Matthew Series
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Overview, Part 2
What Must We Now Do?
Matthew 12–28

Basics of Matthew

- 1. Author: Traditionally believed to be Matthew,
- 2. Recipients: Jewish Christians living in Galilee and Judea before AD 70,
- 3. Date: One of the earliest books of the New Testament, maybe in AD 45–50,
- 4. Purpose: To explain to Jewish Christians why the kingdom was postponed.

Why Matthew Was Written

- 1. To convince the Jewish audience that Jesus is the Messiah in whom they have believed, and to give them the evidence they need to show that Jesus was indeed who He claimed to be, the promised Son of David.
- 2. To explain why the Kingdom was postponed despite the fact that the King had already arrived.
- 3. To instruct about God's interim program—why He postponed the Kingdom and the mission to make disciples during the interim.

King and Kingdom

- 1. The King: a physical descendant of King David who would rule eternally from David's throne in Jerusalem over the Jewish people. 2 Sam. 7:4–14.
- 2. The Kingdom: a literal, geo-physical kingdom located in the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Gen. 12:8; 15:18
- 3. The Kingdom was rejected, postponed, and will NOT arrive until Jesus returns at the second coming.
- 4. Jesus is *NOT* now on the Davidic throne, He is sitting at the right hand of God the Father in Heaven awaiting the throne. Rev. 3:21; Psa. 110:1; 1 Pet. 3:22; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2.

Outline of Matthew

- I. Jesus was born and ministered in fulfillment of the Messianic promises and prophecies.
 Matt. 1–10
 Discourse on Kingdom Righteousness
 (Sermon on the Mount): Matt. 5–7
 Discourse on Kingdom Proclamation: Matt. 10
- II. Jesus was rejected as the Messiah. Matt. 11-12
- III. Jesus announced the postponement of the Kingdom and the interim plan. Matt. 13–20
 The Discourse on the Postponement of the Kingdom: Matt. 13 parables
 The Discourse on Kingdom Humility: Matt. 18

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- IV. Jesus' Final Presentation and Rejection as the Messiah: Matt. 20:29–23:39
- V. Jesus' Future Coming and Establishment of the Messianic Kingdom: Matt. 24–25

The Discourse on the Coming of the King: Matt. 24–25 (Olivet Discourse)

VI. Jesus the Messiah was Crucified, Buried, but Rose from the Dead: Matt. 26–28

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Matt. 1:1, "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:"

The Proclamation of John, Jesus, and the Disciples

Matt. 3:1, "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

Matt. 3:2, "and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matt. 4:17, "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

Matt. 10:7, "And as you (the twelve) go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' "

Matt. 4:23, "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people."

II. Jesus was rejected as the Messiah. Matt. 11–12

Matt. 11:1, "Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities."

John the Baptist becomes confused because the Kingdom he announced has not arrived.

Matt. 11:2, "And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples

Matt. 11:3, "and said to Him, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?'"

The cities of Galilee reject Jesus as Messiah. Matt 11:16–30

Matt. 11:20, "Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent:"

The religious leaders in Jerusalem reject Jesus as Messiah. Matt. 12:1–50

The condemnation in this chapter is a temporal judgment on that generation for rejecting the Messiah. It is not an eternal condemnation.

The forgiveness that is withdrawn, therefore, is not eternal forgiveness, but temporal forgiveness, i.e., that generation would reap the judgment of defeat and the destruction in AD 70.

Matt. 12:24, "Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, 'This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.'"

Matt. 12:31, "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.

Matt. 12:32, "Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come."

III. Jesus announced the postponement of the Kingdom and the interim plan.

Matt. 13–20

Third Discourse: Eight parables on the "mysteries of the Kingdom," chap. 13

No "mystery form of the kingdom," only "mysteries," previously unrevealed information related to the interim due to the postponement of the kingdom.

Matt. 13:11, "He answered and said to them, 'Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given."

- 1. Parable of the soils, Matt. 13:18–23; Luke 8:11–15
- 2. Parable of the tares, Matt. 13:24–30, 37–43
- 3. Parable of the mustard seed, Matt. 13:31–32
- 4. Parable of the leaven, Matt. 13:33
- 5. Parable of the hidden treasure, Matt. 13:34
- 6. Parable of the pearl of great price, Matt. 13:45–46
- 7. Parable of the dragnet, Matt. 13:47–48 (8.?Parable of the householder, Matt. 13:52)

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Matt. 16:16, "Simon Peter answered and said, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'"

III. The Messiah's instruction on the revised Kingdom program. Matt. 13–20

Fourth Discourse: Teaching about kingdom humility. Matt. 18

Matt. 18:3, "and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.'"

IV. Jesus' final presentation and rejection as the Messiah. Matt. 20:29–23:39

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Jesus pronounces 7 (8 in Majority Text) woes on the Pharisees. Matt. 23.

Matt. 23:37, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

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Psa. 118:26, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD."

V. Jesus' future coming and establishment of the Messianic Kingdom. Matt. 24–25.

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VI. Jesus the Messiah was crucified, buried, but rose from the dead. Matt. 26–28

Matt. 27:51, "Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

Matt. 27:52, "and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

Matt. 27:53, "and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

Matt. 27:54, "So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, 'Truly this was the Son of God!'

Matt. 28:6, "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Matt. 28:7, "And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

Matt. 28:19, "'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matt. 28:20, "'teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen."

What we Learn

- 1. The Kingdom was offered, rejected, and postponed until Jesus receives His title from God (Rev. 5) and comes to earth to defeat the Antichrist, False Prophet, and earth-dwellers.
- 2. In this age believers are challenged to be disciples.
- 3. Disciples are those who get their priorities straight in their spiritual life.