



Matthew Chapter 21c Yeshua (Jesus) Authority Challenged

Last week as we examined the Matthew chapter 21, we talked about our Messiah entering into his Father's temple after forming a whip out of some cords that he had found and then kicking over the tables of the money changers and chasing people out of his Father's temple who were attempting to turn it into a marketplace.

And we also spoke about how our Messiah quoted from Isaiah chapter 56 when he said that it was written "my house shall be called a house of prayer". And we actually went to Isaiah chapter 56 in order to get a better understanding of what our Messiah was thinking at that particular moment in time. And we read in Isaiah chapter 56 not only where Yehovah God says that his house would be called a house of prayer for all people, but we also found that this is where Yehovah says that his salvation is coming soon and that his righteousness would be revealed.

And we also read in Isaiah chapter 56 something else that is even more astounding. Yehovah also says this in **Isaiah chapter 56 (scrn 1)**

Isa 56:6 “And the foreigners (gentiles) 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.”



Once again, we find our Father in heaven prophesying about grafting the Gentiles into the house of Israel just as he does all throughout his Torah (which is the first five books of the Bible for those of you who don't already know that).

And not only does our Father in heaven prophesy about grafting the Gentiles into the house of Israel here in Isaiah chapter 56, but he also gives us further insight into how the burnt offerings and the sacrifices of the Gentiles will be accepted upon his altar.

And so, once again in what we know today as the “Old Testament” we find the prophets prophesying about the Gentiles being gathered into the house of Israel so that their burnt offerings and their sacrifices would also be accepted by God. And this is going to be an extremely important concept to remember as we finish reading Matthew chapter 21 because as we finish reading Matthew chapter 21, we are going to see the authority of our Messiah being challenged by the rabbinical Pharisees and scribes of his time.

Once again, it is paramount that we remember who the archenemies of our Messiah were. Once again, the archenemies of our Messiah were not the atheists. The archenemies of our Messiah were not the Romans. The archenemies of our Messiah who went so far as to put him to death... were the men who were standing behind the pulpits of his time. His arch enemies were the pastors and the priests and the bishops and the rabbis and the popish leaders of his time. These... these... were the men who had him murdered. These were the very men who had rejected him. These were the very men who could not recognize their own Messiah standing right there in front of them. Their very own Messiah was standing right there in front of their very faces and because they had created for themselves another golden calf to worship, they could not recognize their own Messiah. And this is exactly why we will soon see our Messiah in the 23rd chapter of the book of Matthew calling these blind men and these blind fools'... "hypocrites".

More than any other name, that our Messiah called these men who were standing behind the pulpits of his time the name that he use the most to describe them was "hypocrites"! And why? Because these men were calling themselves men of God and were not men of Yehovah God. These men were actually the men of the little "g" god of this world written about in second Corinthians chapter 4 verse four. These rabbinical Pharisees and scribes were men of the god of this world who had blinded the minds of unbelievers in order to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of our Messiah who is indeed the image of Yehovah his Father.

And so even though these men proclaimed themselves to be men of Yehovah God, they were not men of Yehovah God because they were proclaiming things never proclaimed by... Yehovah God. They were proclaiming things that exalted themselves. They were proclaiming commandments and precepts that gave themselves power and authority among God's people. And this is why our Messiah called them "hypocrites". More than any other name, the pet name "hypocrites" was the name that our Messiah tagged these men with, more than "a brood of

vipers”, more than “children of the devil”, more than “whitewashed tombs”, more than “blind men”, more than “fools” and even more than “lawless”. “Hypocrites” was the name that our Messiah used most often to identify and describe these rabbinical Pharisees and scribes that were standing behind the pulpits of his time. And this is tectonically important for us to remember today in our time because once again, I would submit to you that there is no difference between the rabbinical Pharisees and scribes of our Messiah’s time who were standing behind the pulpits of his time and the modern-day Pharisees and scribes of our time who are today still standing behind our pulpits in our time teaching and preaching about a golden calf that they have created for themselves.

And therefore, before we get started here this evening, I would like us to go back to Matthew chapter 21 and review the last half of Matthew chapter 21 this evening. And so, let’s go back and reread Matthew chapter 21 verses 23 through 46 just so that we can refresh our memories concerning the things that our Messiah did say and just as importantly but he did not say. **Matthew chapter 21 verses 23 through 46 E1**

The Authority of Jesus Challenged

Mat 21:23 And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

Mat 21:24 Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.

Mat 21:25 The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’

Mat 21:26 But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

Mat 21:27 So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

Mat 21:28 “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

Mat 21:29 And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went.

Mat 21:30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go.

Mat 21:31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.

Mat 21:32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

The Parable of the Tenants

Mat 21:33 "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country.

Mat 21:34 When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit.

Mat 21:35 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

Mat 21:36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them.

Mat 21:37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

Mat 21:38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.'

Mat 21:39 And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Mat 21:40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

Mat 21:41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

Mat 21:42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

Mat 21:43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.

Mat 21:44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

Mat 21:45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables,

they perceived that he was speaking about them.

Mat 21:46 And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Right after leaving the temple of his Father with the tables of the money changers turned over and the money spilt out all over the floor of the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people approached our Messiah while he was teaching his disciples about the fig tree. And they immediately challenge his authority. They immediately want to know by what authority he was doing these things and teaching these things.

And our Messiah turns to them, and he asks them a question. He says and I quote, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.”

And so, we have our Messiah counter challenging the authority of the chief priests and the elders. He says, “I will answer your question if you will answer this question.” And Yeshua then proceeds to ask the question, “The baptism of John, where did it come from? From heaven or from man?”

Our Messiah was asking the chief priests and elders where the baptism of John had come from. Seems like a pretty simple question, doesn't it? And yet, the chief priests and the elders of the people could not answer the question of where the baptism of John had come from. They were confounded and afraid to answer the question of where the baptism of John had come from, because if they say that it came from heaven, they knew that Yeshua would say to them “Then why did you not believe him?” And they were afraid to say that the baptism of John came from man because they were afraid that the crowd might boo them or even kill them because the crowd held that John the Baptist was a prophet.

And so, these chief priests and these elders reply with the rather inept answer... that they simply didn't know. Upon which time our Messiah replied to them, and said and I quote, “Neither will I tell you by what

authority I do these things.”

Keeping all of these things in mind, there are a few things that we must understand concerning the chief priests and the elders of the people written about in Matthew chapter 21 verse 23.

First of all, what we see written here in Matthew chapter 21 verse 23 written in our English translated Bibles as “chief priest” is once again an incorrect translation. The original Greek word that has been translated as “chief priest” is “ar-khee-er-yyuce” (archiereus). And it means “high priest”. It does not mean “chief priest” it means “high priest” (you know, like the high priest that we see in the Old Testament?).

And so, what we have right here in Matthew chapter 21 is that our Messiah’s authority is being challenged by the High Priest of the temple who I might add... should have been the one cracking the whip and turning the tables over and chasing the money changers out of the temple in the first place. And why was this High Priest not cracking the whip and turning over the tables and chasing the money changers out of the temple of God?

I would submit to you that the very reason that this High Priest was not cracking the whip and turning over the tables and chasing the money changers out of the temple is because this High Priest... was truly no High Priest at all in more ways than one.

According to Yehovah the Elohim of Israel only those within the bloodline of Aaron were sanctified and ordained by Yehovah as High Priests. Listen closely to the commandment found in **Exodus chapter 29 verses four through nine E2**

Exo 29:4 You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting and wash them with water.

Exo 29:5 Then you shall take the garments, and put on Aaron the coat and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastpiece, and gird him

with the skillfully woven band of the ephod.

Exo 29:6 And you shall set the turban on his head and put the holy crown on the turban.

Exo 29:7 You shall take the anointing oil and pour it on his head and anoint him.

Exo 29:8 Then you shall bring his sons and put coats on them,

Exo 29:9 and you shall gird Aaron and his sons with sashes and bind caps on them. And the priesthood shall be theirs by a statute forever. Thus you shall ordain Aaron and his sons.

Right here in Exodus chapter 29 without stutter, the Elohim of Israel sanctified and ordained Aaron and his sons and only Aaron and his sons... for the office of High Priest. Keeping this in mind I would like us to now go read some historical documentation concerning who this high priest was that was challenging the authority of our Messiah here in Matthew chapter 21.

Now you can read about this history of the High Priest and the book of Maccabees, but you can also read about this history of the High Priest within our own history books and encyclopedias.

By simply doing a quick Internet search for “the High Priest of Israel” we can know and understand that the High Priest that was challenging the authority of our Messiah... was really no High Priest at all. The high priest that was challenging our Messiah was not ordained by Yehovah God because he was not in the bloodline of Aaron the brother of Moses. If you were to do a very quick search on the Internet for “the High Priest of Israel” you would find a plethora of information that let’s us all know that the High Priest of our Messiah’s time was really no High Priest at all. Listen closely to what we read from **Wikipedia; (scrn 2)**

The high priests belonged to the Jewish priestly families that trace their paternal line back to Aaron—the first high priest of Israel in the Hebrew Bible and elder brother of Moses—through Zadok, a leading priest at the time of the reigns of David and Solomon over the United Kingdom of Israel. This tradition came to an end in the 2nd century BCE during the rule of the Hasmoneans, when the position was occupied by other priestly families unrelated to Zadok.[2]

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_Priest_of_Israel



The tradition of the bloodline of Aaron and the Levitical priesthood ended in the second century BC during the rule of the Hasmoneans. And this essentially was done by Antiochus epiphanies. King Herod himself had nominated six different High Priests and even the people themselves had elected candidates to be High Priest back in our Messiah's time. Once again, listen closely to the history of the Israelite High Priest. **(GO TO WEBSITE)**

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Succession

The succession was to be through one of his sons, and was to remain in his own family (Leviticus 6:15).[4] If he had no son, the office devolved upon the brother next of age: such appears to have been the practice in the Hasmonean period. In the time of Eli, however (1 Samuel 2:23), the office passed to the collateral branch of Ithamar (see

Eleazar). But King Solomon is reported to have deposed the high priest Abiathar, and to have appointed Zadok, a descendant of Eleazar, in his stead (1 Kings 2:35; 1 Chronicles 24:2–3). After the Exile, the succession seems to have been, at first, in a direct line from father to son; but later the civil authorities arrogated to themselves the right of appointment. Antiochus IV Epiphanes for instance, deposed Onias III in favor of Jason, who was followed by Menelaus.[5]

Herod the Great nominated no less than six high priests; Archelaus, two. The Roman legate Quirinius and his successors exercised the right of appointment, as did Agrippa I, Herod of Chalcis, and Agrippa II. Even the people occasionally elected candidates to the office. The high priests before the Exile were, it seems, appointed for life;[6] in fact, from Aaron to the Captivity the number of the high priests was not greater than during the sixty years preceding the fall of the Second Temple.

You see during the time of our Messiah it was these civil authorities that had arrogated to themselves the right of appointment. And it was indeed the civil authorities who had put this High Priest that was challenging our Messiah's authority into office. Yehovah God did not put this man into office as the High Priest, man himself had once again, by usurping the authority of God... had put this man in the office of High Priest.

And so, the so-called "High Priest" that was challenging the authority of our Messiah was really no High Priest at all at least not according to Yehovah. And there is much more historical documentation than just what is found here in Wikipedia for those of you who are bothered by the fact that we have used Wikipedia as evidence. This is not something that is just written within the confines of Wikipedia, it is written

throughout all of our history books because it is indeed the true history of the High Priest of Israel.

Keeping all of this in mind, there are many lessons that can be learned from this seemingly newfound knowledge that most modern-day Christians are completely oblivious to. Number one, is why does the church not teach this? Number two is, is this man made High Priest not adding to and taking away from the word of God? And number three is, is this not the quintessential definition of building a golden calf? Is this not the quintessential definition of man creating for himself his own god by creating his own commandments and his own precepts and his own traditions instead of... keeping the commandments and the precepts and the appointments of the Elohim of Israel?

But you most likely will not hear about this sitting in a denominational church pew for 10, 20, 30 or even 50 years. And you certainly will not hear about it sitting in front of a man who calls himself “Rabbi”. Why?

Because the rabbis today stand on the shoulders of the Babylonian rabbis who came up out of Babylon. We must always remember that there are no rabbis found in the Old Testament. Rabbis are an invention of man not God. Rabbis are a by-product of Babylon. Rabbis were invented by man when the tribes of Judah and Benjamin were taken into captivity under Babylon and the temple was sacked and overtaken by Babylon.

Because there was no temple at that time, the Jewish people in captivity had built synagogues within the confines of Babylon. And they appointed for themselves rabbis while under bondage in Babylon. And they also acquired Babylonian traditions and Babylonian teachings and even the Jewish months that many Jews use today were named with the names of Babylonian gods. Look it up!

But you see the rabbis of today... because they stand on the shoulders of the rabbinical Pharisees of our Messiah’s time... and because they receive their authority from those Babylonian rabbinical Pharisees and

still call themselves “rabbis”, are still guilty of living in sin.

By calling themselves rabbis they are willfully and intentionally projecting the authority of the Babylonian rabbinical Pharisees and Scribes who our Messiah flat out called, the children of the devil.

Think about it for just a moment. It is a red-letter commandment from our Messiah that we are not to be called “Rabbi”. Let’s read that for ourselves in the book of **Matthew chapter 23:8-12 (scrn 3)**

Mat 23:8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.

Mat 23:9 And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.

Mat 23:10 Neither be called masters, for you have one master, the Christ.

Mat 23:11 The greatest among you shall be your servant.

Mat 23:12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.



Right here in Matthew chapter 23 verse eight our Messiah says, and I quote, “You are not to be called rabbi.”

Now my friends, you can kick your pulpit and you can rent your close and you can go through all kinds of theological and philosophical gymnastics, but you simply cannot, and I repeat cannot change the red-letter commandment of our Messiah because you feel like it or because it suits your theological dogma.

If you are a man calling yourself a “Rabbi” you are guilty of sin. Once again, the words that our Messiah spoke were given to him by his Father to speak. **John chapter 14 verse 24 (scrn 4)**

Joh 14:24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.



And therefore, when our Messiah tells a man not to call himself “Rabbi” this commandment is not coming from the man Yeshua, but from his Father Yehovah. And if this commandment is coming from Yehovah the Elohim of Israel, and you are breaking that red letter commandment, then you are guilty of transgressing his law which according to first John chapter 3 verse four is “sin”. And you are thereby sinning by calling yourself a “Rabbi”. And yet... the lost bow down and give authority to these men who do such things!

And once again, don’t shoot the messenger! I am simply quoting to you what the word of Yehovah says and what the word of Yehovah does not say. These are not words that I have made up on my own accord, but they are words that I live by and I would submit to you... that you also should live by.

Once again, who is it that defines what is good and what is evil? Who is it that defines what is clean and what is unclean? Who is it that distinguishes the day from the night? Who is it that distinguishes himself from other gods? Who is it that tells us not to build for ourselves other gods? Who is it that tells us not to worship him the way that the pagan gods are worshiped? Who is it that is the creator of the heavens and the earth and all things seen and unseen?

Just like the High Priest who was challenging the authority of our Messiah here in Matthew chapter 21 had no authority, those who call themselves “Rabbi” while breaking the red-letter words of our Messiah also have... no authority. Not says I... but says the very red-letter words of our very own Messiah found within the confines of our God breathed Scripture.

These men who call themselves rabbis... do they have a wealth of historical information that might help us understand the culture of times past? Yes! Are they blessed because of their forefathers? Yes! But this does not mean that they have the truth. It is written in the 11th chapter of the book of Romans that many of them have been cut out of the olive tree because of their unbelief. And I would submit to you that many of them have accepted the Roman Catholic created Jesus of the church as their Messiah rather than the Hebrew Jewish Yeshua who is the true descendent of David Son of Abraham.

It is written that the oracles of God were given to the Jews, yes. But it is not written that the oracles of God were given to the Rabbis of Babylon who reject the commandment of the descendant of David that he points to as his only begotten Son. And it is important that we distinguish the difference between the two.

And it’s also important to make known that all rabbis are not created equal. Some believe in the Roman Catholic created Jesus, and some do not. Some say that they believe in Yeshua the Hebrew Jewish descendent of David, and yet still reject him by rejecting his commandments. And

yet others flat out reject Yeshua or any resemblance of him.

But in any case, this is a hard pill to swallow, isn't it? At least for some it is. For some this red-letter commandment is waived off through the auspices of their own man-made philosophy and theology and church dogma. But... I daresay that our Messiah would've never spoken these words had he not meant them. Our Messiah would have never spoken these words if these words had no rhyme or reason. He would not have spoken these words if they had no meaning or purpose. Our Messiah would have never spoken these words if they had not come directly from his Father in heaven. And so why did he speak these words about not being called "Rabbi", or someone spiritual father or someone's master?

He said these things and flat out commanded these things because he knew the future. He not only knew the present, but he also knew the future. He knew what men would do. He knew that they would reject and kill his prophets. He knew that they would twist the writings of the apostle Paul to their own destruction as they do the other scriptures. He knew that they would become... Lawless.

The point that needs to be understood here in Matthew chapter 21 is why our Messiah did not tell this so-called High Priest and his elders by what authority he had just done these things. Why didn't our Messiah tell this so-called High Priest and his elders by whose authority he did these things? He didn't tell them because it wouldn't have mattered to them anyway. They were already breaking the commandment of Yehovah. They were already dressing themselves up as High Priests and elders just like the devil loves to dress himself up like an angel of light. They were doing these things to usurp the authority of God for themselves. They were doing it for the prestige. They were doing it for the notoriety. They were doing it for the power and the glory of establishing themselves as high and far above everyone else. What you call that? You call that another god that's what you call that. Not says I, but says our God breathed Scripture.

Our Messiah tells us that whoever exalts himself will be humbled and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Our Messiah tells us that the greatest among us will be a servant.

Today's pastors in seminary school speed read through the Old Testament in order to get to the New Testament because they are wrongfully and shamefully taught that the first half of the Bible has all been done away with by the apostle Paul and is nothing more than blank white pages that they really don't have to be bothered with anymore.

That's the doctrine, that's the dogma, that's the teaching of the church by the church today in our time. And it is a shame. And it is a shame not only for the church and those who have built these denominational empires, but it is also a shame for those who follow them ignorantly not knowing because they refuse to put in the time to open their own God breathed Scripture and to read them for themselves. And if that sounds like I'm shaming you... Then I am guilty and I will not apologize for it. But now this... I once was you. I once was the one who did not read the Bible for himself. I once was the one who was fooled by the devil's church. I once was one who taught his children Christmas and Easter and first day of the week Sunday Sabbath and Good Friday and all the rest of the debauchery and filth and trash that the church teaches today. I am in no way innocent of these things. But the difference between me and many others is that I have been forgiven and they have not.

I have been forgiven because I have repented. I have been forgiven because I have turned away from these man-made pagan teachings. I have been forgiven because just like Paul I too was blind. Just like Paul I too could not see. But it was indeed my Messiah and King who gave me the site that I now have. And it is indeed now my Messiah and King whom I serve by following him back to our Father.

And we've all been there. We've all been guilty. Most all of us have sat in one denominational church pew or another listening to the mixing and mingling of God's word with the shameful ramblings of men who

willfully add too and take away from... the word of God.

I ask you plainly, was this going on in our Messiah's time? Was this going on during the days of the apostles? I tell you the truth, it most certainly was.

Here in Matthew chapter 21, we find our Messiah standing before a man dressed up as a High Priest who is really no High Priest and all ironically challenging his authority. And I would submit to you my friends that this very day we have men who are dressed up as high priests who are challenging our Messiah's authority. Men who are full of themselves. Men who twist the writings of the apostle Paul to their own destruction as they do the other scriptures. Men who call themselves pastors and priests and bishops and popes and rabbis who are truly no men of God at all but are nothing more than the devil's advocates who love to dress themselves up as angels of light just like their father does. Teaching and preaching a mixing and mingling of God's word with their own just like the rabbinical Pharisees and scribes of our Messiah's time were doing.

It is important to test a man of God today in our time? Is it not written that you would know them by their fruits? And what are their fruits? The fruits are what they produce. Are they producing the truth that leads to everlasting life, or are they producing a mixing and mingling of God's word that leads to death?

If the man standing before you calling himself a man of God cannot show you who it was that commanded a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath within the confines of his Bible... is he truly a man of God, or is he a man of the Pope of Rome who created the first day of the week Sunday Sabbath?

Does how softly he speaks ordain him as a man of God? Does the suit and tie that he wears ordain him as a man of God? Does the leather-bound Bible that he carries ordain him as a man of God? Does his

beautiful smile and his hundred-dollar haircut ordain him as a man of God? Does his four years of seminary school and two years of philosophy collage ordain him as a man of God. Does the beautiful and illustrious church that he preaches from within ordain him? Do the crowds of people that follow him ordain him as a man of God? And if so... where is any of this written within the confines of the 66 books of our God breathed Scripture? Where can it be found? Where can it be substantiated? Who spoke these things, who commanded these things, who ordained these men? Was it the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, or was it the little “g” god... of this world that has ordained them?

I ask you plainly, is it written that many will be called and that many will be chosen? Or is it written that many will be called and few will be chosen? Is it written that strait is the gate and narrow is the path and many there are that find it? Or is it written that strait is the gate and narrow is the path and few there be that find it?

I would submit to you that it is not about how softly we speak, it is not about the suit and the tie that we wear, it's not about the leather-bound Bible that we carry, it's not about a beautiful smile or the hundred-dollar haircut, it's not about the fancy church that preach from or the crowds of people that follow us. **(scrn 5 show only)**



Obelisk:

An obelisk is a tall, four-sided, narrow tapering monument which ends in a pyramid-like shape or pyramidion at the top. Originally they were called tekheny by their builders, the Ancient Egyptians.

Wikipedia



it's not about the beautiful and illustrious church building that we preach from with a pagan obelisk upon its roof.

These things ordain and sanctify no one. The only thing that ordains and sanctifies anyone to be a man of God is God himself. And it is indeed the fruit of a man that shows us who and what he is. And if that man is not showing the Scripture... the spoken word of Yehovah... and if that man cannot give a proper account for what it is that he believes according to Scripture and Scripture alone... then the man standing behind the pulpit is indeed a man who produces rotten fruit. Not says I... but says our God breathed Scripture which do include the red-letter words of our Messiah and King.

Immediately after our Messiah's authority was challenged, he told the parable of the two sons. Their father had told them to go to work in the vineyard. One of his sons said no, but afterward changed his mind and did indeed go to work in the vineyard. The other son said yes sir, but lied and did not go to work in the vineyard. And he asked the false High Priest and his false elders which of the two sons did the will of his

father? And the false High Priest and his elders answered, “the first who said no but changed his mind and went.” At which time our Messiah tells the false High Priest and his elders that tax collectors and prostitutes will go into the kingdom of God before they will.

You see, it’s all about what the word of God says and just as importantly, what the word of God does not say. Many modern-day Christians today are fooled by the twisting of the Scripture by lawless people, and this causes them to fall. But it’s not only the twisting of the Scripture that causes them to fall. It’s also about what the Scripture does not say at all that causes them to fall.

Many of the men standing behind our pulpits today are teaching a false first day of the week Sunday Sabbath commanded by no one within the confines of the 66 books of our Bibles. It’s not found anywhere in the Bible; it’s not commanded by anyone anywhere at any time. The only one who ever commanded a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath is the Pope of Rome. And yet... the world bows down and holds hands and sings Kumbaya while honoring the Pope of Rome every first day of the week Sunday on a Sabbath that he created for himself because he proclaims himself to be... and I quote... God on earth.

This is not the word of God. This is not good fruit. This is not the truth. And this can be found nowhere within the confines of your Bible. But the world believes it because the false High Priest standing behind their pulpits tells them that it is so. And like the Pied Piper, he leads God’s people down to the river to be destroyed because they have willfully and intentionally made the man standing behind the pulpit... the god that they worship and they would rather obey that man... than the God of Israel.

I tell you the truth, tax collectors and prostitutes will go into the kingdom of God before they will.

Upon which time our Messiah moves on to the parable of the tenants

where he talks about the owner of the house planting a vineyard and putting a fence around and digging a winepress in it and building a tower and then leasing it to his tenants while he went to another country.

What is this house that our Messiah is talking about? Does anyone even know? We can find the house and **second Samuel chapter 7 (scrn 6)**

2Sa 7:12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

2Sa 7:13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2Sa 7:14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men,

2Sa 7:15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.

2Sa 7:16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”



This is the house that our Messiah is speaking about in this parable. He knew that any man of God taught by the word of God would have understood this, but the Pharisees and the scribes and the so-called High Priest did not.

The master of the house is indeed Yehovah the Elohim of Israel. The wicked men that he had leased his house to were the men who were standing behind the pulpits of his house who were supposed to be producing good fruit.

These are the same men that killed his prophets and even his only begotten Son. And what's ironic about this parable is that when our

Messiah asks the rabbinical Pharisees what the owner of the vineyard will do to these wicked tenants when he returns... they rightfully answered and said, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

Ironically... the wicked men who Yehovah God had leased his house to... who were the false priests and the rabbinical Pharisees and scribes knew full well what it was that they deserved. But they did not see the wicked tenants as themselves because once again... the little “g” god of this world had blinded their eyes to the truth.

Truly... the stone that the builders rejected had become the cornerstone and this was indeed Yehovah’s doing. And just as our Messiah tells those wicked men, the kingdom of God will be taken away from them and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone who is Yeshua Hamashiach the only begotten Son of God will be broken into pieces and that very corner stone will indeed crush them. And it was then that the chief priests and the Pharisees understood... that he was speaking about them.

And once again we see in Matthew chapter 21 verse 46 that although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds because the crowds held Yeshua to be... and I quote... not God... but a prophet.

Why did the crowds perceive our Messiah as a prophet? Does the church not by in large teach that Yeshua is God who came down from heaven to commit suicide on a cross? Does the church not by in large teach that God had to die on a cross for the sins of mankind? Isn’t that what they teach? Once again... a twisted teaching, a man-made teaching that has been concocted by lawless people. What was it that Peter warned us about lawless people? **E4 (2nd Pet 3:14-17)**

Final Words

2Pe 3:14 Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him **without spot or blemish**, and at peace.

2Pe 3:15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,

2Pe 3:16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

2Pe 3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.

Right here in second Peter chapter 3 Peter warns us that there would be lawless people who would be ignorant and unstable... that would twist the writings of the apostle Paul to their own destruction as they do the other Scripture. And Peter warns us therefore, because we have been warned by Peter... that we should take care that we are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose our own stability.

Is this not exactly what the church is doing today? I ask you plainly, is this not exactly what the church is doing today? Is the church today not willfully and intentionally twisting the writings of the apostle Paul to their own destruction as they do the other Scriptures? What does Peter say about lawless people? Peter says that it will be lawless people that do these things. Peter says that it will be lawless people that will twist the writings of the apostle Paul. Peter does not say that it will be law-ful people... who are law-ful that will twist the writings of the apostle Paul. Peter tells us that it will be law-less people who are law-less that will twist the writings of the apostle Paul. And therefore... who is it that we should listen to the law-less... or the law-ful according to Peter?

You decide. the choice is yours to make. However, I urge you and encourage you... to choose wisely.

And once again I would like to ask the question why did the crowds see our Messiah not as God... as the church today teaches... but as a prophet? Why did the crowds think that our Messiah was a prophet?

We've already answered that in our previous studies. Do you remember the answer to that question? Because if you don't remember the answer to this question, I would encourage you to go back and listen to our study into Matthew chapter 21 part one which you can find very easily by going to our Holy Impact Ministries YouTube channel.

Once again, our Messiah Yeshua (Jesus in the Greek) was indeed a prophet just like Moses was a prophet according to Deuteronomy chapter 18. What is the spirit of God in Yeshua? Yes! Did Yehovah God do many miracles and many works through Yeshua? Yes! But this does not mean that Yeshua was God his Father. The distinction between both Father and Son must be made so that man can understand and remember the sacrifice that had to be made because of man's sin. And without repeating what we have already studied in our previous studies, I will simply once again point out the fact that right here in Matthew chapter 21 verse 46 the crowds knew full well... that our Messiah was indeed a prophet sent by Yehovah God the Elohim of Israel, the one true Son of David Son of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. **(scrn 7)**

Rev 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."



Once again, if you want to know who you're Messiah truly is, he is not introduced to us in the New Testament in the book of Matthew. He is introduced to us in the Old Testament. And you can know, and you can understand exactly who he was, is, and always will be according to the Bible and the Bible alone by simply reading second Samuel chapter 7 of the Old Testament.

And with that my friend's we will close Matthew chapter 21 and prepare for a new study into Matthew chapter 22 next seventh day Sabbath at 11 AM Eastern standard Time.

My hope and my prayer is that we have given you some things to take to your prayer closet and test through the fire of prayer this morning. My hope and my prayer is that if you already knew these things, that we have once again strengthened you with the confirmation of the truth that comes only from our God breathed Scriptures and our God breathed Scriptures alone. Sola Scriptura! Scripture only! It is by these books that we will be judged. And it will be by these books that we will be divided and separated. It will be by these books at the great white throne judgment that the chosen set apart remnant people of Yehovah God will be separated from... the lawless.

My hope and my prayer is that you will always remember that Yehovah our Elohim is one not three, not seven, not 10. My hope and my prayer is that you will love the one true Yehovah your God with all of your heart and with all of your soul and with all of your might. My hope and my prayer is that these things shall always be on your heart and that you will teach them diligently to your children and that you will talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise. My hope and my prayer is that you will bind them as a sign on your hand and that they will be as frontlets between your eyes. My hope and my prayer is that you will write them on the door posts of your houses and on your gates.

And with all of that information under our belts, I will once again 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 knock on his door and on his door alone, and the proper door will be open to you. And if you will do this, 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.