

Initial Kingdom concepts

Complex concept: not singular
 Past: Ex. 19:6 kingdom of priests
 Present: Lk. 17:21 kingdom in your midst
 Future: reign of Christ: lion/lamb Isa. 11:6
 Already but Not Yet (Ladd/Mathewson)
 Here: Isa. 2:2-4; 9:6-7; 11:6-9
 There: my kingdom not of this world Jn 18:36

Matthew's Story: Take on Time

How does Matthew use time? Use of OT quotes 40x.

In what sense is the OT "fulfilled"?

Mt 1:23	virgin birth	Isa 7:14
Mt 2:6	Bethlehem	Mic 5:2
Mt 2:15	Egypt flight	Hos 11:1(?)
Mt 2:18	Rachel weeping	Gn 35:19, Jer 31:15
Mt. 27:8ff	Judas' wages	Zech 11:12f
Mt 27:8f	Purchase of field	Jer. 32:6-9
Mt. 27:35	Soldiers cast lots	Ps. 22:18
Eloi, Eloi lama – Ps. 22 (Mat 27:46)		

Significance: Church and Israel connection

Matthew's Story Present: 5 Discourses [New Moses]

Mt 5-7 Sermon on the Mount
 Mt 10 Commissioning of 12
 Mt 13 Parables of the Kingdom
 Mt 18 on humility and forgiveness
 Mt 23, 24-25 Pharisees, Olivet Discourse

Matthew's Story Future:

Parables of the kingdom –how it will grow
 Wicked tenants--killing the son stealing inheritance—conflict (Mat 21)

Church: only Gospel to use ekklesia Mt 16:18; 18:17

10 bridesmaids—when the bridegroom comes—be ready; sheep/goats judgment

Matthew's Future: Olivet Discourse

Not one stone will be left on another 24:2 –critics
vaticinium post eventum, date late after 70 AD

For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect...24:24

Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death...24:9

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the whole world...then the end will come.
When you see the abomination of desolation 24:14—Antiochus Euphron

No one knows the day or hour not even the Son 24:36

Two in field one taken the other left behind 24:40

Problem: This generation will not pass (Mt. 24:34) ??