

CHAPTER 9: KINGDOM DEMONSTRATION CONT. (W8)

Matthew wrote to an established church most likely in Antioch (Syria/S Turkey).

Chapter 1-2 Pre-History (Immaculate Conception, Birth, Magi, Flight to Egypt, Slaughter of Innocents, Death of Herod, Return to Nazareth (2:13) = Jesus is the True Israel.

Chapters 3-7 (5) New Exodus = Jesus is the True Joshua (to deliver/rescue), the True Moses (to draw out), Lawgiver (Sermon on the Mount).

The Sermon on the Mount discloses what is required of those living within the Kingdom.

Jesus comes down from the Mountain and continues demonstrating the inbreaking of the Kingdom: The Leper, the Centurions Servant, Heals Peter's Mother in Law, and many.

Revealing *WHO* is admitted to the Kingdom: *Leperous Son of Israel, Gentile Proselytes, those sick in body, and those under the tyranny of the devil*

Calms the **Storm** (*seismos/shaking*) Divine Presence Ex 19:16-20; Resurrection 28:2; Paul & Silas' Imprisonment Acts 16:26; Judgment Rev 6:12; 11:13; 16:18 *In Jesus, Matthew sees that judgment has come, first to the Devil and his minions (storm, demoniacs both "rebukes") then to Isreal and to all men (Mt 10:34-36).*

The Healing of the two demon-possessed men illustrates one of many adverse rejections of Jesus; though they witness signs and wonders, not all will receive the Kingdom of God.

HEALS PARALYTIC - CALLS (HEALS) MATTHEW - FASTING - HEALS WOMAN WITH BLOOD - RAISES DAUGHTER FROM DEATH - HEALS THE BLIND & THE MUTE -

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

1 And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city **Capernaum**.
2 And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus **saw their faith**, he said to the paralytic, “**Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.**” 3 And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” 4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? 5 For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? 6 But that you may know that **the Son of Man** has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” 7 And he rose and went home. 8 When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and **they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.**

Daniel 7, Son of Man = Authority in Heaven, Jesus Claims to have heavens authority on Earth.

Once again, Jesus reveals his DIVINITY In the healing of the paralytic, for “only God can forgive sins.” HE BREAKS THE CHAINS OF SIN releasing men to walk uprightly in this world.

Jesus Calls Matthew

9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

10 And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. 11 And when the **Pharisees** saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” 12 But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a **physician**, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ **For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.**”

Sinners = (1) devoted to sin, a sinner 1a) not free from sin 1b) pre-eminently sinful, especially wicked 1b1) all wicked men 1b2) specifically of men stained with certain definite vices or crimes 1b2a) tax collectors, heathen)

Pharisees question Jesus’ coming to outcasts and sinners (unrighteous) Hos 6:6

Pharisees question the company Jesus keeps, now **John's disciples**, question his Religious practice.

A Question About Fasting

14 Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” 15 And Jesus said to them, “Can the **wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them?** the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. 16 No one puts a piece of **unshrunk cloth on an old garment**, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made.

ADDRESSING THE PHARISEES Something ‘fresh/unshrunk’ has come; God is remaking the world and things are changing, to put something fresh onto that which is antiquated will not help the old (radically new): Christianity ISN'T merely as a reformation of the Old Covenant, a piece of new cloth to fill up a rent in the old garment. It is the radical fulfillment of the Old Testament promises of God.

17 **Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”**

ADDRESSING JOHN'S DISCIPLES Christianity is the new Wine in need of its own wineskin so as to expand successfully while preserving the first, or the Old Covenant (I came to fulfill not abolish). Christ is central not the practice of worshipping him.

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

18 while he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, “**My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.**” 19 And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. 20 And behold, **a woman** who had suffered from a discharge of blood for **twelve years** came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, 21 for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.” 22 Jesus turned, and

seeing her he said, **“Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.”** And instantly the woman was made well.

23 And when Jesus came to the ruler’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, 24 he said, **“Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.”** And they laughed at him. 25 But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. 26 And the report of this went through all that district.

Jesus has the power over death. ” HE OVERCOMES THE TYRANNY OF DEATH by the incarnation: taking her by the hand. Jesus has come in the flesh to save flesh.

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

27 And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” 28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” 29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, h“According to your faith be it done to you.” 30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, “See that no one knows about it.” 31 But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

Jesus Heals a Man Unable to Speak

32 As they were going away, behold, **a demon-oppressed man who was mute** was brought to him. 33 And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” 34 But the Pharisees said, **“He casts out demons by the prince of demons.”** Israel Rejects Her Messiah, attributing the power of Christ to that of the Devil.

In all of these healings, Jesus shows himself to be the Second Adam, sent to reverse the effects of the first Adam’s failings, reversing the effects of the fall.

The Harvest Is Plentiful, the Laborers Few

35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease

and every affliction. **36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37** Then he said to his disciples, **“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38, therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”** Jesus teaching the church to continue the works of the Second Adam until he comes again (second Advent) when the bodies of believers will be thoroughly and finally healed at the resurrection. The physical and spiritual will be fully restored in the new heavens and earth.