

WHEN JESUS QUOTES

THE OLD TESTAMENT

MATTHEW 23-24

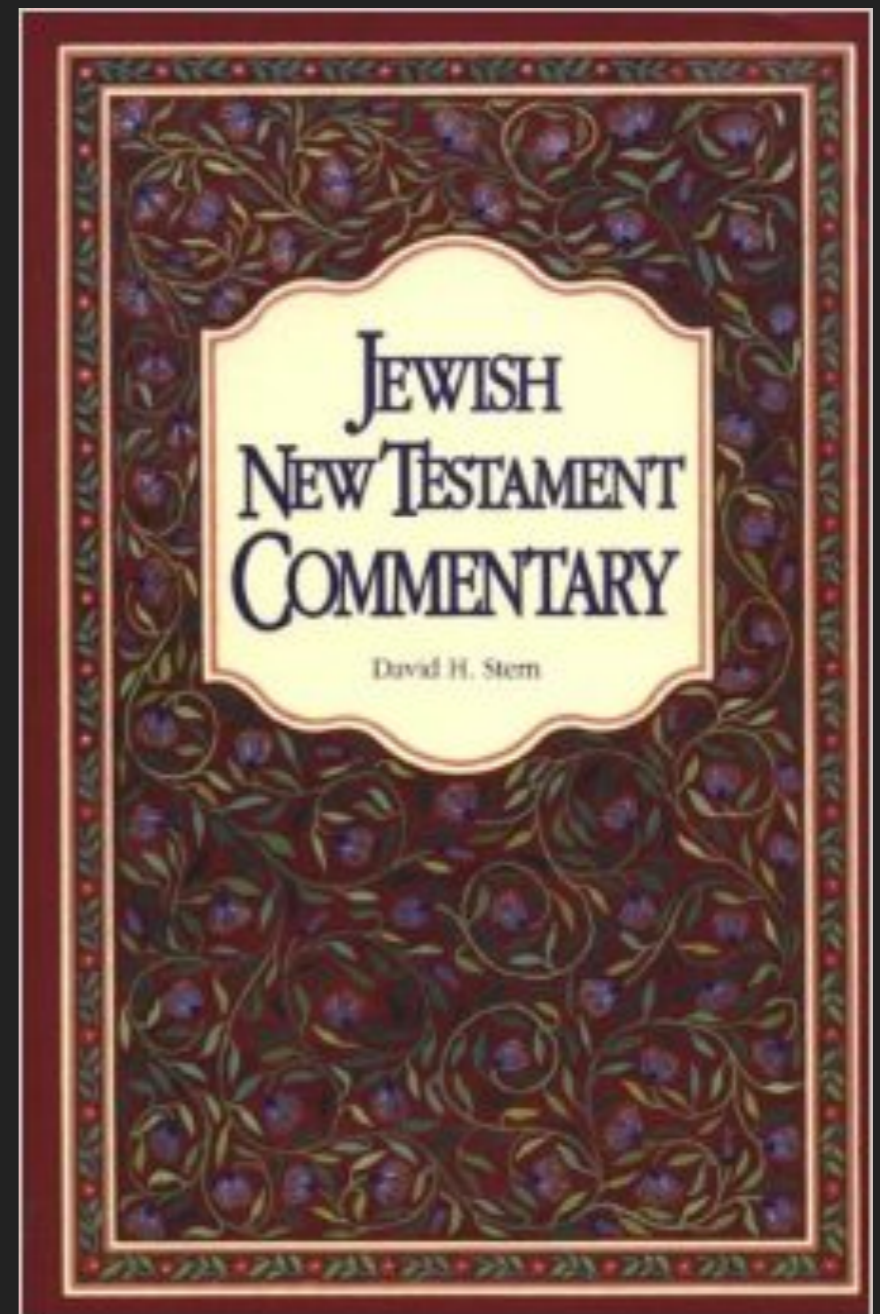
- ▶ Matthew 23 - Future for Israel
- ▶ Matthew 24 - Future for all

MATTHEW 23 – SEVEN WOES

- ▶ Matthew 23:13-36 - Seven Woes
 - ▶ Addressed to the “teachers of the law” and the Pharisees
 - ▶ “Woe”
 - ▶ “How terrible it will be for you...”
 - ▶ (International Standard Version)
 - ▶ “How horrible it will be for you...”
 - ▶ (God’s Word Translation)
 - ▶ “You’re hopeless...”
 - ▶ (The Message)

DAVID STERN – JEWISH NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY

Matthew 23:13-36.... "angers Jews, mystifies Gentiles and embarrasses Christians, who find Yeshua's remarks intemperate, antisemitic, even "un-Christlike." But Yeshua, like all the prophets, spoke the words of God without fear or favor. He comforted those who were open to him and made repeated invitation to those who opposed him; but when it had become evident that these particular Torah- teachers and P'rushim were hardhearted, closed- minded and interested only in confuting or trapping him, he seized the initiative, revealing his accusers for what they were. Was he "unloving" toward them? Love must sometimes be tough"



MATTHEW 23:37-39

- Matthew 23:37-39 - "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"
- Psalm 118 - Psalm of praise to God for being David's (Israel's) deliverer
- David recognized his deliverer
 - Psalm 118:26 - "Blessed is he [the deliverer, Messiah] who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD"
- You won't see me again until you recognize me as your deliverer -
Messiah

ACTS 3:17-23

- ▶ Peter speaking to Jews about their involvement in Jesus' death...
 - ▶ "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.' - Acts 3:17-23

ZECHARIAH 12-14 - ISRAEL'S FUTURE

- ▶ 12:1-9 - Jerusalem's enemies to be destroyed (unfulfilled)
- ▶ 12:10-14 - Israel recognizes Jesus as Messiah (unfulfilled)
- ▶ 13:1-6 - Israel cleansed from sin as a result (unfulfilled)
 - ▶ POEM - 13:7-9 - Shepherd struck, 2/3 perish, 1/3 refined (partially fulfilled)
- ▶ 14:1-21 - The LORD comes and reigns (unfulfilled)

ZECHARIAH 12:1-9

"A prophecy: The word of the Lord concerning Israel.

The Lord, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth, and who forms the human spirit within a person, declares:"

1. Jerusalem will be made strong and God will protect them (Zechariah 12:1-9)
2. Israel will say "The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the LORD Almighty is their God" (Zechariah 12:5)
3. God will destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem. (Zechariah 12:9)

ZECHARIAH 12:10-14 - MOURNING FOR THE ONE THEY PIERCED

Zechariah 12:10 - "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

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MATTHEW 24-25

- Matthew 24:1-28 - Destruction of the temple AD 70?
 - Abomination that causes desolation (Daniel 9:27, 12:11)
- Matthew 24:29-35 - Jesus' second coming
 - The sun will be darkened and the moon will not give it's light (Isaiah 13:10, Ezekiel 32:7)
 - The stars will fall from the sky (Isaiah 34:4)
 - The heavenly bodies will be shaken (Joel 2:10)



THE LESSONS

- It's OK to not know - Matthew 24:36
- End-times writings describe events
 - What are we supposed to do?
 - Watch out that no one deceives you (24:4)
 - Don't be alarmed (24:6)
 - Stand firm (24:13)
 - Keep watch/Be ready (24:42-44)
 - Ephesians 6:10-18

WHY IS ESCHATOLOGY IMPORTANT?

- ▶ When eschatological interpretation goes wrong
 - ▶ Waco - Branch Davidians
 - ▶ End of the world predictions
 - ▶ The point is missed
- ▶ When eschatological interpretation goes right
 - ▶ Encouragement
 - ▶ Motivation
 - ▶ Hope
 - ▶ God's sovereignty is recognized

NEXT WEEK

- The Greatest Command
 - Matthew 19:16-30
 - Matthew 22:34-40