

# “The Promise Fulfilled”

The Gospel According to

# MATTHEW

“This is Jesus, the King of the Jews”

Matthew 27:37

## PERSPECTIVE

- Matthew is a **JEW** writing to **JEWS** about a **JEW**.
- He is not the first to write **chronologically**, but he is the first **canonically**.

## STRUCTURE

- The Gospel of Matthew [as with all Books of the Bible] is a carefully and intentionally crafted literary work.
- It is not random or stream of consciousness writing. There is logic, intent, purpose, and significance to the Gospel.



Matthew / King



Mark / Servant



Luke / Man



John / God

## FOCUS

- It is because of **Matthew’s Evidence** that we conclude Jesus is the fulfillment of all OT promises, prophecies, and pictures.

## “FULLFILLED”

- What does it *mean* to be **KING** in Israel?



## EVIDENCE

- His Structure
- His Usage of “Kingship” Language
- His Usage of the OT
- His Imagery

# 1 – STRUCTURE

- **The King's Identity Established (1-7)**
  - The Sermon on the Mount – pt. 1 - “And when Jesus finished” (7:28 / sunteleo)
- **The King's Authority Displayed (8-10)**
  - The Sermon on the Mission - “When Jesus had finished” (11:1 / teleo)
- **The King's Enemies Confronted (11-13)**
  - The Sermon on the Mystery - “And when Jesus had finished” (13:53 / teleo)
- **The King's Strategy Declared (14-18)**
  - The Sermon on the Ministry - “Now when Jesus had finished” (19:1 / teleo)
- **The King's Prophecy Stated (19-25)**
  - The Sermon on the Mount- pt. 2 – “Now when Jesus had finished” (26:1 / teleo)
- **The King's Victory Accomplished (26-28)**
  - “It is FINISHED” (John 19:30 / teleo)

# 2 – KINGSHIP

- Mt 1:6 And Jesse begat **David the king; and David the king begat . . .**
- Mt 2:2 Saying, **Where is he that is born King of the Jews?**
- Mt 3:2 And saying, **Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.** [Cf. 4:17]
- Mt 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**
- Mt 4:23 ¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and **preaching the gospel of the kingdom,** . . .
- Mt 12:25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, **Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation;** . . .
- Mt 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know **the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven,** but to them it is not given.
- Mt 21:5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, **Behold, thy King cometh unto thee,** . . .
- Mt 25:34 **Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come,** . . .
- Mt 27:11, 29, 37, 42 ¶ And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, **Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.**
- Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, **"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

### 3 – OLD TESTAMENT QUOTES

- It contains over sixty five references to the Old Testament, forty-three of these being direct verbal citations, used to prove the deity of Jesus thus greatly outnumbering those found in the other Gospels.
- The NT writer read the OT Text / Story as pointing to Jesus.
- They read their Bibles as a Single *Story* with Jesus at the Center.

### 4 – IMAGERY

- Jesus is seen as the fulfillment of all OT promises, prophecies, and pictures.
- He is the substance of every shadow. He eclipses all secondary characters.
- Everything else is simply a means to this end.

| MATTHEW                                | OT                |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Jesus is the NEW ISRAEL [1-4]          | Genesis<br>Exodus |
| Jesus is the NEW LAW GIVER [5-7]       | Mt. Sinai         |
| There is a NEW MISSION / CONQUEST [10] | Numbers<br>Joshua |
| There is a NEW WISDOM [13]             | Wisdom Lit.       |
| There is a NEW PEOPLE [18]             | The Church        |
| Jesus is the NEW PROPHET [22, 23]      | The Prophets      |
| There is a NEW CAPTIVITY [24, 25]      | Babylon           |
| Jesus is the NEW DELIVERER [26-28]     | Moses / Nehemiah  |
| Jesus is the NEW KING [28:18-20]       | Samuel / Kings    |

