

Matthew: Hebrew

Language: gematria 14= DVD (Mt. 1), Eloi, behold (60x)

Use of OT: prophecy/fulfillment: virgin birth, Bethlehem, Egypt

Law: Mat 5:17 not destroy law/fulfill it, temptation of X

Exclusive Jewish Mission—sends 12, Canaanite woman

Jewish customs not explained

Mt 15:2; cf. Mk 7:3,

DSS aware? Mt 5:43 not = OT; = Manual of Discipline

Knowledge of Sadducees—whose wife will she be

Kingdom of heaven, contra kingdom of God Mt 3:11//Mk 4:11

“Israel” 6 times unique to Mat.; only Mt = temple tax (Mt 17)

Jewish rumor—Mat. 28:11ff—sect of Judaism, atheism, cannibals, incest

Sorcerer accusation—Mat. 12:24=rabbinic writings

Matthew’s Story: Extensive

Foreigners in Christ’s genealogy:

Tamar, Rahab, Uriah’s wife, Ruth, --wisemen

Why? Fulfillment of Abrahamic covenant

Universal mission: Mt. 28:19f

Rejection of Israel:

Centurion’s servant: Mat 8:12ff Jesus amazed

Woe to Chorazin: Mat. 11:20f

Wicked Tenants: Mat 21:43—on hyperbole

Sit on 12 thrones judging Israel: two communities continuity (Mat. 19:28)

Matthew’s Story—witness

Witness: Magi, sends 12,

Lament for Jerusalem Mat 23:37f

Spread of the gospel before the end (Mat. 24:14) – completion of Abrahamic covenant

Great Commission: Mat. 28:19f: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them

Matthew Story—style

Fondness for repetition

Truly I say to you (formulas),

You have heard it said, but I say...

Blessed are the ...

Parallelism: heaven/earth; law/prophets, scribes/Pharisees

5 Discourses—Sermon Mount, Olivet Disc.

OT quotes – 40x

Vocabulary

Kingdom of Heaven

Interpretation: Hermeneutics

All—hyperbole 3:5 (all not always = all);

Universalizing/Absolutizing:

e.g. gouge out eye (5:29f);

anger=murder; Jesus angry (Mk 3:5);

fool (Mat 5:22); not = Mt 23:17; Gal 3:1

Don't vow 5:33ff; Eccles 5; Nazirite vow?

Turn the other cheek (Mt 5:39) abusive husband, child slaps parent...

3. Question—On Judging

What does Mt. 7:1 “Do not judge, or you too will be judged” mean?

Doesn't Jesus call us to make a judgment in 7:6: don't cast your pearls to the pigs?

Doesn't 7:15 warning against false prophets call us to make evaluations?

Isn't the point in 7:1-5 hypocrisy not an absolute rejection of any kind of judgment

Mat. 18:17: church discipline

1 Cor. 5:1-12 Paul tells them they must judge this guy who is a sinner inside the church.

1 Cor. 5:9f: I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people ...who are in the church...

Rom. 12:9: Hate what is evil, cling to what is good

God's Faithfulness: