

The Intertestamental Period

Class 4: Reading the New Testament in
the Context of the Intertestamental Period

Review







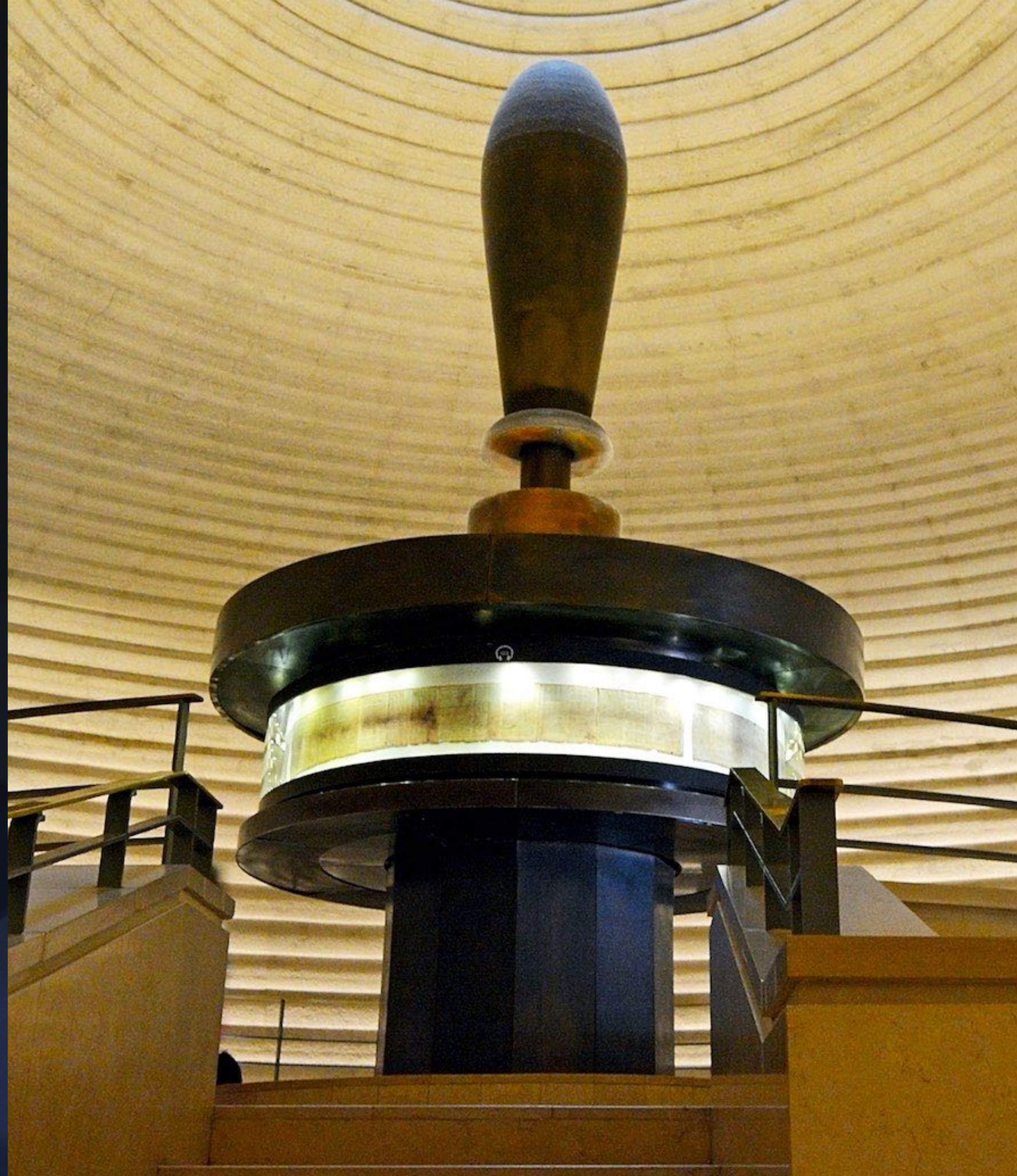
“Are we
there yet?”



Where is
God?



Let's talk...

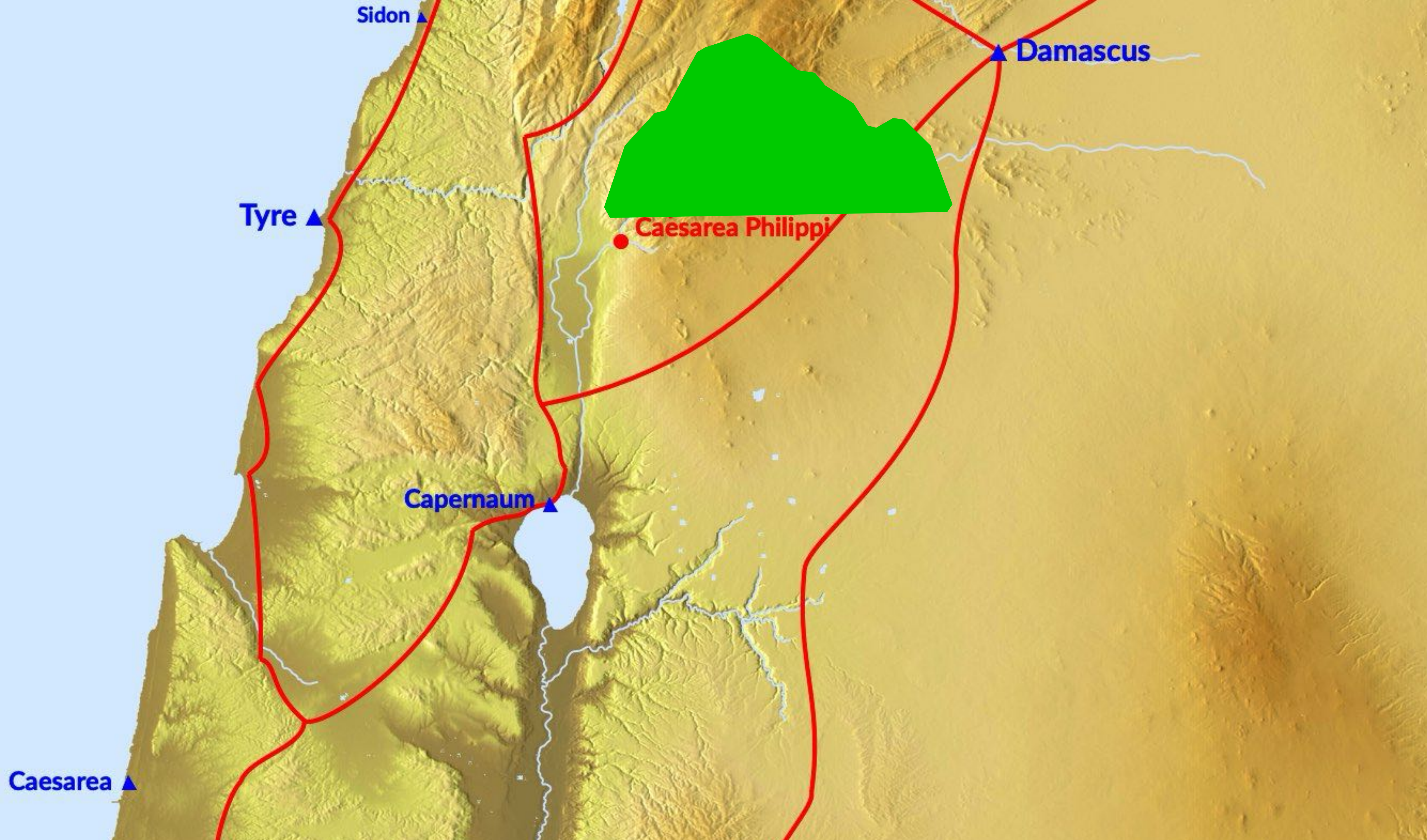


Discipleship: Jesus

Jesus: Authority

Blame the
angels!





Sidon ▲

▲ Damascus

Tyre ▲

● Caesarea Philippi

Capernaum ▲

Caesarea ▲

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16.13-16

“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

Matthew 16.18

For you have power over life
and death; you lead mortals
down to the gates of Hades
and back again.

Wisdom 16.13

“And Azazel taught men to make swords, knives, shields, and breastplates, and made known to them the metals of the earth and the art of working them; bracelets, ornaments, the use of antimony; the beautifying of the eyelids; all kinds of costly stones, and all colouring tinctures. And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication, and they were led astray, and became corrupt in all their ways. Semjaza taught enchantments and root-cuttings; Armaros taught the resolving of enchantments; Baraqiel taught astrology; Kokabiel taught the constellations; Ezeqiel the knowledge of the clouds; Araqiel the signs of the earth; Shamsiel the signs of the sun; and Sariel the course of the moon.”

1 Enoch 8.1-3

“When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: “He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.””

Matthew 8.16-17

JESUS: Hope



In the one hundred seventieth year the yoke of the Gentiles was removed from Israel.

1 Maccabees 13.41

“Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the **yoke** of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the **yoke** of the Egyptians.’



Exodus 6.6-7

“Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear?”



Acts 15.10

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”



Matthew 11.29

Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.”

Matthew 26.52

Jesus: Justice & Mercy

“...whenever He [God] finds
compassionate mercy, in that
person He will dwell.”

Testament of Zebulon 8.2

“But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practised, without neglecting the others.”

Luke 11.42

“Woe to you who oppress the righteous, who devour widows and orphans, whose hearts are hardened.”

1 Enoch 99:15

“They devour widows’ houses
and for the sake of appearance
say long prayers. They will
receive the greater
condemnation.”

Luke 20.47

Discipleship: Us

Us: Reject Isolation
and Exclusivity

“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for **all** of you are **one** in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3.28

He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself **one** new humanity in place of the **two**, thus making peace...

Ephesians 2.15

Us: Living in Hope and Distinction

And when he was at his last breath, he said, "You accursed wretch, you dismiss us from this present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up to an **everlasting renewal of life**, because we have died for his laws."

2 Maccabees 7.9

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

Hebrews 11.32-40

They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, **did not receive what was promised**, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Hebrews 11.32-40

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. **They are surprised that you no longer join them** in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. But they will have to give an accounting to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does.

1 Peter 4.1-6

- 2 Cor 6.14-15 - mismatched
- John 17.14-16 - in/of the world
- 1 John 2.15-17 - do not love
the world

Us: Reverence for
the New Temple

- John 2.19-21 - destroy **this** temple
- Matthew 12.61 - something **greater** than the temple is here
- 1 Corinthians 3.16 - **you** are God's temple...God's Spirit dwells

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Ephesians 2.19-22

