

The Parables of Jesus

Lesson three Handout

I. Israel's Understanding of the Kingdom

- a. Israel understood that they were a very _____, set apart people.
- b. They were aware that it was an _____ to God to have or _____ a king.
 - i. See Judges 8:23
- c. They ask Samuel for a king.
 - i. See 1 Samuel 8:6-7
 - ii. God _____ it.
- d. This does not change their opinion that they "special", a chosen people _____ for world _____.
- e. Despite their size and tumultuous history, (_____ and _____) they looked back to the " _____ " under David and Solomon and looked forward to its return. They were still destined for greatness.
 - i. See Isaiah 11:1, 9:2-7; Jeremiah 30:9
- f. Then came a _____, not in the expected _____, but in the _____ by which it would be accomplished.
- g. No _____ would it be just some son of David, but The Son of David.
- h. What couldn't be accomplished by _____ means would now be achieved by _____ power with the coming of the _____ of the _____.
 - i. See Daniel 7:13-14
- i. Unfortunately, some translations insert the definite article " _____ " and capitalize it, making it out to be a _____.
- j. The four beasts earlier in this chapter represent four _____, not individual.

- k. These _____ were so brutal, bestial, that they were described as _____ animals.
- l. The kingdom represented by “one like a son of man” is a _____ to the others because it will be _____.
- m. A son of man, therefore, is not a person but a symbol of a different _____ of kingdom.
- n. Because of their “unique status”, any people not them were inferior/pagan.
- o. So, they held _____ different opinions, as to their destiny when Israel attained their dominance.
 - i. The Gentiles would _____ them out to be a part of this kingdom.
 - 1. See Isaiah 2:2
 - ii. The Gentiles would be _____ or _____.
 - 1. See Isaiah 45:14, 60:12
 - iii. The Israelites would “ _____ ” to the Gentiles to _____ them.
 - 1. See Isaiah 49:6
- p. It was within this context that Jesus explains His _____ of the kingdom.

II. Jesus’s Understanding of the Kingdom

- a. When Jesus uses the word “kingdom”, He is not referring to a _____ but a _____ of God.
- b. He is not referring to a _____ in which God is king, but a condition of _____ and _____ where God is Lord of All.
- c. Paradoxically, Jesus describes the kingdom as being _____ reality as well as a _____ occurrence.
 - i. See Luke 17:21, 11:20; Romans 14:17; Colossians 1:13-14; 2 Peter 1:10-11

- d. How can it be both present and future?
 - i. See Matthew 6:10
 - 1. In Jesus mind the two things are _____; the _____ coming and His _____ being done.
- e. _____ man in _____ generation who _____ Him as Lord and does the _____ of God here as it is done in heaven is in the kingdom _____.
- f. In the _____, at His return, “every knee will bow and every tongue confess Him as Lord.”
 - i. See Philippians 2:9-11

III. Parable of the Weeds

- a. What’s the Lesson?
 - i. The one who sow = Jesus
 - ii. The Field = the world
 - iii. Good seed = Christians
 - iv. The weeds = Satan’s followers
 - v. The enemy = Satan
 - vi. The harvest = the end of the age
 - vii. Harvesters = angels
- b. Good and evil _____ in this world.
- c. _____ is required in _____ for God’s timing.
- d. The _____ of a future judgment where _____ will be served.
- e. Despite the presence of _____, the kingdom has still come.