and earth pass away?"
    - ✓ Cf. Isaiah 65:17
    - ✓ Cf. Isaiah 66:22-24
- The correction stated v. 19
- The rejection of the religious leader's righteousness v. 20

- The purpose stated v. 17
- The purpose emphasized v. 18
  - ➤ What is meant by "till heaven and earth pass away?"
  - ➤ What is meant by "till all is fulfilled?"
    - ✓ The righteous requirement of the law
    - ✓ The fulfillment of Deut. 30:1-10

- The purpose stated v. 17
- The purpose emphasized v. 18
- The correction stated v. 19
  - ➤ Kingdom entrance relates to law observance (cf. Deut. 30:1-10)
- The rejection of the religious leader's righteousness v. 20
  - The righteousness of S's and P's is not worthy
  - Through Jesus they can have perfect righteousness gifted to them.

### B. Summary/Application:

- Jesus upheld the law.
- Jesus came to fulfill the righteousness of the law.
- Jesus promotes law keeping among the people.
- Jesus rejects the traditions of man negating the true intention of the law.
- This sets the frame of Jesus' following discussion on the law and the necessary corrections to the traditions promoted by the religious leaders.
- If Israel is to keep their salt and shine their light, it is necessary that they keep the law.



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