

# Matthew Survey — Section Two

## Complete Overview — All Topics & Content

Matthew 8:1 – 16:20 · Lessons 1–42

### Introduction · Lessons 1–2

Matthew 8:1 – 16:20 (Overview of Section Two)

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#### The Enlightenment of Israel — What Section Two Is About

Lessons 1–2 · Matt 8:1–16:20

- Section Two records the full enlightenment of Israel: the nation thoroughly lit up by the gospel of the kingdom and the confirming signs, rendered fully accountable before God
- Begins in Galilee of the Gentiles (Matt 4:12–16); spreads until no dark corner remains in the land
- Ends with the Lord rebuking Israel as a wicked and adulterous generation (16:1–4) and charging the twelve to declare him no longer (16:20)

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#### The Six-Part Cadence — Structural Outline (A–F)

Lesson 1 · Matt 8:1–16:20

- A precise three-cycle structure: two chapters of historical record + one chapter of doctrinal response, repeated three times

##### The three cycles

- A (Matt 8–9) Historical Record #1 · B (Matt 10) Doctrinal Response #1
- C (Matt 11–12) Historical Record #2 · D (Matt 13) Doctrinal Response #2
- E (Matt 13:53–15) Historical Record #3 · F (Matt 16) Doctrinal Response #3

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#### Survey Focus — Where Teaching Time Is Concentrated

Lesson 1 · Matt 10, 13, 16

- Survey emphasis falls on the three doctrinal response chapters (Matt 10, 13, 16), not on historical record chapters
- Historical record chapters receive one to two lessons; doctrinal chapters receive the bulk of exposition

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#### The Accountability Factor — Signs Render Israel Without Excuse

Lessons 1–2 · Matt 10:11–15; 11:20–24; Exod 34:10

- Foundation: Exodus 34:10 — God covenanted to do marvels among Israel; signs are expected and binding
- The principle of two or three witnesses: the spoken word + the confirming voice of the signs = complete, accountable testimony (Exod 4:6–9)
- Matt 10:14–15 (dust shaken off) and Matt 11:20–24 (woes upon Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum) show the accountability factor in full operation

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**Confirmation by Signs — What God Means by Confirmation***Lesson 2 · Mark 16:19–20; Heb 2:1–4; Heb 6:13–18*

- Mark 16:20 — 'confirming the word with signs following'; Hebrews 6:13–18 — confirmation ends all strife and doubt
- When God confirms something, it obligates the hearer; confirmed testimony cannot be dismissed without full accountability

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**The Significance of Geography — Tracking the Spread of the Light***Lesson 2 · Matt 4:12–16; 9:26, 31, 35*

- Geographical references track the saturation of the enlightenment zone by zone across all Israel
- Cumulative statements (9:26, 31, 35) testify that no area was left in darkness; the Pharisees from Jerusalem arriving in Galilee proves even the capital was impacted

**Historical Record #1 · Lessons 3–12***Matthew 8:1 – 9:38*

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**Three Special Miracles — Pointed Impact on Israel's Three Categories***Lessons 3–5 · Matt 8:1–17***Three categories in Israel addressed by three specially selected miracles**

- Miracle 1 — Leper (vv. 2–4): testimony to Israel's apostate priestly leadership (Lev 14 / Ezek 36)
- Miracle 2 — Centurion's servant (vv. 5–13): great faith modeled for the believing remnant
- Miracle 3 — Peter's mother-in-law (vv. 14–15): directed at the twelve themselves
- Matt 8:17 fulfills the first half of Isaiah 53:4; the second half — 'yet we did esteem him stricken' — is now about to become the dominant historical issue

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**Three Encounters with Jesus's Divine Authority***Lessons 6–8 · Matt 8:18–34***Three edification encounters for the disciples**

- Encounter 1 (vv. 18–22): Jesus as Master and Lord — the cost of discipleship, bearing rejection
- Encounter 2 (vv. 23–27): Jesus as Lord God of Hosts — the tempest calmed (Ps 89:9)
- Encounter 3 (vv. 28–34): Jesus as Son of the Most High — the Gergesene demoniacs; strong man spoiled

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**Three Confrontations with Negative Responders***Lessons 8–11 · Matt 9:1–17***Three categories of negative responders corrected**

- Confrontation 1 — Scribes (vv. 1–8): failure to understand the doctrine of the Son of man (Ps 110:1)
- Confrontation 2 — Pharisees (vv. 9–13): doctrine of natural righteousness corrected by Hosea 6:6
- Confrontation 3 — John's disciples (vv. 14–17): failure to make the required transition from John to the Lord

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**Three More Special Miracles — The Fame of the Lord Covers All Galilee***Lesson 11 · Matt 9:18–35*

- Three more miracles — each ending with fame going 'abroad into all that land' — confirm the accountability factor is fully in effect throughout the entire Galilean area
- V. 35 summary: Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching, preaching, healing every sickness — the land is completely bathed in light

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**The Harvest and the Laborers — Preparing the Next Phase***Lessons 11–12 · Matt 9:36–38*

- The multitudes 'fainted and scattered as sheep having no shepherd' — indictment of the apostate leadership (Ezek 34); the harvest forced division is about to begin (Matt 3:12)
- Two needs drive the next phase: intensification of testimony to force wheat/chaff division, and multiplication of laborer-teachers — provided by the commissioning in Matthew 10

**Doctrinal Response #1 · Lessons 12–19***Matthew 10:1 – 42*

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**Empowering, Commissioning, and Immediate Intensification***Lessons 12–15 · Matt 10:1–15*

- The twelve are empowered with both hallmark signs and sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel — a present dispensational boundary within Israel's program
- Provisions for travel, a worthy-house base, and the shaking-off of dust (accountability declaration) equip them for the immediate intensification throughout Galilee

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**Basic Edification — The Twelve's Role Throughout the Climactic Stage***Lessons 16–17 · Matt 10:16–23*

- 'Sheep in the midst of wolves' — describes not only the immediate phase but the twelve's entire role through the fifth installment

**Two phases of intensifying tribulation**

- Vv. 17–20: first 3.5 years — councils, scourging, governors; Spirit of the Father speaks through them
- Vv. 21–23: last 3.5 years — extreme family division fulfilling Micah 7:5–7; enduring to the end = physical salvation (Davidic covenant)

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**Particular Edification — What to Expect from the VRS and How to Respond***Lesson 18 · Matt 10:24–33*

- The same treatment given to the Master will be directed at the twelve — escalating from intimidation to death threats as the installments progress

**Two-stage response doctrine**

- Temperate phase (vv. 26–27): do not be silenced — speak in the light what the Lord says in the ear
- Escalated phase (v. 28): fear not those who kill the body; fear him who destroys both soul and body in hell

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**The Sword, Not Peace — Extreme Severity of the Fifth Installment***Lesson 18 · Matt 10:34–39*

- The Lord's first coming does not bring the peace of Luke 2:14 — that awaits the second coming as Prince of Peace
- The sword divides all the way down to the family unit (Mic 7:5–7): even households split between remnant and apostate element
- Taking up one's cross — willingness to go to death — is required for kingdom worthiness (Heb 10–12; Rev 2–3)

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**Positive Responders and Their Rewards — Encouraging Edification***Lesson 19 · Matt 10:40–42*

- Three tiers of positive response (receiving a prophet / a righteous man / giving a cup of cold water) each carry their own reward — no response is too small to be acknowledged
- This reward doctrine provides the 'it will be worth it all' understanding that produces endurance under extreme conditions in the fifth installment

**Historical Record #2 · Lessons 20–28***Matthew 11:1 – 12:50*

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**John's Question and the Pharisaical Counter Doctrine***Lessons 20–21 · Matt 11:1–6*

- John asks 'Art thou he that should come?' — influenced by the VRS mishandling of Mal 3:1 and 4:5–6 to deny the kingdom is at hand
- The Lord's reply points back to the hallmark signs (Isa 35): 'Blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me'

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**Reproving This Generation — John's Identity and the Prevailing Negative Response***Lessons 20–22 · Matt 11:7–19*

- The Lord exposes the VRS misuse of Malachi: Mal 3:1 and 4:5–6 address different prophets; John is the Mal 3:1 forerunner
- 'The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence' (v. 12) — the prevailing negative response of the religious leadership is the violence; it will intensify
- This generation refuses both the mourning call (John) and the dancing call (the Lord) — a prevailing refusal on both ends (Prov 1:20–23)

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**The Fifth Installment Curse — Upbraiding the Bastions of Resistance***Lesson 22 · Matt 11:20–24*

- Only after abundant testimony, the intensification of the twelve, and the established prevailing negative response does the accountability enforcement begin
- Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum — the strongholds of apostasy where most mighty works were done — cursed: 'more tolerable for Sodom in the day of judgment'

**P4****The Critical Juncture — Isaiah 28–29 Fulfilled***Lessons 22–23 · Matt 11:25–27*

- 'At that time' — a decisive moment: the Father has acted on Isaiah 28–29, hiding these things from the wise and prudent (scribes and Pharisees) and revealing them to the babes (the remnant)
- The wise and prudent are now sealed in their blindness; the Lord is declared the sole repository of truth in Israel — the basis for the frontal assault of chapter 12

**P5****The Invitation to Rest — Opening Move of the Frontal Assault***Lessons 23–24 · Matt 11:28–30*

- 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden' — directed to those still entangled in the burdensome yoke of the VRS; the Lord as the only repository of truth calls them out
- The rest offered is rooted in the Sabbath doctrine and Isaiah 28's rest the scornful men had refused

**P6****The Frontal Assault Begins — Exposing Hypocrisy and Scriptural Dishonesty***Lessons 24–26 · Matt 12:1–21*

- The Lord provokes Sabbath situations to expose the Pharisees' ignorance (shewbread, Sabbath-rescuing of sheep) and dishonesty of heart (refusing Hosea 6:6 a second time)
- 'In this place is one greater than the temple' — the VRS does not recognize God's Jehovahness standing in their midst
- Matt 12:14 — the Pharisees hold a council to destroy him: the frontal assault produces murderous intent; the twelve must comprehend this depth of apostasy for the fifth installment

**P7****The Beelzebub Counter Doctrine Exposed — Satan's Own Men Identified***Lessons 26–27 · Matt 12:22–37*

- The Pharisees counter the healing of a blind/dumb demoniac with: 'He casteth out devils by Beelzebub' — the Lord exposes this as internally incoherent (a kingdom divided against itself)
- 'O generation of vipers' — a doctrinal identification: they are not the holy seed of Abraham but children of the wicked one; every idle word will be accounted for in the day of judgment

**P8****The Sign of Jonas — Evil and Adulterous Generation***Lesson 27 · Matt 12:38–45*

- At this late stage, seeking a sign demonstrates dishonesty of heart; the Lord escalates: 'evil and adulterous generation' — those cohabitating with Satan
- The only sign given: the prophet Jonas (death, burial, resurrection — three days and three nights)
- The parable of the unclean spirit returning with seven worse (vv. 43–45): a prophetic declaration of the fifth installment — the final condition of this wicked generation is far worse than its beginning

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## The New Family Defined — The Believing Remnant as the Lord's Own Generation

Lesson 28 · Matt 12:46–50

- 'Whosoever shall do the will of my Father...the same is my brother, and sister, and mother' — the remnant is given their own generation designation, distinct from the generation of vipers and the evil and adulterous generation
- Identified in Psalm 22 as the Lord's own generation — the Israel of God; Historical Record #2 closes on this positive counterpoint

## Doctrinal Response #2 · Lessons 29–36

Matthew 13:1 – 52

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### Setting and Purpose — The Shift to Parables

Lessons 29–30 · Matt 13:1–3

- The mysteries of the kingdom of heaven: formerly undisclosed details about the climactic stage, not revealed in law, Psalms, or prophets — mysteries of the kingdom, not of the Body of Christ
- Parables seal the multitudes in their chosen ignorance (biblical sign of displeasure — Job 26–31; Num 22–24); the twelve receive private exposition for their edification and future ministry

#### Seven parables in doctrinal sequence

- Parables 1–2: entire climactic stage · Parables 3–4: full fifth installment
- Parables 5–6: last 3.5 years · Parable 7: the end of the world

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### Parable #1 — The Sower

Lessons 30–31 · Matt 13:3–23

- Formerly undisclosed: within the overall believing remnant, only a small faithful remnant endures to the end and is rewarded

#### Four categories of hearers

- Wayside (unbelievers) — devil takes the word lest they should believe (Luke 8:12)
- Rocky / thorny ground (believers who cave under pressure) — remnant but not rewarded with rulership
- Good ground — the small faithful remnant within the remnant; rewarded with positions in the kingdom

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### Parable #2 — The Wheat and the Tares

Lessons 31–32 · Matt 13:24–30, 36–43

- Formerly undisclosed: Satan plants counterfeits (tares, children of the wicked one) among the wheat (children of the kingdom) throughout the entire climactic stage
- The distinction must be made doctrinally, not by signs (tares also produce signs — Mark 13); 1–3 John are dedicated to giving the remnant this capacity (1 John 3:10)

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### Parable #3 — The Mustard Seed

Lessons 32–33 · Matt 13:31–32

- Covers the full fifth installment — couplet with Parable #4
- Formerly undisclosed: the remnant scattered in the world (the field) starts very small but grows in influence among the Gentile nations; better Gentile response than overall Israel response

**P5****Parable #4 — The Leaven***Lesson 33 · Matt 13:33*

- Formerly undisclosed: the remnant remaining in the land of Israel permeates with influence until the mid-point of the fifth installment, when the abomination of desolation forces flight (Matt 24:15–21)
- Couplet with Parable #3 — same time period (full fifth installment): Parable 3 = remnant in the world; Parable 4 = remnant in the land

**P6****Parable #5 — The Treasure Hid in a Field***Lessons 34–35 · Matt 13:44*

- Covers the last 3.5 years — couplet with Parable #6
- Formerly undisclosed: the Lord himself sells all that he has — hands dominion of the world to the adversary; the treasure is the believing remnant (God's jewels, Mal 3:16–4:3)
- The master stroke of divine strategy: yielded dominion corrupts and ultimately destroys the adversary from within (Ezek 28); this doctrine produces patience in the remnant during the adversary's apparent height of power

**P7****Parable #6 — The Pearl of Great Price***Lessons 35–36 · Matt 13:45–46*

- Formerly undisclosed: a specific portion of the remnant located in the land of the merchant men (Keith identifies as Babylon — Satan's re-established earthly capital) during the last 3.5 years
- Ending identical to Parable #5 — same fundamental truth of the Lord's action, addressed to a different portion of the remnant in a specific location

**P8****Parable #7 — The Net Cast into the Sea***Lesson 36 · Matt 13:47–50*

- Stands alone — no couplet partner; addresses the very end of the world (v. 49), just before the kingdom is established
- Formerly undisclosed: at the end of the world, angels immediately judge all impacted by the gospel of the kingdom — wicked cast into the furnace of fire, just gathered into vessels; this judgment precedes the Great White Throne

**Historical Record #3 · Lessons 36–40***Matthew 13:53 – 15:39***P1****The Apostles as Scribes of the Kingdom***Lesson 36 · Matt 13:47–52*

- The Lord likens the apostles to a householder bringing out of his treasure things new and old — scribes instructed in the kingdom of heaven
- The Spirit of truth will guide them into all truth (John 14–16), equipping them to amplify the mysteries in Hebrews through Revelation

**P2****Rejection at Nazareth — The Nation's Response Confirmed***Lesson 36 · Matt 13:53–58*

- The people of Nazareth are astonished at his wisdom but immediately offended — operating on Pharisaical counter doctrine rather than searching the scriptures
- 'A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country' — this local scene is a microcosm of the nation's overall response; the second half of Isaiah 53:4 now visibly underway

**P3****Introduction to Matt 14–15 — The Shape of Rejection Preparations***Lessons 36–37 · Matt 14:1 – 15:39*

- Chapters 14–15 are not merely continuation of ministry events — they are specific rejection preparations positioning the two parties of Psalm 2
- Two distinct edification threads are also interwoven: miraculous provisions and demonstrations of authority preparing the disciples for the fifth installment
- The Lord shifts pattern: entering cities becomes the exception; desert places and coasts become the norm — foreshadowing the remnant's situation in the fifth installment

**P4****Psalm 2 and the Two Main Parties in the Rejection of Christ***Lesson 37 · Ps 2:1–3; Acts 4:23–28*

- Ps 2:1–3 prophesies two parties: heathen (Gentile authority) and the people (Israel's rulers) — 'kings of the earth...rulers take counsel together against the Lord and his anointed'
- Peter confirms in Acts 4: 'of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, both Herod and Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together'
- Chapters 14 and 15 each record the triggering event for one party: Herod (chapter 14) and the Pharisees from Jerusalem (chapter 15)

**P5****Herod and the Murder of John — The Signal to Wind Down***Lessons 37–38 · Matt 14:1–13*

- Just as John's imprisonment signaled the commencement of public ministry (Matt 4:12), John's murder signals the rejection proceedings of Psalm 2 are formally underway
- 'When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place' — deliberate response of one who knows both parties of Psalm 2 are now in motion; public ministry begins winding down

**P6****Feeding of the Five Thousand — Provision Foretaste for the Remnant***Lesson 38 · Matt 14:13–21*

- A specially designed sign for the disciples' edification: 'give us this day our daily bread' enacted literally in a desert place — living enactment of Matt 6:11
- Isaiah 33:16; 48:20–21; 49:8–10 all describe miraculous provision for the remnant in wilderness hiding; this feeding is a foretaste of that fifth-installment reality
- Twelve baskets of surplus remain — God's provision in the wilderness exceeds the need

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### Walking on Water — Authority Over Catastrophic Phenomena

Lessons 38–39 · Matt 14:22–33

- A deliberate repetition of the storm event in Matt 8 — the disciples still lack the faith needed; Peter walks briefly then sinks: 'O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?'
- Purpose: the fifth installment brings unprecedented catastrophic events (Luke 21:25–26); the disciples must know Christ has sovereign authority over the created order and the elements of Satan's policy of evil

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### Healing at Gennesaret — Signs of the Kingdom Continue

Lesson 39 · Matt 14:34–36

- In the land of Gennesaret, people sent through the whole country bringing all who were diseased; all who touched even the hem of his garment were made perfectly whole
- Pattern now established: the Lord in wilderness / country areas; people coming out to him — foreshadowing remnant ministry structure in the fifth installment

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### Pharisees from Jerusalem — Tradition vs. Commandment of God

Lessons 39–40 · Matt 15:1–20

- Jerusalem's leadership arrives on the offensive; their pet doctrine — the tradition of the elders — is exposed as making the commandment of God of none effect (the Corban example: withholding provision from aging parents)
- The Lord quotes Isaiah 29:13: 'their heart is far from me...teaching for doctrines the commandments of men' — declares it fulfilled in them
- This offense is the seed that germinates into murderous hatred; from here the Pharisees from Jerusalem are bent on eliminating Christ (John 15:22–25)

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### The Woman of Canaan — Great Faith and Program Understanding

Lesson 40 · Matt 15:21–28

- 'I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel' — Israel's program unambiguous; used to establish right division

#### Great faith: two necessary components

- (1) Full understanding of God's character and authority — who he is
- (2) Correct understanding of the current program and her position within it
- 'O woman, great is thy faith' — a rebuke to the disciples who had been educated far more and still lacked what this Gentile woman displayed

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### Feeding of the Four Thousand — Provision Repeated and Confirmed

Lesson 40 · Matt 15:29–39

- A deliberate second witness to the miraculous provision theme — reinforcing what the disciples failed to grasp at the first feeding; when the Spirit recalls it in the fifth installment, there can be no doubt
- The two feedings together establish unshakeable assurance that 'give us this day our daily bread' will be literally answered in desert places during the time of greatest need

## Doctrinal Response #3 · Lessons 41–42

Matthew 16:1 – 20

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### The Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees — Three-Phase Antichrist Doctrine

Lesson 41 · Matt 16:1–12

- Pharisees and Sadducees — normally opposing parties — unite to tempt the Lord, demonstrating that rejection proceedings are advanced enough to join natural enemies
- 'He left them, and departed' (v. 4) — the Lord formally dismisses Israel's religious leadership; legal space is made for the crucifixion to be forgiven as legal ignorance (Luke 23:34; Acts 3:17)

#### Three phases of the antichrist doctrine (the leaven)

- Phase 1: Matt 16 to the cross — doctrine results in the nation rejecting and killing the Christ
- Phase 2: Acts — doctrine intensified; nation rejects Holy Ghost testimony during extension of mercy
- Phase 3: resumption of Israel's program — doctrine so corrupts the nation that they accept the man of sin as Christ (John 5:43)

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### Peter's Confession and the Close of Public Ministry

Lesson 42 · Matt 16:13–20

- 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God' — Peter arrived at this confession by dealing with the Father's written testimony (not supernatural 'zapping'); 'flesh and blood hath not revealed it' = the written word of the Father, not human opinion

#### The Rock and the Remnant Church

- The rock is the revelation itself — that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ — not Peter personally
- 'My church' = the remnant church (true Israel of God), not the church the Body of Christ
- 'Gates of hell shall not prevail' — withstands all three phases of the antichrist doctrine
- V. 20: 'Tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ' — public ministry formally closed; Section Two ends and Section Three begins immediately (v. 21)