

Treasure Hunt

- What two concepts characterize each paragraph in Isaiah's prophecy?
- What does "judgment" mean in these verses?
- What is the theme of each of these paragraphs?
- Which paragraph does Matthew omit, and why?
- What is another example where the NT quotes only part of an OT passage to distinguish the time of fulfillment?
- What characteristic of the Servant qualifies him to do his work?
- When did this characteristic become true of our Savior?
- What does it mean to "show judgment to the Gentiles"?
- What do the broken reed and smoking flax of v. 20 represent?
- How does the purpose of Messiah's government differ from that of secular governments?

Overview of Matthew 12

Rejection by Pharisees

His True People

1-8 Picking grain on the Sabbath

2 But when the **Pharisees** saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

9-14 Healing on the Sabbath

14 Then the **Pharisees** went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

15-21 Healing great multitudes

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22-37 Casting out a Demon

24 But when the **Pharisees** heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

38-45 Seeking a Sign

38 Then certain of the scribes and of the **Pharisees** answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

46-50 His true family

50 For **whosoever shall do the will of my Father** which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Matthew's Citation of Isaiah 42

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Matthew 12

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The Agent of God's Rule

Isa. 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2 And the spirit of the LORD shall

rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; **3** And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD:

Matt. 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw **the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:** **17** And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved **Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

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Showing Judgment to the Gentiles

In Lystra-Derbe:

Acts 14:15 Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein: **16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.** 17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

In Athens:

Acts 17:30 And **the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:** 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

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The Purpose of God's Judgment

Isa. 36:6 Lo, thou trustest in the staff of this **broken reed**, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him.

Isa. 43:16 Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters; 17 Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are **quenched as tow**.

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A Similar Omission in Luke

Isa 61	Luke 4
	17 And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,
1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD <i>is</i> upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek;	18 The Spirit of the Lord <i>is</i> upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;
he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,	he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,	to preach deliverance to the captives,
(LXX) and recovery of sight to the blind	and recovering of sight to the blind,
(Isa. 58:6 to let the oppressed go free)	to set at liberty them that are bruised,
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,	19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.
and the day of vengeance of our God;	
	20 And he closed the book, and he gave <i>it</i> again to the minister, and sat down.

When will Judgment Fall?

Not at our Lord's first coming...

Jn. 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Jn. 12:47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

... but at the last day

Jn. 12:48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

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