

Matthew Week One Handout

End of OT:

Mat. 9:9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," He told him, and Matthew got up and followed Him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Him and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

Beginning of NT: ??

Intertestamental Period:

Ps. 19:1 The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge.

Gal. 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law

Why is God's providential control over global events good news for you?

1 Pt. 1 To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father... 17 live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.

Brief history of OT-> Adam and Eve->Noah, Shem->Abraham/Isaac/Jacob/ 12 Tribes->captivity in Egypt-> Desert wanderings->Covenant at Sinai->Enter promised land/time of Judges-> Saul/David-> Divided kingdom->Assyrian defeat of North->Babylonian defeat of South->captivity/Temple destroyed(608-538)->Under the Persians, return to Jerusalem

Rough dates

Intertestamental period. 400BC-25AD

550-350 BC Persian Empire. Religiously tolerant

336-323 BC Greek Empire Alex the Great. Hellenization. Widespread colonization of culture

Ezek. 26:1 Now it came about in the eleventh year, on the first of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me saying, 'Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and I will bring up many nations against you, as the sea brings up its waves. And they will destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers; and I will scrape her debris from her and make her a bare rock. She will be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea, for I have spoken,' declares the LORD God, 'and she will become spoil for the nations.

Dan. 8:4 Dan. 8, which was recorded 180 years before Alex is born also talks about him. Two pieces of information to understand this weird prophesy. Alex was trained by Aristotle the Greek and Alex considered Greeks and their culture superior to all others. His hope was to bring everyone under the peaceful coalition, a golden age under this culture. When the Persians kept attacking the Greeks, he got ticked and came at them rapidly and in a great fury. What you also have to know is the Babylonians, who

were in control when this vision was received, divided up world territories according to signs of the zodiac. Greece is Capricorn, a goat with one horn.

Ptolemaic Dynasty (Egyptians) rules Judea 301-200 Hebrew Bible translated into Greek

Seleucid Dynasty (Syrians) 200-165 Priestly line of Zadok broken. Position goes to the highest bidder. Priesthood becomes “Hellenized”. Antiochus Epiphanes institutes extreme religious persecution. Guerilla revolt and warfare under priest-Mattathias and his sons of the Hasmonean family.

Maccabean/Hasmonean Dynasty 167-63. Rededication of the Temple

Roman Period. 63BC- Herod the Great 37 BC-4AD→ Antipas (Galilee) Archelaus (Judea), Phillip (NE Cesarea Philippi) Judea eventually placed under a Roman procurator/prefect (Pilate)

Mood of the times:

People groups you need to know

High/Chief Priests:

Sadducees: Sadduqim/syndikoi

Pharisees: perusim/perisayya

Mal. 3:16 Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed His name.

Jn. 7:45 The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?” The officers answered, “No one ever spoke like this man!” The Pharisees answered them, “Have you also been deceived? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? But *this crowd* that does not know the law is accursed.”

Scribes:

Sanhedrin: National political and legal counsel made up of Sadducees, pharisees and priests.

Zealots:

Question: Did you learn anything new or interesting in the background material?