

## **Read Jeremiah 51 to see the fall of Babylon**

Compare Matthew 8's and Luke 13's reference to the Kingdom of Heaven/God (interchangeable use) and where, as the dial of a compass, those who will come to sit with Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob.

### **Matthew 8:5-13 KJV**

- 5) And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,
- 6) And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.
- 7) And Jesus saith unto him, **I will come and heal him.**
- 8) The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.
- 9) For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this *man*, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.
- 10) When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, **Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.**
- 11) **And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.**
- 12) **But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**
- 13) And Jesus said unto the centurion, **Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.** And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

## Luke 13:23-30 KJV

23) Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,

24) Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

25) When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

26) Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

27) But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all *ye* workers of iniquity.

28) There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you *yourselves* thrust out.

29) And they shall come from the east, and *from* the west, and from the north, and *from* the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

30) And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

The use of North, South, East, and West are reminiscent of Zechariah. What further conclusions can you make on this fulfillment as prophesied by Jesus? In addition, is this the fulfillment of Zechariah?

Considering the revealed identity of Babylon in Revelation 11:8 and 18:24, as the jews broadly and Jerusalem specifically, how can we already see the world's fascination with Babylon today?

The passages referred to in the lesson concerning the “people of God” were: Hosea 1:2, Jeremiah 3, Jeremiah 31:31, Galatians 3:17, Hosea 1:9, Romans 4:1-17, Jeremiah 4:4, Ezekiel 18:31, Deuteronomy 10:16 & 30:6, Hosea 2:23, Ephesians 2:11-18, 1 John 3:1–2.

Please read Romans 9:22–26, 1 Peter 2:9–10, Ephesians 2:11–22, and John 12:20–23. Having considered the lesson, what are your thoughts on these things?

## Romans 9:22–26 (KJV 1900)

<sup>22</sup> *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

<sup>23</sup> And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

<sup>24</sup> Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

<sup>25</sup> As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

<sup>26</sup> And it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.

## 1 Peter 2:9–10 (KJV 1900)

<sup>9</sup> But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

<sup>10</sup> Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

## Ephesians 2:11–22 (KJV 1900)

<sup>11</sup> Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

<sup>12</sup> That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from

the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;

<sup>15</sup> Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

<sup>16</sup> And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

<sup>17</sup> And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

<sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

<sup>19</sup> Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

<sup>20</sup> And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;

<sup>21</sup> In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

<sup>22</sup> In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.