

Jesus And The Sabbath
Mat. 12 (Pt. 3)

GOOD MORNING

1. In Mat. 11-12, the VRS's wickedness is shown in going from being an unresponsive generation (11:16) to being a generation of cursed, unclean vipers (12:34), to being an evil and adulterous generation (12:39) to being a wicked generation (12:45) worthy of Judgment.
2. In Mat. 11-12, Jesus' Greatness is shown: One greater than David, greater than the priesthood, greater than the Temple, greater than Jonah, greater than Solomon! The Son of David, the Priest after the order of Melchizedek, the Lord of the Sabbath, the One to whom all God's things belong, the One who works through the Holy Spirit, the One who is stronger than the Strong man (Satan).
--AND HE IS HERE!

3. Mat. 12:1-8: The Bankruptcy of the VRS.
4. Mat. 12:9-14: The Hypocrisy of the VRS.
5. Mat. 12:15-21: In accord with Is. 42:1-4, Jesus is not going to forcefully counteract the VRS at that time, which will lead to the Cross.
6. Mat. 12:22-30: Jesus demonstrates that it is not He who is a servant of Satan but the VRS who is the servant of Satan.
--Jesus is beginning to bind the strong man that held the nation of Israel captive.

7. Mat. 12:31-32: Their only and final hope after this rejection of Christ would be the future ministry of God the Holy Spirit (exp., in early Acts).

--Blaspheming against the Spirit would not be forgiven.

8. Mat. 12:33-37: Jesus sends them back to the words of John the Baptist in Mat. 3 so that they would be ready when the Spirit confronted them with their rejection of Christ in early Acts.

9. Mat. 12:38-42: In demanding another sign, the VRS continued in their negative response from dishonest hearts and are progressing from being an unresponsive generation to an unclean generation of vipers to an adulterous generation, who have left a relationship with God and are now in a relationship with Satan and his plan of evil (Mat. 12:30).
 - a. They were engaged in spiritual adultery. (Jer. 3:6-9; Book of Hosea)
 - b. Jesus will give them no more signs but point them to the sign they must not miss: The sign of Jonah, His death, burial and resurrection. They must respond like the Ninevites—believe and repent (Jonah 3:5).

10. Mat. 12:43-45: Jesus was beginning to dismantle Satan's Kingdom, and the unclean spirits were leaving the people, the land and the nation. If the nation of Israel didn't respond and receive Him, He would go away and Satan and his devils would return to a far greater degree than before.

--This will happen after His death and resurrection, esp. during the Tribulation Period.

11. Mat. 12:46-50: Despite the general negative reaction of the apostate generation, there was a generation of the Lord—the believing remnant.

a. This is the spiritual family of His generation.

b. Those who “do” the will of the Father: Believe the Gospel of the Kingdom, receive Him (Jn. 6:29).

12. Psalm 22

- a. Ps. 22:1-21: Jesus acts as Israel's Kinsman-Redeemer and Redemption has been accomplished.
- b. Ps. 22:22-29: All power to carry out the remainder of the Davidic Covenant is given Him (Mat. 28:18).
- c. Ps. 22:30-31: After the resurrection and entrance into the Kingdom, a seed shall serve the King, Jesus looks all the way back to the generation in Mat. 12, Peter and the 12 and other disciples, who served Him, were His eyewitnesses, the ones the Lord accounts here for a generation, His family.