

Seeking the Kingdom of God

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Man as God's Appointed Governor

Gen. 1:26 And God said,

Let us make man **in our image**, after our likeness:

and let them **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his *own image*, in the **image** of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them,

Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and **subdue** it: and **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and **over every living thing** that moveth upon the earth.

The Ruler's Image

Mat 22:20 And he saith unto them, Whose *is* this image and superscription? 21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.



“Tribute penny,” denarius of Tiberius Caesar, ruled AD 14-37.

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Adam's Dominion

Demonstrated:

Gen 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. 20 And **Adam gave names** to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field;

To name is to claim authority:

- Gen. 17:1-5 the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. ... 5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but **thy name shall be Abraham**;
- 2 Ki. 23:34 Pharaohnechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and **turned his name** to Jehoiakim,
- 2 Ki. 24:17 the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and **changed his name** to Zedekiah.

Delimited:

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely die.**

Adam's Fall

Gen 3:4-6	1 John 2:15-16
4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw	15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world,
that the tree <i>was</i> good for food	the lust of the flesh ,
and that it <i>was</i> pleasant to the eyes	and the lust of the eyes ,
and a tree to be desired to make <i>one</i> wise	and the pride of life,
she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.	is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Other instances of this triple in the Bible: Deut 17:16-17; 1 Kings 10:26-11:1; Eccl 2; Isaiah 5; Jer 9:23; Ezek 28:16-18; Matt 4:1-11 and parallels, ...

David's Psalm of Victory over Goliath

Psa 8:1 A Psalm of David. O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of **babes and sucklings** hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest **still the enemy and the avenger.**

3 When I consider thy **heavens**, the work of thy fingers, the **moon and the stars**, which thou hast ordained; 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 Thou **madest him to have dominion** over the works of thy hands; **thou hast put all things under his feet: 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever** passeth through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

1 Sam 17:33, 42, 56 **youth ... stripling**

1 Sam 17:49-51 David ... smote the **Philistine**, and slew him

Gen 1:6-8

Gen 1:14-19

Gen 1:26-30

1 Sam 17:34-37 thy servant kept his father's **sheep** ... thy servant slew both **the lion and the bear**

Hebrew 2 → Psalm 8 → Genesis 1

Heb. 2:5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. 6 But one in a certain place testified, saying,

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? 7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: 8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet.



Ps 8:4-6

For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing *that is* not put under him.

Gen 1:26 over all the earth

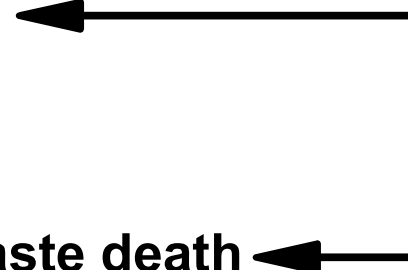
But now we see not yet all things put under him.

9 **But we see Jesus**, who was

made a little lower than the angels

for the suffering of death,
crowned with glory and honour;

that he by the grace of God should **taste death for every man.**



Gen 2:17 thou shalt surely die

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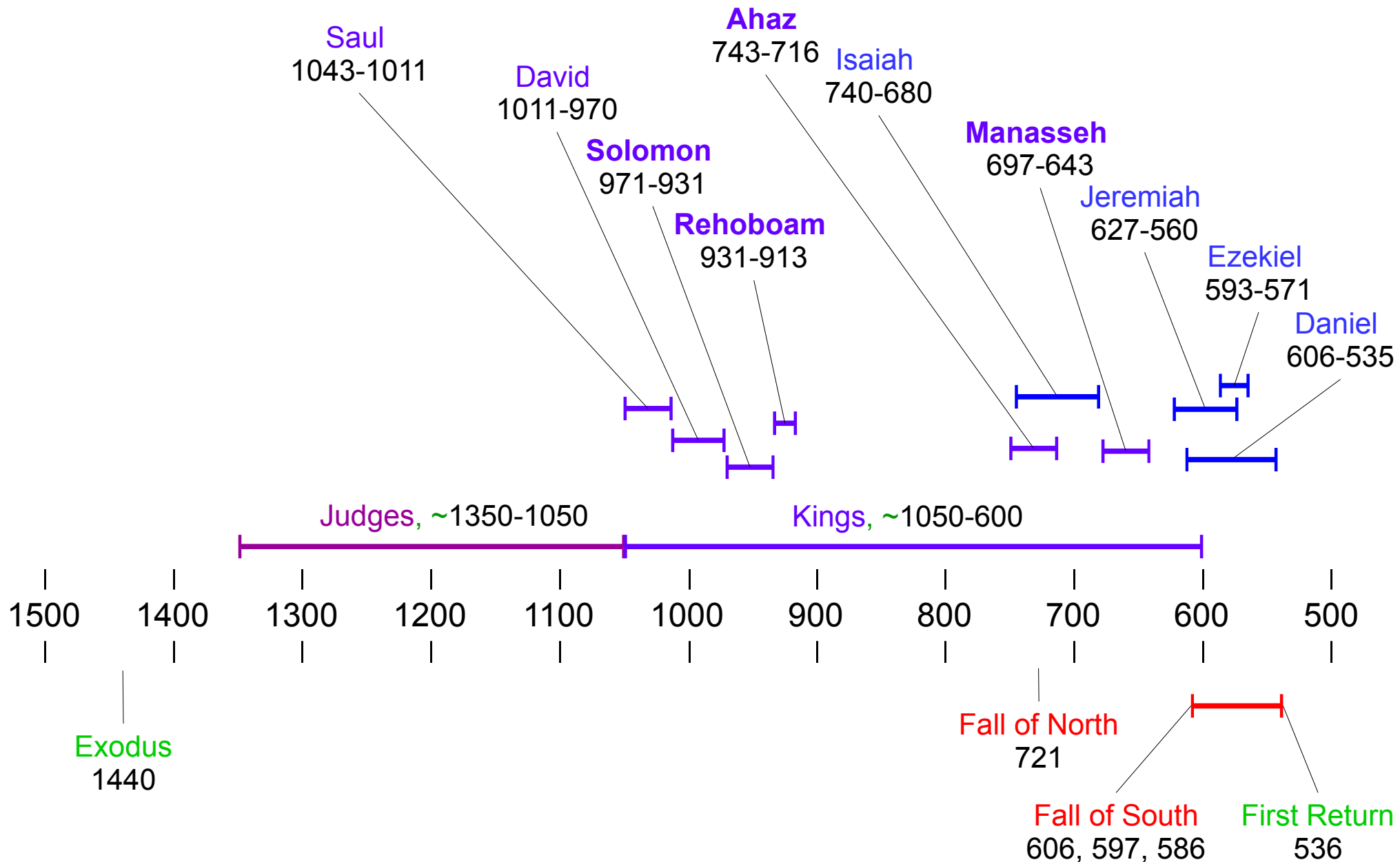
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Highlights of Israel's History



Isa 11:1-8 and its Antecedents

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: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4 But with righteousness shall he **judge** the poor, and **reprove** with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

6 **The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together;** and **a little child shall lead them.**

7 **And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.**

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the **asp**, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the **cockatrice**' den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Gen. 1:2 And the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters.

Gen. 1:28 and **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and **over every living thing that moveth** upon the earth.

Isa. 9:6 For unto us a **child is born**, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called ... The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father ... 7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be no end*

Our Lord's Spirit-Powered Self-Dominion

Gen 3:4-6	1 John 2:15-16	Matt 3-4
<p>4 And the Serpent said ... 6 And when the woman saw</p>	<p>16 For all that is in the world,</p>	<p>3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, ... lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: ... 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.</p>
<p>that the tree was good for food</p>	<p>the lust of the flesh,</p>	<p>2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.</p>
<p>and that it was pleasant to the eyes</p>	<p>and the lust of the eyes,</p>	<p>8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.</p>
<p>and a tree to be desired to make one wise</p>	<p>and the pride of life,</p>	<p>5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.</p>

Israel's Confession, Isaiah 59

The Problem:

Isa 59:12 For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions *are* with us; and *as for* our iniquities, we know them; 13 In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. 14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. 15 Yea, truth faileth; and he *that* departeth from evil maketh himself a prey:

The Diagnosis:

15 and the LORD saw *it*, and it displeased him that *there was* no judgment. 16 And **he saw that *there was no man***, and wondered that *there was* no intercessor:

The Intervention:

16 therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. 17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke. 18 According to *their* deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence. 19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him. 20 And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

The Solution:

21 As for me, this *is* **my covenant** with them, saith the LORD; **My spirit** that *is* upon thee, and **my words** which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

Covenants in the OT

Gen 9:9	Noah	Importance of man as God's image
Gen 15:18	Abraham	Choice of one family through whom God will govern
Exod 19:5-6	Sinai	Laws of conduct under God's rule
Num 25:12-13	Levi	Perpetual role: teachers of the law (Mal 2:7)
2 Sam 7:13	David	Perpetual role: executive

The New Covenant in the Major Prophets

Isa 59:21	Jer 31:31-34	Eze 36:25-27
<p>As for me, this <i>is</i> my covenant with them, saith the LORD;</p> <p>My spirit that <i>is</i> upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.</p>	<p>31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: ... 33 But this <i>shall be</i> the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the LORD,</p> <p>I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD:</p> <p>for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.</p>	<p>25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. ... 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.</p>

The New Covenant in the New Testament

Institution at the Last Supper:

Mat 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood **of the new testament**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Joh 14:17 he [the Holy Spirit] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Tit 3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another. 4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8 *This is* a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God **might be careful to maintain good works**. These things are good and profitable unto men.

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Daniel 7:1-7: Back to the Zoo

Dan 7:1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, *and* told the sum of the matters. 2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. 3 And four great beasts came up from the **sea**, diverse one from another.

4 The first was like a **lion**, and had **eagle's wings**: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a **bear**, and it raised up itself on one side, and *it had* three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a **leopard**, which had upon the back of it **four wings of a fowl**; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth **beast**, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns.

Gen. 1:28 have dominion over the fish of the **sea**, and over the **fowl of the air**, and over **every living thing that moveth** upon the earth.

The Gentiles in Prophecy



Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Dan 2)	Daniel's Dream (Dan 7)	Daniel's Second Dream (Dan 8)	Fulfillment
Gold head	Lion		Babylon
Silver torso	Bear	Ram	Medo-Persia
Brass loins	Leopard	He-goat	Greece
Iron legs	Beast with iron teeth		Rome
Iron/clay feet	Ten horns		AD Europe
Stone	A Son of Man		Our Lord

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Dan 7:9-14, the Grant to a Son of Man

Dan. 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the **Ancient of days** did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and **his wheels as burning fire**. ...

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like ~~the~~ **a Son of man** came **with the clouds of heaven**, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

Psa 90:1 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even **from everlasting to everlasting**, thou *art* God.

Psa 102:24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: **thy years are throughout all generations**.

Ezek. 1:13 their appearance was like **burning coals of fire**, ... 16 The appearance of the **wheels** ...

Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let us make **man** in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion ...

Exod. 16:10 behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the **cloud**.

Ps. 97:2 **Clouds** and darkness are round about him:

Psa 104:3 ...who maketh the **clouds** his chariot: ...

Dan 7:15-28, The Explanation

15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* body, and the visions of my head **troubled me**.

16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. 17 These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth. 18 But **the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom**, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. ... 27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, **shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High**, whose [singular] **kingdom is an everlasting kingdom**, and **all dominions shall serve and obey him**. 28 Hitherto *is* the end of the matter.

As for me Daniel, my cogitations much **troubled me**, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Gen 14:19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed *be* Abram of the **most high God**, possessor of heaven and earth:

Dan 4:17 **the most High** ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, (cf. vv. 24, 25, 32)

Dan 4:34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed **the most High**, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, **whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:**

Dan 7:14 And there was given him [one like a son of man] dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that **all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion**, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

Matthew's References to Daniel 7

24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the **Son of man coming in ἐπι the clouds of heaven** with power and great **glory δόξα**.

26:63 And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. 64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the **Son of man** sitting on the right hand of power, and **coming in ἐπι the clouds of heaven**

28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All **power εξουσια** is **given** unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach **all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you *always, even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Dan 7:13 ... behold, *one* like ~~the~~ **a Son of man came with ἐπι the clouds of heaven**, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was **given** him **dominion εξουσια**, and **glory δόξα**, and a kingdom, that **all people, nations**, and languages, should serve him: his **dominion εξουσια** is an everlasting **dominion εξουσια**, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

Before the passion:

From Israel to the Nations

Matt. 10:5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles**, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6 **But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**

Matt. 15:22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. 24 But he answered and said, **I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**

After the resurrection:

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.** 19 Go ye therefore, and teach **all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you *always*, *even* unto the end of the world.

What makes the difference?

Phil. 2:8-11 he humbled himself, and became **obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.** 9 **Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him**, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, ...

Heb. 2:9 **for the suffering of death, crowned** with glory and honour;

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The Good News of the Kingdom

What was the message of John the Baptist?

Matt. 3:1-2 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, 2 And saying, **Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

What was our Lord's message?

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

Mk. 1:14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,**

What message were the disciples to preach?

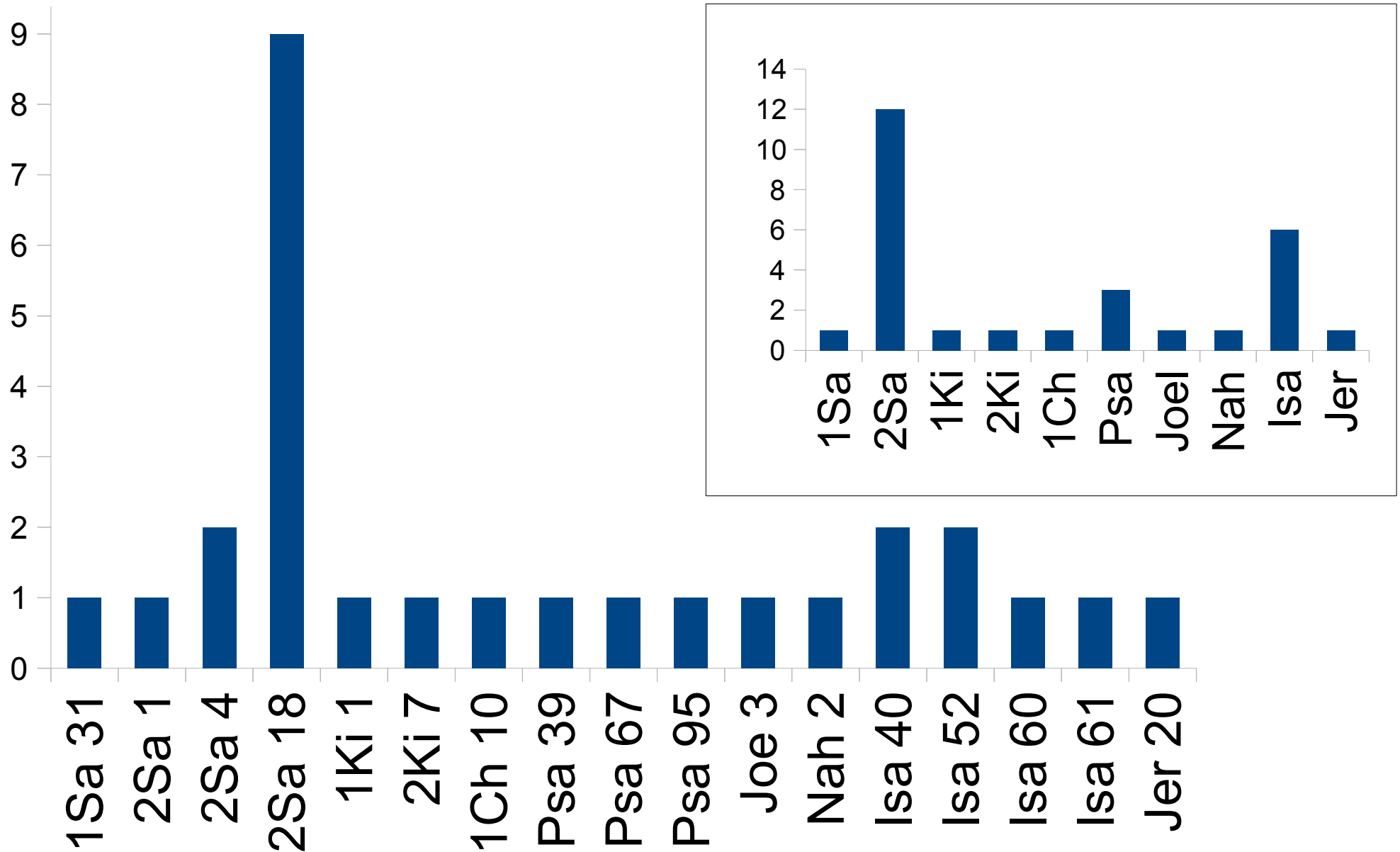
Matt. 24:14 And **this gospel of the kingdom** shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach **all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world.

Mk. 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into **all the world**, and **preach the gospel to every creature.**

But what about the Gospel of the Grace of God?

“Gospel” ευαγγελια and “Evangelize” ευαγγελιζω in the LXX



“Gospel” εὐαγγελία and “Evangelize” εὐαγγελίζω in 2 Sam 18

2 Sam 18:19 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and **bear** the king **tidings**, how that **the LORD hath avenged him of his enemies**. 20 And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear **tidings** this day, but thou shalt **bear tidings** another day: but this day thou shalt **bear** no **tidings**, because the king's son is dead. 21 Then said Joab to Cushi, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cushi bowed himself unto Joab, and ran. 22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cushi. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no **tidings** ready? 23 But howsoever, *said he*, let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cushi. 24 And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone. 25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he *be* alone, *there is* **tidings** in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near. 26 And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold *another* man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth **tidings**. 27 And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He *is* a good man, and cometh with good **tidings**. 28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, **Blessed be the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king**. 29 And the king said, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and *me* thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what *it was*. 30 And the king said *unto him*, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still. 31 And, behold, Cushi came; and Cushi said, **Tidings**, my lord the king: for **the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee**.

Overview of Isaiah

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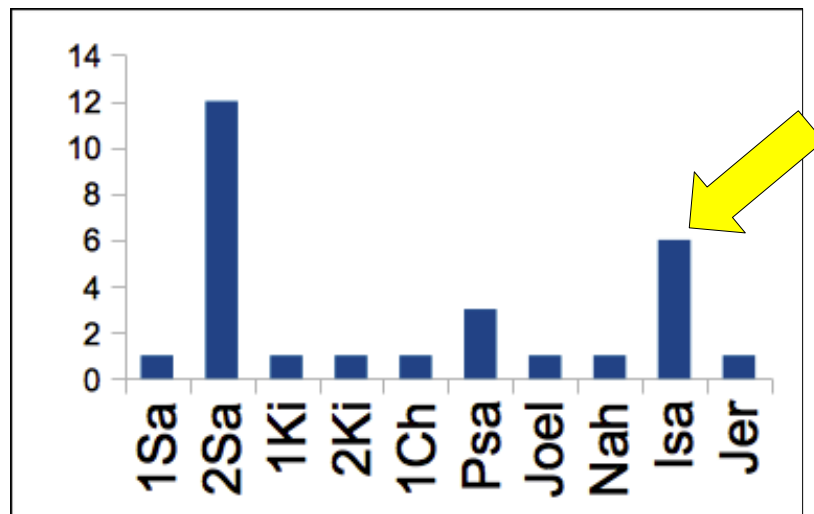
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Isa 61:1 ~ Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to **preach good tidings** unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are bound*;

The Gospel as Removal of the Usurper

Mat 12:28-29 But if I **cast out devils** by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. 29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first **bind the strong man?** and then he will spoil his house.

Joh 12:31-33 Now is the judgment of this world: **now shall the prince of this world be cast out.**

Col 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, **triumphing over them in it.**

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might **destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**

Repentance in the Apostolic Message

Luk 24:46 [Jesus] said unto them ... 47 ... that **repentance** and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

To Jews:

[Pentecost] Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

[Solomon's porch] Act 3:19 **Repent** ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.

[to the Sanhedrin:] Act 5:31 [Jesus] hath God exalted with his right hand *to be* a Prince and a Saviour, for to give **repentance** to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. [note the similarity to Luke 24:47]

To Gentiles:

[after Cornelius's salvation:] Act 11:18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted **repentance** unto life.

[Paul in Athens:] Act 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to **repent**:

[Paul to the Ephesian elders:] Act 20:19 ... I ... have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, 21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **repentance** toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

[Before Agrippa:] Act 26:19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: 20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should **repent** and turn to God, and do works meet for **repentance**.

The Kingdom of God in the Apostolic Message

Act 8:12 But when they believed Philip **preaching** the things concerning **the kingdom of God**, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, ...

Act 14:21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and *to* Iconium, and Antioch, 22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation **enter into the kingdom of God**.

Act 19:8 And [Paul] went into the synagogue [in Ephesus], and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning **the kingdom of God**.

Act 28:23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into *his* lodging; to whom he expounded and testified **the kingdom of God**, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and *out of* the prophets, ...

Act 28:30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, 31 **Preaching the kingdom of God**, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Act 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify **the gospel of the grace of God**. 25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone **preaching the kingdom of God**, shall see my face no more.

The Gospel of X

The Gospel of ...	# times	Emphasis
Christ, Jesus Christ	14	Messenger
God	8	Source
The Kingdom	4	Content
Peace	2	Effect
Circumcision	1	Audience
Uncircumcision	1	
Grace of God	1	Source
Your Salvation	1	Effect

How God saves us:

The Kingdom of God and 1 Corinthians 15

1Co 15:1-4 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that **he rose again the third day** according to the scriptures:

What this salvation entails:

23 Christ the firstfruits;		Matt. 28:6 He is not here: for he is risen
afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.		Rev 19:11-16 The Lord's Return Rev 20:4-6 The First Resurrection
24 Then <i>cometh</i> the end,	that God may be all in all.	Rev 21-22 New Heavens & New Earth
when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father;	then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him,	
when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.	till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. ... 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him,	Rev 19:17-21 Defeat of the Beast and the False Prophet Rev 20:1-3 Binding of Satan Rev 20:7-10 Final defeat of Satan Rev 20:11-15 The Second Resurrection Ps 8:6 thou hast put all things under his feet
	25 For he must reign,	Rev 20:4-6 Christ reigns with his saints for 1000 years

Seeking the Kingdom of God

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1. The Father Founds the Kingdom
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3. The Son Achieves Dominion
4. Believers Proclaim the Kingdom
- 5. Matthew: Handbook for Kingdom Citizens**

Overview of Matthew

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Gen 5:1 “This is the book of the generations of Adam”
•Genealogy

Matthew: The Gospel of the Kingdom

1:1-4:16 The Person of Jesus the King

1:1 “The book of the Generation of Jesus Christ”

- 1:1-17 Genealogy
- 1:18-25 Birth
- 2:1-23 Recognition & Preservation
- 3:1-17 **Baptism**
- 4:1-11 **Temptation**
- 4:12-16 Move to Capernaum (transition)

4:17-16:20 The Proclamation of Jesus the King

4:17 “From that time Jesus began to preach, ...”




- 4:17-11:30 Preparation of the Disciples
- 12:1-16:20 Growing Opposition

16:21-28:20 The Passion of Jesus the King

16:21 “From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, ...”

- 16:21-17:21 Principles of Discipleship
- 17:22-20:16 Life in the Kingdom
- 20:17-25:46 Controversy in Jerusalem
- 26:1-28:20 Death & Resurrection

4:18-11:30 Preparation of the Disciples

Calling Disciples	4:18-22 the Four			9:36-10:4 the Twelve		11:2-30 Broader Invitation (v. 28)
Summary	4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.			9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.		Mat 11:1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.
Detail	ch. 5-7 Content for Teaching			ch. 8-9 Examples of Healing		10:5-42 Exhortations for Preaching

For us today?

Matt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach [make disciples of] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and

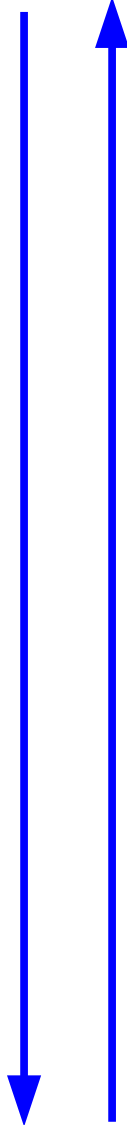
of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever **I have commanded you**

1 Tim. 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the **words of our Lord Jesus Christ**, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; ... 5 ... from such withdraw thyself.

Col 3:16 Let the **word of Christ** dwell in you richly

Heb. 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be **spoken by the Lord**, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

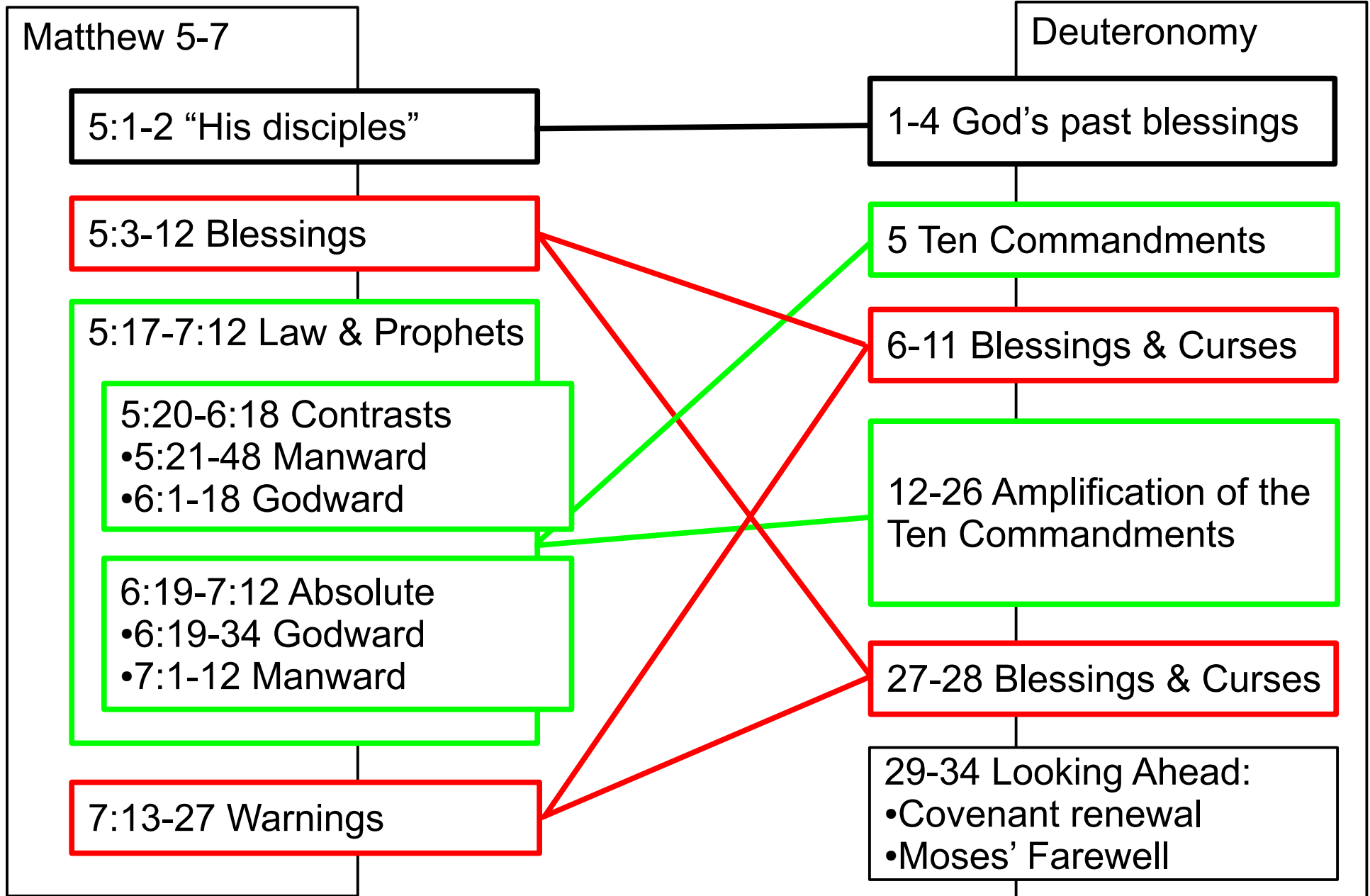
Setting: Chiastic Internal Inclusio

4:25-5:2		7:28-8:1
<p>4:25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and <i>from</i> Decapolis, and <i>from</i> Jerusalem, and <i>from</i> Judaea, and <i>from</i> beyond Jordan.</p>		<p>great multitudes followed him.</p>
<p>5:1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain:</p>		<p>8:1 When he was come down from the mountain,</p>
<p>and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,</p>		<p>28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: 29 For he taught them as <i>one</i> having authority, and not as the scribes.</p>

Matthew 5-7 and Deuteronomy

Chiasm, **BAB**

Alternation, **ABAB**



The Law and the Prophets

5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy **the law, or the prophets**: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. ...

7:12a **Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them:**

7:12b for **this** is the law and the prophets.

What is “this” in 7:12b?

- Is it 7:12a? Then what about 22:37?

22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt **love the Lord thy God** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt **love thy neighbour as thyself**. 40 On these **two commandments** hang all the law and the prophets.

- Better: everything between 5:20 and 7:12b

Manward	5:21-48	↓ ↑	7:1-12a
Godward	6:1-18		6:19-34

Echoes the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy 5

The Two Commandments in 5:20-6:18: Contrasts

5:20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

5:21-48

Manward

Contrast: “them of old time” (21, 33)

- 21-26, Murder and hate
- 27-30, Adultery and lust
- 31-32, Divorce
- 33-37, Oaths and commitments
- 38-42, Revenge
- 43-48, Love your enemies

6:1-18

Godward

Contrast: “the hypocrites” (2, 5, 16)

- 1-4, Sacrifice (giving alms)
- 5-15, Prayer
- 16-18, Fasting

The Two Commandments in 6:19-7:12a: Absolutes

<p style="text-align: center;">6:19-34 Godward</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7:1-12a Manward</p>
<p>19 Lay not up ... treasures upon earth ... 20 but ... in heaven, 21 for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.</p>	<p>1 Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged</p>
<p>22-23 care for the eye</p>	<p>3-5 care for the eye</p>
<p>24 cannot serve God and mammon</p>	<p>6 (do not neglect valid distinctions)</p>
<p>25 (God will care for your needs)</p>	<p>7-8 (God will care for your needs)</p>
<p>26-29 (supporting parables)</p>	<p>9-10 (supporting parables)</p>
<p>30 shall he not much more clothe you</p>	<p>11 how much more shall your Father ... give good things</p>
<p>31, 34 therefore take no thought 33 seek first the kingdom of God</p>	<p>12 therefore ... whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them</p>