



Matthew Chapter 21b

Joshua Fights For God's House!

Last week during our study into the book of Matthew chapter 21, we saw the triumphal entry of our Messiah entering into Jerusalem exactly the way that the prophet Zechariah told us that he would enter Jerusalem back in Zechariah chapter 9 of the Old Testament.

And we also saw the fulfillment of Psalms chapter 2 of the Old Testament in that Yehovah God had indeed set his King on Zion his holy hill and declared to him and I quote, “you are my Son today I have begotten you.” And just like it is also written in Psalms chapter 2... Yehovah God warned the Kings and the rulers of the earth to serve him with fear and to rejoice with trembling and to kiss the Son lest he be angry and they perish in the way for his wrath is quickly kindled.

And although we see these prophecies about our Messiah being fulfilled upon the earth today, it seems quite clear that the Kings and the rulers of the earth are completely ignoring the warning that Yehovah God has given them through Psalms chapter 2.

The rulers and the kings of the earth this very day do not serve Yehovah with fear. They do not rejoice with trembling. And they are not interested in kissing the Son lest he be angry, and because of this... they will ultimately perish in the way. The rulers of this world have no fear of God's wrath, nor do they have any fear of the justice that our God will

rain down upon them.

I would submit to you that the Kings and the rulers of the earth are indeed interested in nothing more than war. They are interested in nothing more than chaos. They are interested in nothing more than confusion. They are interested in nothing more than personal gain and greed and covetousness. They are interested in nothing more than serving the little “g” god of this world.

Over 2000 years ago the only begotten Son of God, the Son of David the Son of Abraham triumphantly entered Zion also known as Jerusalem where it is written that God himself has put his name. **Second Chronicles chapter 6 verses five and six (scrn 1)**

2Ch 6:5 ‘Since the day that I brought my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house, that my name might be there, and I chose no man as prince over my people Israel;

2Ch 6:6 but I have chosen Jerusalem that my name may be there, and I have chosen David to be over my people Israel’

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What we as modern-day Christians must understand is the importance of Jerusalem in of itself. Jerusalem is where Yehovah God has put his name. It is in this place called Jerusalem also known as Zion that God will ultimately place his children. And not only has he called this place his own by placing his name there and marking it as his throne on earth,

but it is also where he has placed his human King just as we read in Psalms chapter 2. Let's go back and re-read Psalms chapter 2 once again so that we can refresh our memories of exactly what our Father in heaven had foretold. **Psalms chapter 2 E1**

The Reign of the Lord's Anointed

Psa 2:1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

Psa 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

Psa 2:3 "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

Psa 2:4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

Psa 2:5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

Psa 2:6 "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

Psa 2:7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

Psa 2:8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Psa 2:9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Psa 2:10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Psa 2:11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Psa 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him."

Once again, I would submit to you that this is not what is being taught within the church today. You see, the church today has its own version of who their Messiah is. And oddly enough, it is the apostle Paul himself that the church loves to put upon a pedestal high and far above our Messiah... That warned the church that even in his time the serpent was already working to distort the identity of our Messiah and the true gospel message that he came to deliver. **Second Corinthians chapter 11 verses one through six (scrn 2)**

2Co 11:1 I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me!

2Co 11:2 For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ

2Co 11:3 But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

2Co 11:4 For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.

2Co 11:5 Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super apostles.

2Co 11:6 Even if I am unskilled in speaking, I am not so in knowledge; indeed, in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.



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Here in Second Corinthians, the apostle Paul tells the assembly at Corinth that he is afraid that the serpent will deceive the assembly in Corinth. Paul tells the assembly in Corinth that if someone comes and proclaims another Yeshua other than the one that they proclaim, or if they receive a different spirit from the one that they have already received, or if they accept a different gospel than the one that they have already accepted, they put up with it readily enough!

Keeping this in mind, do we not think that it is important to ask ourselves the question “is this going on within the church today?”.

If this was already going on within the assemblies of Paul’s day... if this had already begun back in the days of the apostles... If the serpent was already working to corrupt the assemblies clear back in the days of the apostles... Are we so naïve... Are we so apathetic... Are we so comfortable sitting in our denominational church pews readily accepting whatever the man standing behind the pulpit is telling us that we would blatantly, willingly, and intentionally ignore this warning from the apostle Paul?

Do we think that the apostle Paul somehow stopped the serpent from corrupting our assemblies today? Do we think that the serpent has just given up?

Do you even know why the devil is called “the god of this world?” In your Bible? The very reason that the serpent is called the god of this world is not because God himself has made the devil the god of this world. It’s because mankind has made the devil the god of this world.

You see it was mankind that had decided to bow his knee to the devil to the serpent, to the Dragon. It was mankind who willfully and intentionally turned his back to God of heaven and earth in order to obey the serpent.

But by the same token because of the grace and the mercy of our Father in heaven and the descendent of David the son of Abraham who he sent to crush the serpent’s head... You and I now have the power to relinquish the god status of the devil from the earth.

You see this is why the devil hates us. This is why the world hates us. You and I through our faith and obedience... through our good works have the power to dethrone the serpent. And it is because we have that power given to us by Yehovah God through the descendent of David that the world hates us. And this once again was addressed by our Messiah in the book of **John chapter 15 verses 18 through 27 E2**

The Hatred of the World

Joh 15:18 “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.

Joh 15:19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Joh 15:20 Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.

Joh 15:21 But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

Joh 15:22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

Joh 15:23 Whoever hates me hates my Father also.

Joh 15:24 If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father.

Joh 15:25 But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated me without a cause.'

Joh 15:26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

Joh 15:27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

My friends, I'd like to ask you, does this ring any bells for you? Does the world hate you? And if the world does not hate you, why does the world not hate you?

As a pastor, as a man of God, who is not afraid to speak the truth, I will never be invited to speak at a denominational church event. They will never invite me to tell the truth within the confines of their brick-and-mortar walls. Why? Because I tell the truth. And it is because the world hated my Messiah first who also told the truth... that the world hates me also. And when we talk about and I quote, "the world" it must be understood that we are also talking about the worldly church. The church today is just as worldly as it was during our Messiah's time. The arch enemies of our Messiah were the men who were standing behind the pulpits of the churches of his time. It would be foolish for us to think that the church by in large is not part of the world. The church has always been part of the world that hates the true Messiah. The true Messiah was standing right there before the church back in his time and the church could not see him. Why? Because they had become just like the world. They had assimilated themselves with the greed and the vanity and the covetousness of the world.

And I know that we teach, and we preach this time after time after time again. But it must be taught time after time after time again. Because the world needs to wake up. The world needs to know. There is only one truth. There are over 50,000 different Christian denominational empires around the world today. But I tell you the truth... There is only one truth. There is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and man and that is the man Yeshua the one King that God has put in Zion on his holy hill to sit upon his father David's throne.

There are over 50,000 different Christian denominational empires in the world today. But there is only one truth. There are not 50,000 different truths... There is only one truth. And the very reason that we read about the triumphal entry of our Messiah into Jerusalem here in Matthew chapter 21 is because this man, this Son of David Son of Abraham was chosen thousands of years ago in second Samuel chapter 7 to be the descendent of David that would sit upon the throne of David that would bring the unadulterated truth to the world. (scrn 3)

David Shall Never Lack A Man To Sit On The Throne of Israel!

Jer 33:17 “For thus says the LORD: **David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel,**
Jer 33:18 **and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever.”**

Yeshua uses the phrase "Son of Man" over 83 times in the new Testament to describe himself!



But I ask you plainly, is the church today more concerned with the

ministry of our Messiah and the red-letter words that he spoke... or is the church more concerned with what they think the doctrines of the apostle Paul are?

Who does the church today worship? Is it the Messiah... Yeshua... Or the apostle Paul? Who does the church today put upon a pedestal when it comes to the gospel message of Yeshua? Does the church today put Yeshua the only begotten Son of God on a pedestal... Or do they put the apostle Paul upon a pedestal?

Ask yourself... how many times do you hear the church quote the red-letter words of your Messiah versus how many times you hear the church quote the writings of the apostle Paul?

Many will say, "well that's because the apostle Paul wrote two-thirds of the New Testament." And this is true. But if your understanding of the writings of the apostle Paul do not coincide with the red letter spoken words of our Messiah... Then who are you putting up on a pedestal? If you are bending and twisting what the apostle Paul has said in order to fit your own agenda rather than comparing it to what you our Messiah has already said... Then who are you putting on a pedestal?

Why is Paul afraid that the serpent that deceived Eve in the garden by his cunning is going to also deceive the assembly at Corinth? Paul is afraid that the serpent that deceived Eve in the garden is going to deceive the church at Corinth because if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus other than the one that he proclaimed the church at Corinth puts up with it readily enough! And I would submit to you, that we also have put up with it readily enough!

We also have been deceived by the serpent, the exact same serpent that deceived Eve in the garden by allowing that serpent to lead us astray from the sincere devotion of our true Messiah. Just like the church at Corinth.

Someone did come... Other than the one that the apostles proclaimed. And we put up with it readily enough! We simply slouched down in our church pews, and allowed a wolf in sheep's clothing to fill us with a different spirit and a different gospel and the teachings of a different Messiah. A lawless Messiah. A son of perdition!

Do you want to teach about what the apostle Paul taught? Let's teach about what the apostle Paul taught in **Galatians chapter 1 verses six through 10 (scrn 4)**

Gal 1:6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—

Gal 1:7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

Gal 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.

Gal 1:9 As we have said before, so now I say again If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

Gal 1:10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

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Here the apostle Paul is in Galatia. And just like he chastised the assembly at Corinth for accepting another Messiah and another gospel, he is once again chastising the assembly at Galatia for accepting another Messiah and another gospel. And I want us to pay close attention to Galatians chapter 1 verse 10.

Let me ask you this... Am I seeking the approval of man or God? Am I now seeking the approval of man or of God? Because if I was trying to please man, I would not be a servant of our Messiah!

As a pastor and a true man of God, there are people in this world who claim themselves to be Christians who absolutely hate me. They can't stand me. They hate the confidence that I have, and they hate the authority that I have been given to speak the truth. The modern-day Pharisees and scribes of our time look at me with disdain and would love nothing more than to shut my mouth and to put me away just as they did our Messiah and his apostles.

I ask you plainly... Am I now seeking the approval of man... Or the approval of God? Am I trying to please man? Because if I was trying to please man, man would love me. I tell you the truth, the very reason that they hate me is because if they have seen me, they have seen my Father. If they have heard my words, they have heard the words of my Father because that's what I teach and that's what I preach. And it is because they hate my Father that they also hate me and my beloved Messiah who brought me back to my Father. And it is because they hate my Father and my Messiah, and me... That they will also hate you for speaking boldly with confidence and authority.

Get ready. Fastened on the belt of truth, put on the breastplate of righteousness, and as shoes for your feet put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. Take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one and put on the helmet of salvation and this word of the spirit which is the word of God. Because the world is going to hate you. And so too will the devil's church... Hate you.

It amazes me how many YouTube channels there are out there in the world today that are teaching nothing but Bible prophecy. And the most important part of prophecy... they completely leave out of their teachings. They teach about the mark of the beast, they teach about the antichrist, they teach about the four Horsemen, they teach about Gog and Magog, they teach about the bowls, and they teach about the seals, but they leave out the most important part of prophecy. And that is the

persecution of the Christians!

They completely and utterly leave out... the persecution of the Christians. They completely and utterly leave out the beheaded. They completely and utterly leave out those who had faith even unto death. They completely leave out those who stood firm to the end and conquered. Why? Because nobody wants to hear about the persecution of the Christians. That does not scratch their itching ears!

Why is the triumphal entry of our Messiah into Jerusalem so vitally important to understand? The triumphal entry of our Messiah into Jerusalem was a death sentence. Let me repeat that again; the triumphal entry of our Messiah into Jerusalem... was a death sentence.

When the serpent saw this human man riding a donkey, a colt to be exact into Jerusalem while people were laying their cloaks and palm branches down before him shouting “Hosanna to the Son of David”... there could be no doubt in the serpent’s mind who this man was and that he was indeed... the Son of David who had finally entered the world stage by the miraculous hand of Yehovah God who had implanted the seed of David within the womb of a virgin woman at the right place and at the right time.

There should be no doubt in our minds that in the devil’s mind this man, this descendent of David had come to crush the devil’s head. And yet, the devil still didn’t know how. How was this puny human man going to crush the head of the devil in all of his glory and with all of his power? The devil had no idea how this puny human man was going to crush his head until Yehovah God himself placed this human man on the human throne of David and his right hand and gave this human man all authority in heaven and on earth so that even the angels would bow down to him.

You see this is why it is written in Revelation chapter 12 that the Dragon wanted to murder the male child of the human woman. This is why the

Pharaoh of Egypt murdered all the firstborn children of Israel back in Moses day. And this is why King Herod murdered all the firstborn children and our Messiah's day. And this is exactly why Haman in the book of Esther wanted to murder all the Jews in his day.

You see the serpent knew about the promise of a human man crushing his head. The serpent knew that this man would have to be the descendent of David. The serpent knew that this man had to be a Jew. But what he did not know is how this man was going to crush his head. Surely by having this descendent of David crucified the devil could win the battle. In the devil's mind, the crucifixion of our Messiah the descendent of David was a major victory. And there is no doubt that this is exactly why his death was as brutal as it was. But needless to say, our Father in heaven had other plans, and the crucifixion of this Passover lamb was indeed only part of the unfolding plan of Yehovah God from the very beginning.

What we read in Matthew chapter 21 verses 12 through 22 has everything to do with the Lion of Judah crushing the serpent's head. Joshua the warrior of God has entered his Father's temple with a whip in his hand turning over their tables and usurping the devil's authority.

Many wrongly believe that our Messiah was a pacifist. In fact, the church today by in large teaches that our Messiah is so kind and so loving and so gentle and so merciful that he knows nothing of the law or justice. **(scrn 5)**



The Jesus of the church today has become their best buddy who has come to bring a salvation that according to many denominational churches... you simply cannot lose! A once saved always saved salvation that only requires you to confess with your tongue that he is the Son of God in order to get your free ticket into his kingdom punched. But once again, this is clearly not what we see within the confines of our God-breathed Scripture.

As we have already shown in prior studies, the name “Jesus” is a contrived name. No one had ever even heard the name “Jesus” until the late 16th century. Even the first 1611 King James Version of the Bible did not have the name “Jesus” in it. The Greek name for our Messiah was originally pronounced “Ee-ay-sooce” (Iesous). There was no “J” sound in the Greek language up until the 16th century.

Furthermore... Joseph the husband of Mary was not told to name Mary’s child “Jesus”. Joseph the husband of Mary was commanded to name Mary’s child “Yeshua” which if properly translated into the English language becomes “Joshua” not “Jesus”. And any pastor worth a pound

of salt can tell you this biblical and historical truth. Or... You can simply Google it on your cell phone. Either way, Yeshua pronounced in English is Joshua. And who was the Joshua of the Old Testament? Joshua was the replacement of Moses. Joshua was God's warrior who was the head... the general if you will... of God's army who trampled underfoot and eradicated and exterminated the ungodly nations of the earth.

And I would submit to you that the Yeshua... the Joshua that we see in Matthew chapter 21 verses 12 through 22 is indeed more like the Joshua of the Old Testament than he is that Jesus of the church today.

Let's take the time this morning to go back and re-read **Matthew chapter 21 verses 12 through 22 E3**

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Mat 21:12 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.

Mat 21:13 He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

Mat 21:14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.

Mat 21:15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant,

Mat 21:16 and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, "'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise?'"

Mat 21:17 And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

Mat 21:18 In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry.

Mat 21:19 And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once.

Mat 21:20 When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the

fig tree wither at once?”

Mat 21:21 And Jesus answered them, “Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen.

Mat 21:22 And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”

Here in Matthew chapter 21 verses 12 through 17, we have our Messiah making a whip out of some cords that he had found, and going into his Father’s temple cracking that whip and turning over the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. And yes, our Messiah did have a whip that he had formed out of cords according to the apostle John’s account of this very event. **John chapter 2 verses 15 and 16 (scrn 6)**

Joh 2:15 And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables

Joh 2:16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.”

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And what does our Messiah say to them in Matthew chapter 21 verse 13? He says and I quote, “It is written, my house shall be called a house of prayer... but you make it a den of robbers.”

And I want to stop right here for just a moment so that we can

understand what was going through the mind of our Messiah at that moment that he was cracking that whip and turning over the tables and the seats of the moneychangers. Is there a way that we can know exactly what was going through the mind of our Messiah at that moment? Because I would submit to you that there is!

Our Messiah chose a very particular Scripture from the book of Isaiah chapter 56 verse 7 to quote from during his justifiable rampage through his Father's temple. And I would submit to you that if we want to know exactly what was going through the mind of our Messiah at that moment, all we have to do is to go read Isaiah chapter 56. Let's do that this morning and let's read from the chapter of the book of Isaiah that our Messiah was quoting from at that moment. **Isaiah chapter 56 E4**

Salvation for Foreigners

Isa 56:1 Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed."

Isa 56:2 Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil."

Isa 56:3 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from his people"; and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree."

Isa 56:4 For thus says the LORD: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant,

Isa 56:5 I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off."

Isa 56:6 "And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—

Isa 56:7 these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

Isa 56:8 The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

Israel's Irresponsible Leaders

Isa 56:9 All you beasts of the field, come to devour— all you beasts in the forest.

Isa 56:10 His watchmen are blind; they are all without knowledge; they are all silent dogs; they cannot bark, dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber.

Isa 56:11 The dogs have a mighty appetite; they never have enough. But they are shepherds who have no understanding; they have all turned to their own way, each to his own gain, one and all.

Isa 56:12 "Come," they say, "let me get wine; let us fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow will be like this day, great beyond measure."

Yehovah God says in the very first sentence of Isaiah chapter 56 and I quote, "for soon my salvation will come and my righteousness be revealed." And Yehovah goes on to say and I quote, "Blessed is the man who does this, and the Son of Man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil."

Right here in Isaiah chapter 56 Yehovah, God is setting up the house of Israel for the coming of the descendent of David the Son of Abraham. **(show red carpet torah vid)**

Once again, the Torah was indeed a red carpet that God was rolling out for the arrival of the descendent of David the Son of Abraham who he would point to as his only begotten Son just as he promised David in second Samuel chapter 7. And right here in Isaiah chapter 56, we see that red carpet being rolled out for the arrival of the descendent of David the Son of Abraham who would bring with him the unfolding plan of salvation of God himself to share with mankind.

And by the way, please do not be misled by the graphic of Yeshua coming down a red carpet that we just showed you. It's just a graphic that was designed to help you understand the significance of the Torah. Once again, we do not know what color our Messiah was. We do not know if our Messiah had white skin or black skin or brown skin or red skin or yellow skin. Nor should it matter what color skin that he had. The point is... that he was a human being. The human descendent of David as promised in second Samuel chapter 7. And the people who

were throwing their jackets and palm leaves down before him right here in Matthew chapter 21 knew exactly who he was and that he was indeed just as it is written here in Matthew chapter 21... the Son of David.

But what else is written here in Isaiah chapter 56 that is so profound is that it is also written in Isaiah chapter 56 verse six and I quote, "And the foreigners who join themselves to Yehovah to minister to him, to love the name of Yehovah, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast his covenant, these he will bring to his holy mountain, and make them joyful in his house of prayer, their burnt offerings, and their sacrifices will be accepted on his altar, for his house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."

The point that needs to be made here is that this promise is not just for the Jews! It's not just for the 10 tribes of the house of Israel, but it is also a promise that is being made to the Gentiles of the world who would once again join themselves to Yehovah and love him and keep his Sabbath and hold fast to his covenants and be grafted into the house of Israel.

Nowhere in Isaiah chapter 56 are we told that this promise of salvation is for the Gentiles who do away with his seventh day Sabbaths and do away with burnt offerings and do away with sacrifices and do away with his law, his Torah, his spoken word. That is not part of the promise nor will it ever be part of the promise.

Right here in Isaiah chapter 56 that our Messiah quotes from in Matthew chapter 21 we are clearly told that the burnt offerings and the sacrifices of the Gentiles will be accepted! And Yehovah doubles down on this promise to the Gentiles in Isaiah chapter 56 verse eight when he says and I quote, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered." He will gather others to who? Who will he gather others to? He will gather others to the descendent of David the Son of Abraham who he will send with his unfolding plan of salvation for mankind. And just as Yehovah has already stated in verse seven, the burnt offerings and

the sacrifices of the Gentiles will in that day... be accepted by him. Not says I... but says our God-breathed Scripture.

Do we think that it was of no significance that our Messiah quoted this Scripture from this chapter of the book of Isaiah while standing in his Father's temple chasing wicked men out of his Father's temple with a whip in his hand?

Once again let's go back and re-examine **Isaiah chapter 56 verses nine through 12 E5**

Israel's Irresponsible Leaders

Isa 56:9 All you beasts of the field, come to devour— all you beasts in the forest.

Isa 56:10 His watchmen are blind; they are all without knowledge; they are all silent dogs; they cannot bark, dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber.

Isa 56:11 The dogs have a mighty appetite; they never have enough. But they are shepherds who have no understanding; they have all turned to their own way, each to his own gain, one and all.

Isa 56:12 "Come," they say, "let me get wine; let us fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow will be like this day, great beyond measure."

Once again, we see the leaders of the assembly being called blind and without knowledge. Here we go again! Yehovah says they are like silent dogs that cannot bark dreaming, loving to slumber. They never have enough. They are shepherds who have no understanding. Do we hear what is written right here in the book of Isaiah chapter 56 that our Messiah quoted from in Matthew chapter 21? Can we know what was on our Messiah's mind at the moment that he was cracking that whip and chasing those evil men out of his Father's temple? The answer to that question is a resounding yes we can indeed know exactly what was on our Messiah's mind if... if we are as intimate with God's word as our Messiah was.

Do you see why it's so important to read the beginning of the book first before reading the back half of the book? Do you see why these blind

pastors and priests and bishops and popes teach us to read the back half of the book without reading the first half of the book? You see they want you to be as blind as they are. They want you also... to have no understanding. They have all turned to their own way, each to his own gain one and all. Not says I... but says our God-breathed Scripture. And they all believe that tomorrow will be just like today... great... beyond measure. And why? Because once again they have all turned to their own way and each one to his own gain.

My friends, you just can't make this up. It's all been written and laid out right here before us right before our very eyes. The question is... how many see it? How many have read the whole book for themselves? How many have gotten down on their knees and prayed and asked for the discernment to understand it? How many are as intimate with God's word as their Messiah was? How many have truly picked up their crosses and followed their Messiah as commanded by... their Messiah?

I have great praise for every single solitary person who is with us this morning putting in the time to read the Scriptures, putting in the time to ask these questions, putting in the time to become as intimate with God's word as our Messiah was.

I have great praise for you. And I have a great love for you. And I have a great bond... with you.

And although we may all be hated by the world because we know these things and understand these things, greater is he who is in us than he who is in this world. Fear not what man can do to the body, but fear what Yehovah God can do to both body and soul by casting them into the pit.

Our God is one. Our Messiah is one. And we... are one with them. And we are also one with one another. Not three, not seven, not 10, but one. If you have seen me, you have seen my Father. Who among us cannot say this?

Powerful message this morning? Raise your hand if this is a powerful message this morning! Praise and thank Yehovah the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and his only begotten Son the descendent of David the chapter of Abraham who he sent with this powerful unfolding plan of salvation for us all to feed on here this morning. Thank him for this manna. Thank him for this gospel message. This true gospel message that is unfettered, and untainted, and pure and righteous, and just in his eyes. Thank him, praise him, worship him, exalt him for he is indeed more... than just worthy of our adoration. **E6 show**

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

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Mat 21:22 And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

As we continue to read down through Matthew chapter 21 verses 18 through 22, we begin to read about the curse of the fig tree. And I would like to stop right here for just a moment in order to expound upon what this curse of the fig tree is all about.

The curse of the fig tree goes hand-in-hand with the cleansing of the temple and the chastising of the unbeliever.

The very reason that our Messiah formed a whip out of cords and entered into his Father's house to cleanse his house from wicked people has everything to do with why he cursed the fig tree.

You see the cursing of the fig tree has everything to do with faith. How much faith do we actually have? How much faith do we actually have? Do we have enough faith to stand up and speak the truth? Do we have enough faith to walk on faith? Do we have enough faith to pick up our crosses and to walk as our Messiah walked and not as the worldly church walks? Do we have enough faith to pick up our crosses and to walk as our Messiah walks and not as the world walks? Do we have enough faith to even know the biblical definition of faith?

Our Messiah tells us here in Matthew chapter 21 verse 21 that if we have enough faith we can say to a mountain “move” and it will be thrown into the sea. And by the way... was our Messiah talking about a literal mountain? Or was our Messiah talking about a monumental problem that gets in our way of teaching and preaching his gospel?

If we have a mountain of a problem, if we have a mountain of the situation, if we have a mountain of a dilemma... can we say to that mountain of a problem “move” and will it move? Either way, it all boils down to faith does it not? If you have enough faith, you can tell a mountain to move and it will. So, the question then becomes... what is the biblical definition of faith?

Is faith simply confessing with our lips that Yeshua is the Son of God? Is faith just believing? Are works dead as some denominational churches preach and teach? Once again, it would be wise to turn back to the pages of our God-breathed Scripture in order to understand the biblical definition of “faith”. And we can find a suitable answer to the definition of faith in **James chapter 2 verses 14 through 26 E7**

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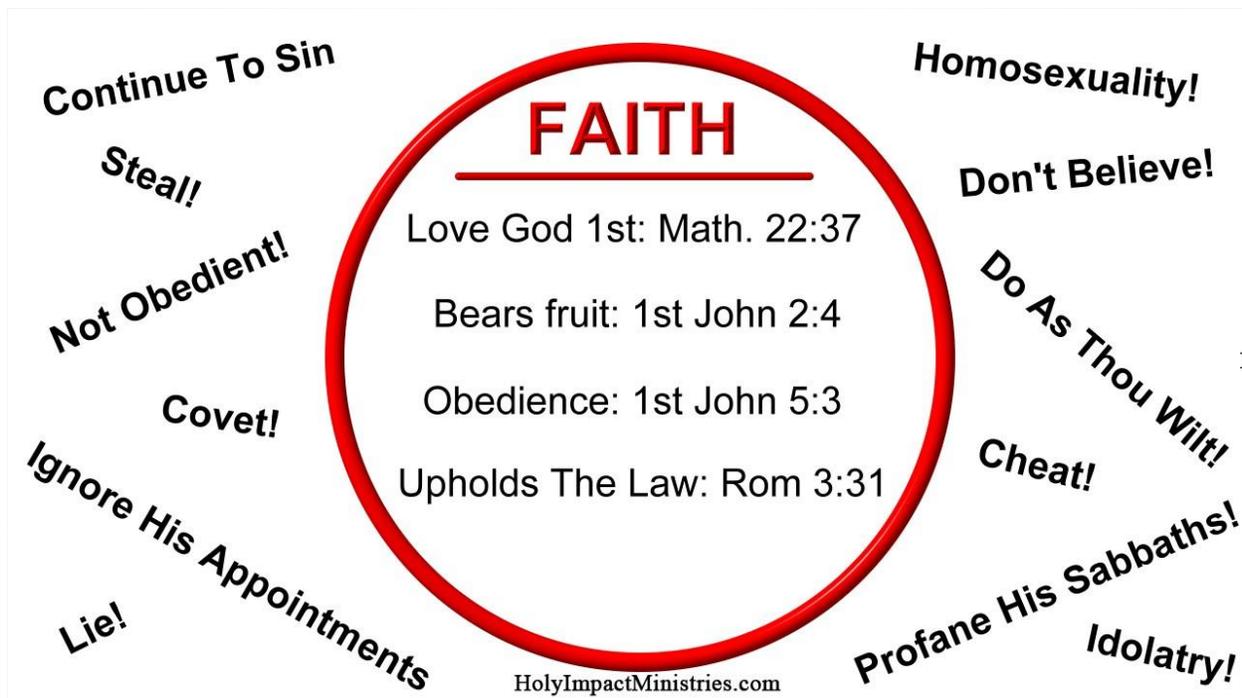
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You see, faith is not about simply confessing with your mouth that you believe in Jesus. Even the demons believe. Does this mean that the demons are getting into his kingdom? We must understand that faith without works is dead. Just as James tells us here in the second chapter of the book of James, just as the body apart from the spirit is dead... so also faith apart from works... is dead.

And so, the question then becomes, do you have faith that is alive, or do you have faith that is dead? Because I would submit to you that many denominational churches today have a faith that is dead. Many denominational churches today will wrongfully and shamefully teach that works are dead and that your works have nothing to do with salvation. And although we might agree that we are not saved by works specifically... this in no way negates or nullifies or does away with our good works.

Just as the apostle James tells us here in the second chapter of James, faith without works is dead. Just as the body apart from the spirit is dead so also faith apart from works is dead. And although we know that we are indeed saved by the grace of God through faith... it is tectonically important that we understand the biblical definition of "faith". (scrn 7)



Having faith means that you not only know who God is but that you love God according to Matthew chapter 22 verse 37. If you have faith, you will bear good fruit according to first John chapter 2 verse four. If you have faith, you will also have obedience according to first John chapter 5 verse three. If you have faith, you will know that it is Yehovah's chosen set apart people that uphold his law according to Romans chapter 3 verse 31.

Picking up our crosses and following our Messiah is fueled by our faith. Our good works is fueled by our faith. Faith is the fuel that drives the heart of a true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross-bearing Christian. How will God's angels know which of these people have faith and which do not? Those who continue to sin (which by the way is the transgression of the law according to first John chapter 3 verse four) do not have faith. Those who continue to steal do not have faith. Those who are not obedient to God's law do not have faith. Those who covet do not have faith. Those who ignore his appointments and keep the appointments of the world do not have faith. Those who lie do not have

faith. Those who are caught up in homosexuality and adultery and the lusts of the flesh do not have faith. Those who do not believe in him do not fear him and thus... they do not have faith. Those who believe in a do as thou wilt is the whole of the law doctrine of demons oftentimes taught by the church... do not have faith. Those who cheat do not have faith. Those who profane his sabbaths do not have faith. And those who are wrapped up in the idolatry of the world including the church itself and its man-made teachings... do not have faith. Not says I... but says our God-breathed Scripture.

The problem that many modern-day Christians have is that they do not understand the biblical definition of “faith” that our Messiah is talking about here in Matthew chapter 21. Do you want to be able to move mountains? Do you want to be able to heal the sick? Do you want to be able to calm the storm? I’ve got news for you, you can’t do it without faith because it is not we who do these things. It is our Father in heaven who does these things. And without a strong faith that fuels our good works, our Father in heaven is not going to move that mountain for you. Why should he? **(scrn 8 show)**

The Biblical Definition of The Love of God:

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.** And his commandments are not burdensome.

Is this what your Pastor is teaching?



The biblical definition of the love of God is that we keep his commandments and that his commandments are not burdensome to us. And this in of itself is... the biblical definition of faith. Because if you truly know God, you will love God. Truly I tell you... to know Yehovah is to love Yehovah.

And again, it is fitting that Yeshua does this right after walking into his Father's house with a whip in his hand and turning over the tables of the wicked. Did they have true faith? No! According to the Bible, they did not have faith because if they would have had faith, they would have understood first John chapter 5 verse three which says that the love of God is that we keep his commandments. But instead... they were not worried about God's commandments. There they were sitting in God's house selling things for their own gain turning his house into a marketplace!

And so Yeshua, after putting his whip down... Walks outside and sees a fig tree with no fruit and says to that fig tree and I quote, "may know fruit ever come from you again". Why? Because that fig tree was not

fulfilling its purpose.

What was the purpose of that fig tree? The purpose of that fig tree was to bear good fruit was it not? Isn't that the purpose of a fig tree? And what is our purpose as God's children? Is our purpose not to bear good fruit? And what happens when something that God has created does not fulfill its purpose? If whatever God has created does not fulfill its purpose, then whatever God has created becomes worthless. And if something that God has created becomes worthless is thrown into the fire never to be seen or heard from again.

How important do you suppose it is for you and I to bear good fruit? And what does it mean to bear good fruit?

Although I believe that many of us already know what it means to bear good fruit, we will uncover this great mystery next seventh-day Sabbath at 11 AM Eastern Standard Time.

But as for this morning, let us take the time this seventh-day Sabbath to meditate on what we have just read and what we have just seen. Let us take the time to share these things with our friends and with our families and with our communities. Let us take the time to give thanks to the one true most high Elohim of heaven and earth for delivering this message to us this very morning. Let us take the time to thank him for his mercy and for his grace and for his unfolding plan of salvation. Let us give him thanks for the red carpet that he has rolled out for the descendent of David the Son of Abraham so that he could sit upon the throne of David and become the king that he has set on his holy hill in Zion.

There is much, much more to know and much, much more to learn. And we will continue our venture into the book of Matthew next seventh-day Sabbath at 11 AM Eastern Standard Time but until then, I would like to invite you to join us for Bible study Wednesday evenings at 7 PM Eastern Standard Time where we actually read... the beginning of the book so that we can... properly understand the back half of the book.

Until that time I will do as I always do, and I will ask that everyone within the sound of my voice would please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here this morning be true or not.

Ask, seek, and not on his door and on his door alone and the proper door will be open to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.