

Bible Training Institute

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

A scroll of aged, yellowed parchment with a dark red background. The scroll is unrolled, showing a central area with the word "Matthew" written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The parchment has a slightly textured appearance with some faint, darker spots. The scroll is rolled up at the top and bottom edges, with the top edge showing a small portion of the inner roll.

Matthew

Introduction

- Title: “According to Matthew”
- Author: Matthew
- Audience: primarily Jewish
- Date: AD 40-50—first gospel written

Historical/Theological Themes

- God
 - The Father (43x)
 - The Son (230x)
 - The Spirit (12x)
- The Kingdom
 - Kingdom of Heaven (32x); ...of God (4x); King (8x)
- Old Testament
 - “Be fulfilled”-- “written”—Scriptures—Law

Historical/Theological Themes

- Teaching of Jesus
 - 5 blocks of Jesus' teaching
- Discipleship (73x)
- Righteousness (26x)
- Jewish Leaders and People
- Gentiles (favorable light)
- The Church (Matt 16, 18)
- End times – “wrath to come” – “judgment to come” – “age to come”

Historical/Theological Themes

- Miracles of Jesus—why?
 - Confirmation of Messiah
 - Credibility to Jesus' words
 - Preview of kingdom

Purpose

Jesus was/is the promised Messiah and Israel's King who will establish the Kingdom in the future despite Israel's past rejection of Him.

Matthew 21:5 "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.' "

Literary Structure

A Birth of the King (1:1ff)

↑ B Introduction of the King to Israel (3:1ff)

↑ C Manifestation of King's Authority (8:1ff)

↕ D Opposition to the King (11:2ff)

↓ C¹ Withdrawal of the King (13:54ff)

↓ B¹ Official Rejection of the King (19:3ff)

A¹ Death and Resurrection of the King (26:3ff)

Interpretive Issues

- Opening sentence
- Nature of the Kingdom (Matt 3:1-2)
 - Primarily personal and individual?
 - Future eschatological?
 - Realized eschatological?
 - Two forms/aspects of the kingdom?
 - OT Prophesied Kingdom which has not yet come

Interpretive Issues

- Sermon on the Mount (chpts 5-7)
 - Soteriological Approach?
 - How to be saved
 - Penitential Approach?
 - Drive you to the Savior like the Law of God
 - Ecclesiastical Approach?
 - Church behavior
 - Kingdom Ethics?
 - What people in the kingdom will be like later
 - Kingdom Manifesto/Constitution?
 - Historical Approach
 - How kingdom citizens behave now