

**GOOD MORNING!**

**Mat. 8:1-17**

**Prophetic Signs of the Kingdom:**

**A Journey With Jesus**

# **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 that they might believe (Ex. 4:1-9).**
  - a. The stick and the serpent—Gen. 3:15; Num. 21:5-9; Jn 3:14-15.**
  - b. Only God can cleanse leprosy, the leprosy of sin that comes from rebelling against God and Moses. Num. 12:1-15.**
  - c. Rejecting these signs means seeing the sign of turning the water to blood in judgment—Ex. 7:17; Acts. 2:19-20; Rev. 16:4-6**

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## 3. The first 3 miracles in Mat. 8 and their primary audiences:

### 1. Cleansing of leprosy (8:1-4):

- a. For the Priest.
- b. By direct touch and His Word.
- c. Should have led to faith in the priesthood and cleansing of the Israel's cleansing program, beginning with the water baptism of John.
- d. Needed in accord with the Davidic Covenant.

### 2. Healing of the Gentile Centurion's servant (8:5-13; Lk. 7:1-10):

- a. For His followers.
- b. From a distance by His Word.
- c. Demonstrated the great faith Israel should have had but lacked.
- d. Needed for the nation to be a blessing to the Gentiles in accord with the Abrahamic Covenant.

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## **3. Healing of Peter's Mother-In-Law (Mat. 8:14-15):**

- a. For the leaders of the 12, especially Peter.**
- b. By direct touch WITHOUT His Word.**
- c. Picturing the restoration of Israel to service from under the Curses of the Law in the Kingdom under the rulership of the 12.**
- d. Needed in accord with the New Covenant.**

**4. In this short journey, Jesus through signs of the Kingdom lays out what needs to be done for the fulfillment of God's Prophetic Program with Israel.**

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- 5. General signs of the Kingdom:**
  - a. Casting out devils and unclean spirits—Ex. 34:10-17; Zech. 13:1-2; 2 Kgs. 23:24.**
  - b. Healing of the sick—Is. 33:15-24.**
  
- 6. Yet for all of this, they would not hearken and believe Jesus and His Word.**
  - a. Therefore, they would not enter the Kingdom and feast with Abraham but would be excluded from the Kingdom and thrown into utter darkness (Mat. 8:11-12; 3:7-12).**
  - b. Israel's life source is Millennial Life in the Kingdom which has the character of eternal life (Mat. 19:16-26).**