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1. Why did Israel reject the offer of the kingdom?

- a. Christ's kingdom was not just political but also moral and ethical in tone
- Israel pursued righteousness by self righteousness rather than by transferred righteousness available though faith alone



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"But when the Pharisees heard this, they
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by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons."

Transition from Public to Private Ministry				
Public Private				
Scripture	Matt. 1–12	Matt. 13–28		
Focus	Nation	Remnant		
Miracles	Proof to nation	Training for remnant		
Offer	Prominent	Disappears		
Teaching	Discourse	Parabolic		
Interim program	Not mentioned	Prominent		
Crucifixion; Resurrection	Not mentioned (4:17)	Prominent (16:21)		

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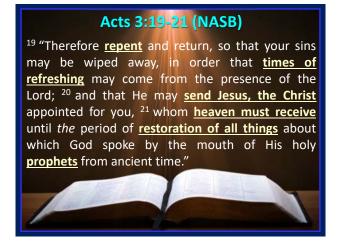
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Luke 1:32-33 (NASB) Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.

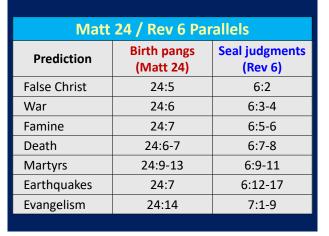


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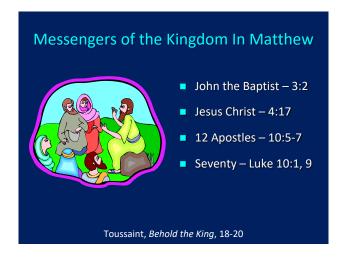


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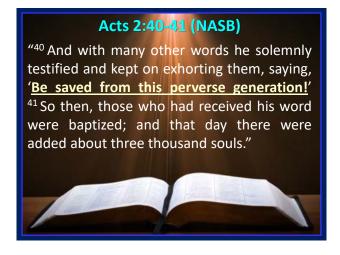








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Origin of the Universal Church

- Matt 16:18 future tense
- Eph 2:14-15; 3:9; Rom 16:25-26; Col 1:26-27 mystery
- Eph 1:20-22 Christ's headship over church after Ascension
- Eph 4:7-11 spiritual gifts after Ascension
- 1 Cor. 12:13 Spirit's baptizing ministry
 - Acts 1:5 above to begin after Ascension
 - ◆ Acts 11:15-16 above began in the past
 - Acts 2 only place for beginning of Spirit's baptizing ministry

Message of the Book of Acts

- Birth and growth of the church is depicted numerically, geographically, ethnically
- Components
 - Numerically (progress reports)
 - Geographically (From Jerusalem to Rome)
 - Ethnically (From Judaism to Gentile domination)

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Acts 1:4-3 (NASB) "Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, 'Which,' He said, 'you heard of from Me.' So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, 'Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?' The said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.'"

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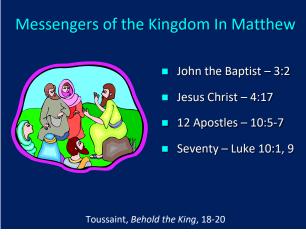
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Biblical example	Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 10:5-7	Acts 16:30-31		
Target audience	National Israel (Matt. 10:5-7)	All nations (Matt. 28:18-20)		
Type of salvation offered	National	Personal and individual		
Portrayal of Christ	National savior and king	Personal savior		
Kingdom expectancy	Imminent	Absent		
Contribution to God's program	Appearing of the kingdom	Building of the church (Matt. 16:18; Rom. 11:25b)		

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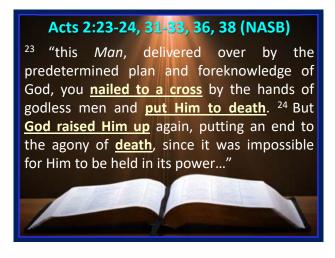


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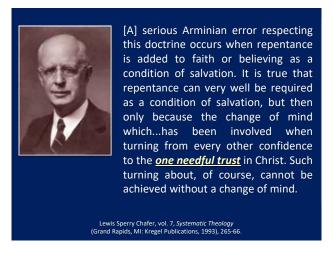
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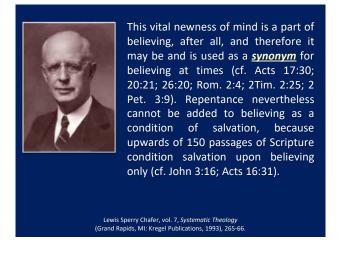
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Matthew 12:41 (NASB)			
"The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment, and will condemn it because they repented <u>at</u> [in the face of/because of] (eis) the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here."			



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Eras of Miracles in Scripture			
Cluster	Confirmation		
Moses	Law		
Elijah & Elisha	Prophets		
Christ	Offer of the kingdom		
Apostles	Church		
Antichrist	Satan's kingdom		

Hebrews 2:2-4 (NASB)
"For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, ³ how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard. ⁴ God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will."

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