

Learn to Read the Bible Effectively Seminar

Putting it ALL together

Workshop/Homework Study Sheet #6

"The Meek will Inherit the Earth"

Matthew 5:5

"Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth." **Ps 37:11; Ro 4:13**

CROSS-REFERENCES

Psalm 37:11

Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass... 9 For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth. 10 For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it shall be no more. 11 But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace... 18 The LORD knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever... 34 Wait on the LORD, And keep His way, And He shall exalt you to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.

What does the psalmist say will happen to those who trust in the LORD? _____

What will happen to the 'wicked'? _____

Romans 4:13

For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

ECHOES: From the above passages, do you hear any echoes to the study sheet we did on Abraham's promises?

What were Abraham and his descendants to INHERIT? _____

Did Abraham receive the inheritance of land? (Acts 7:5; Hebrews 11:8-16) _____

Who is the primary inheritor of the promises? (Galatians 3:16) _____

Who also will inherit the promises? (Galatians 3:27-29) _____

SEARCH: Are there other passages that refer to this promise of the 'righteous' inheriting the earth?

(You could search for 'inherit' 'inheritance' or 'kingdom'. Any of the O.T. books before the Psalms will likely be referring to Israel inheriting the land for the first time as a prototype under Moses, Joshua or the Kings. However, from Psalms and onwards through the N.T. the inheritance is more often about the future kingdom, yet to come.)

A CROSS-REFERENCE STUDY!

Below are some interesting passages to consider about the earthly inheritance. Many cross-references are linked to these passages and will take you to other passages that help to develop this theme. We have only inserted a few links that are helpful to follow. This is a very exciting major theme throughout the whole Bible! The references which are highlighted have been copied below.

Psalms 2

"Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."7 ¶ "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. Ps 22:27; 72:8; 89:27; Da 7:13-14; Joh 17:4-5; 19:15

Psalms 72: 1-19

Give the king Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the king's Son.2 ¶ He will judge Your people with righteousness, And Your poor with justice... 7 In His days the righteous shall flourish, And abundance of peace, Until the moon is no more. Isa 2:4; Da 2:44; Lu 1:33 8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth... 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles Will bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba Will offer gifts... Ps 72:2Ch 9:21; Ps 45:12; 68:29; Isa 49:7; 60:6,9; 2Co 9:15 11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him... 17 His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun. And men shall be blessed in Him; All nations shall call Him blessed... Ge 12:3; 22:18; Ps 89:36; Jer 4:2; Lu 1:48 19 And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen. Nu 14:12; Ne 9:5; Zec 14:9

Daniel 7:13-27

"I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him... 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed... 18 'But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'... "until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom. Da 7:9,18; 1Co 6:2; Re 1:6; 5:10; 20:4 27 Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. Isa 60:12; Da 2:44; 7:14,18,22; Lu 1:33; Joh 12:34; Re 11:15 His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

Revelation 5:10

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

Here are some questions to consider and research:

What is the inheritance? _____

Why is the land of Israel linked to the land Abraham lived in as a pilgrim/sojourner? _____

Do the natural seed of Abraham (i.e. the Jewish people) also inherit this land? _____

Why is God bringing the natural descendants back to the land of Israel just before Jesus' returns?

Who are the nations being ruled over by Jesus and the saints?

THE NATION OF ISRAEL

The details given concerning the Jewish people, their scattering, regathering and what is in store for the future, are amply recorded in many books of the Bible. In Ezekiel 39:21-23, 3000 years ago, God said that His dealings with the Jewish people will show the world that He is God!

In the time of Moses, the nation was warned that if they failed to keep God's commands, they would receive many curses and be scattered to all ends of the earth (Deuteronomy 28:15, 63-68). Dismayed at the lack of faith he found in Israel, Jesus pronounced, "*Behold, your house is forsaken.*" (Luke 13:35) After Israel crucified their Messiah, the Gospel began to be preached to the Gentiles and by 70 AD the nation of Israel ceased to exist; they were scattered to the ends of the earth just as Jesus and the Old Testament prophecies foretold. Jerusalem was taken by the Romans and given the name Aelia Capitolina. Thus began the 'times of the Gentiles', as it says in Luke 21:24, "*Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*"

In the last century, we have witnessed the prophecies of restoration taking place! The prophecies are so clear and detailed that many years before Israel became a nation, Bible students were able to ascertain the Jews would be restored. One such Bible student was the famous scientist Sir Isaac Newton in the 1700's, whose religious writings have only been recently released to the public (note that 'ye' is 'the'):

*"For they understand not that **ye final return of ye Jews** captivity & their conquering the nations & setting up a peaceable righteous & flourishing Kingdom at ye day of judgment is this mystery. Did they understand this they would find it in all ye old Prophets who write of ye last times..."*

"The Mystery of this Restitution of All Things": Isaac Newton on the Return of the Jews. Stephen Snobelen in Millenarianism and Messianism in Early Modern European Culture (2001).

Another Bible student, **John Thomas**, wrote in the 1800's:

*"There is, then, a partial and primary restoration of Jews before the manifestation, which is to serve as the... basis, of future operations in the restoration of the rest of the tribes after he has appeared in the kingdom. The pre-adventual colonization of Palestine will be on purely political principles; and the Jewish colonists will return in unbelief of the Messiahship of Jesus, and of the truth as it is in him. They will emigrate thither as **agriculturists and traders**, in the hope of ultimately establishing their commonwealth, but more immediately of getting rich in silver and gold by commerce with India, and in cattle and goods by their industry at home **under the efficient protection of the British power.**"*

John Thomas in Elpis Israel, page 349 Elpis Israel (wordpress.com).

So where are these amazing Bible prophecies found that led Bible students to fervently believe the Jews would return? Most are scattered throughout the Old Testament books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. Ezekiel chapters 36 to 39 are the most detailed.

Not everything in these prophecies has yet been fulfilled. God also speaks of how He will change the hearts of the Jewish people to believe in Him, trust Him and obey Him. He speaks in Ezekiel 37 of setting a king over them. Ezekiel 38 speaks of a major attack against Israel when they are dwelling peacefully in the West Bank ('mountains of Israel'), which brings about God's intervention! We are **in the middle** of the fulfillment of these prophecies and there are lots of exciting things still to happen!

If you want to consider **more of the restoration prophecies**, have a look at Isaiah 60; Jeremiah 3:17-18; 23:5; 31:8-10; Ezekiel chapters 35-39; Daniel 8:9-15; 12:3,11; Joel 3; Zechariah 12-14 and Romans 11: 25-28.

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