

GOOD MORNING!

Mat. 8: The Manifestation of Messiah—Signs and Wonders

Matthew Part 2: Mat. 8:1-16:20—FULL ENLIGHTENMENT OF ISRAEL

- 1. 8:1-9:38—the Light blazes: numerous unmistakable and undeniable signs of the Kingdom**
- 2. 10:1-42: There are multitudes responding to the light but the it became evident that the sheep were scattered, and they had no shepherds—commissioning of the 12.**
- 3. 11:1-12:50: The increasingly negative response to the Light.**
- 4. 13:1-52: Begins to withdraw the Light: Kingdom Parables.**
- 5. 13:53-15:39: Winds down Galilean ministry and heads into the darkness of Judea and Jerusalem.**
- 6. 16:1-20: Teaches the 12 what will be required of them in resisting the apostate religious system.**

Matthew 8:1-12:50: Manifesting to Israel

- 1. Starting in Mat. 8, Matthew shows how Jesus manifested Himself to the Nation of Israel by providing signs and wonders to verify Himself and His message. (7:28-12:50)**
- 2. Signs and wonders were a provision in Israel's Prophetic Program for affirming the message of the one speaking (Ex. 4:6-9; 34:9-17; Mk. 16:20; Lk. 10:9, 16; Heb. 2:1-4)**
- 3. The doctrine of Jesus verified by signs and wonders was to enlighten the whole nation (Mat. 4:12-17; 5:14-15; 10:27).**
- 4. Casting out demons and healing are signs of the Kingdom (Lk. 10:9):**
 - a. Satan's rule must be removed from the nation.**
 - b. All those who are going to enter the Kingdom must be healed.**

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- 5. The leper is a special class of sign and wonder. It is not called a “healing” but a “cleansing” (Mat. 8:1-4).**
- 6. Cleansing of the leper is especially for the priests (Mat. 8:4):**
 - a. It was indicative of the state of the whole nation by the time of the 5th Course of Punishment (Is. 1:5-6 with 1:16).**
 - b. It was to remind the priests that the nation would need to go through cleansing before He could make them into a Kingdom of priests and a holy nation (Ex. 19:6; 1 Pet. 2:9-10).**
 - c. Cleansing of leper (Lev. 13:45-46, 14:1-20) is similar to cleansing of the priesthood Lev. 16:4-33) and the whole nation (Ezek. 36:22-38)**
 - d. Purpose of leprosy cleansing ritual**
- 7. It represents the state of the nation of Israel, and her need for Jehovah-ropheka to heal her, and HERE HE IS!**

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- 8. The priests should have investigated this cleansing of the leper and determined that he was not cleansed by ointments or other man-made remedies but by Jesus saying: I WILL**
 - a. They should have realized that Jesus is the LORD—Jehovah -ropheka, JEHOVAH WHO HEALS has arrived and is manifest in the flesh before them.**
 - b. They should have run out and looked for Him so that they could worship and praise Him.**
 - c. They should have proclaimed Him to the whole nation and brought the whole nation into Israel's cleansing program.**

- 9. But instead they were silent now, rejecting Jesus' witness in unbelief, and not long after they will progress to rejecting Him completely, plotting His destruction and death (Mat. 12:14).**