

The Three Kingdom Messages of Jesus

*Scripture
Reading:*

**Matthew
4: 12-23**

REVIEW

Last week we established that Jesus was to be King of the Kingdom of the Heavens NOT the Kingdom of God

- Israel had to first enter the Kingdom of God for salvation before the Kingdom of the Heavens could be set up on the Earth

Jesus was well attested as the promised Davidic King of Israel

Jesus was crucified for being a king

In so doing, He became the Savior of the world

INTRODUCTION

- While Jesus conducted His three and 1/2-year ministry, He spoke three main messages concerning His Kingdom:
 - **Message #1:** the blessings and rigid rules of His earthly kingdom
 - **Message #2:** the character of the Kingdom during the King's absence (between His first and second comings to the Earth)
 - **Message #3:** the events leading up to His return (the Olivet Discourse)

The Sermon on the Mount: Blessings and Rigid Rules for His Kingdom (Matt 5-7)

Blessing (beatitudes) for those qualified to enter His coming earthly kingdom

- **Matt 5:1-12 - 8 blessings for the qualified**

Rigid Rules to live by in this earthly kingdom

- **Murder/hatred - Matt 5:21-22**
- **Adultery in action, adultery in mind - Matt 5:27-29**
- **Divorce causing adultery Matt 5:31-32**
- **Treatment of adversaries – Matt 5:38-48**

Israel rejected the Kingdom of the Heavens Jesus' terms

Jesus' Message on the Mystery Form of the Kingdom of the Heavens (Matt 13)

- Seven parables that explained the character of the Kingdom of the Heavens while the King was absent:
 - **#1 Parable of the four soils - vs 3-8**
 - The degrees of understanding the mystery form of the Kingdom of the Heavens
 - **#2 Parable of the wheat and tares - vs 24-30**
 - The Kingdom of the Heavens involves believers and unbelievers
 - **#3 Parable of the mustard seed - vs 31-32**
 - The size of true profession

Jesus' Message on the Mystery Form of the Kingdom of the Heavens (Matt 13) continued

- **#4 Parable of the leaven hid in 3 measures of meal - vs 33**
 - The doctrine of the Trinity perverted with error
- **#5 Parable of the hid treasure - vs 44**
 - Israel's redemption provided, but not yet applied
- **#6 Parable of the pearl of great price - vs 45-46**
 - Redemption provided AND applied to the Church, the Body of Christ
- **#7 Parable of the dragnet - vs 47-50**
 - Christ's separation of true believers and professing believers of the King's return

The Olivet Discourse: Events Leading up to the King's Return (Matt 24-25)

- **The beginning of sorrows - 24: 5-15**
- **Israel's flight to mountains - 24: 16-26**
 - Second half of the Tribulation - cf I 16:1-4 (Petra)
- **The King's return - 24:27-31**
 - The glory of His return and the regathering of Israel from among the nations
- **The judgment of believing and unbelieving Israel - 25:1-13, 14-30**
- **The judgment of believing and unbelieving gentiles - 25: 31-46**

CONCLUSION

- We have the knowledge and understanding of Jesus' Kingdom message
 - In order to know what WAS, and IS, and WILL COME TO PASS concerning the Kingdom of Heavens
 - In order to know where WE – the CHURCH – correctly fits in this Kingdom