

"HERMENEUTICS"

**We will be a congregation who knows,
honors, and reads the Bible.**

*"I grasp the story of the Bible, respect it as
authoritative, know how to read it, and
actually read it."*



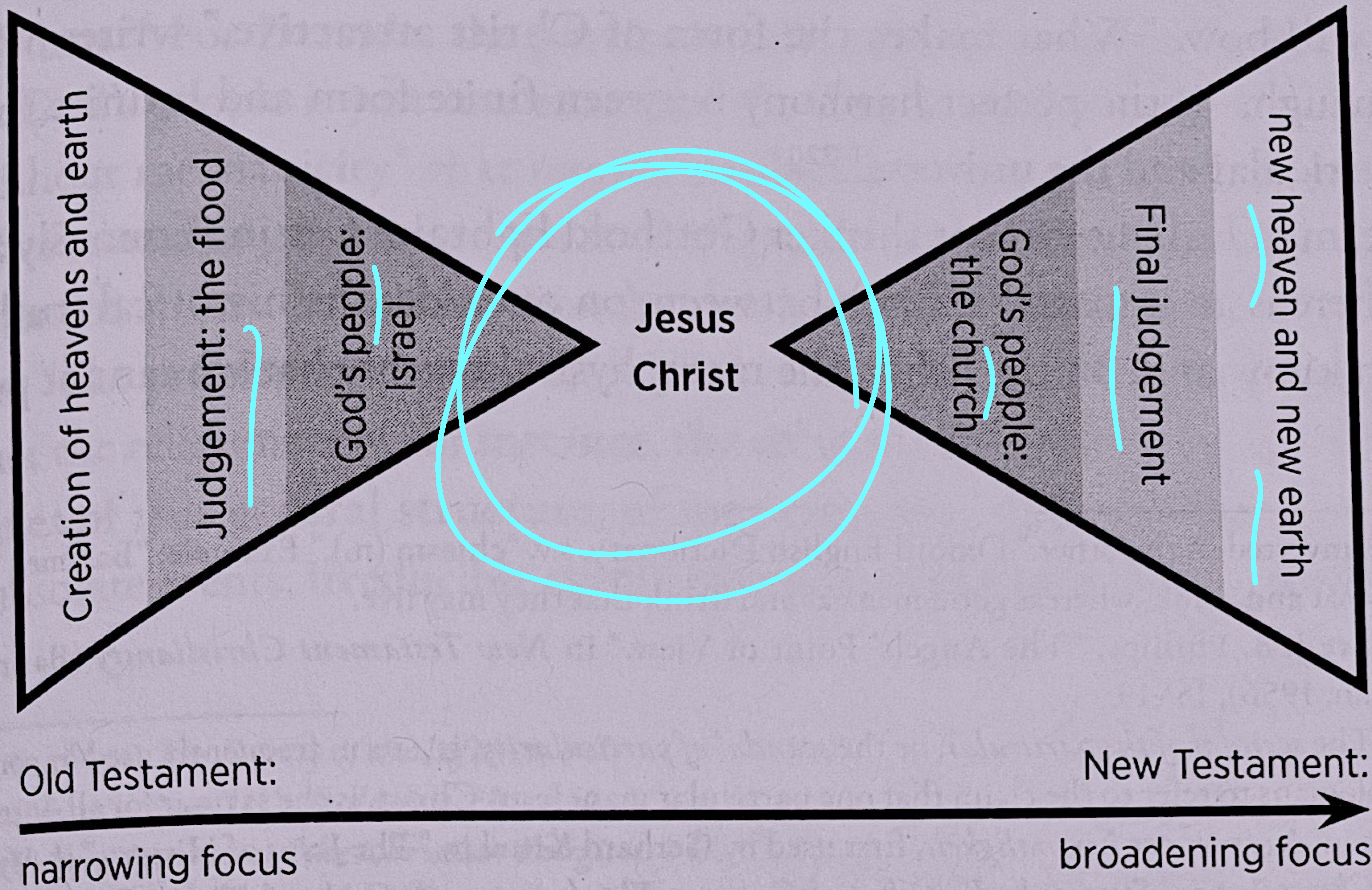


Figure 64: The Chiastic Structure of the Bible

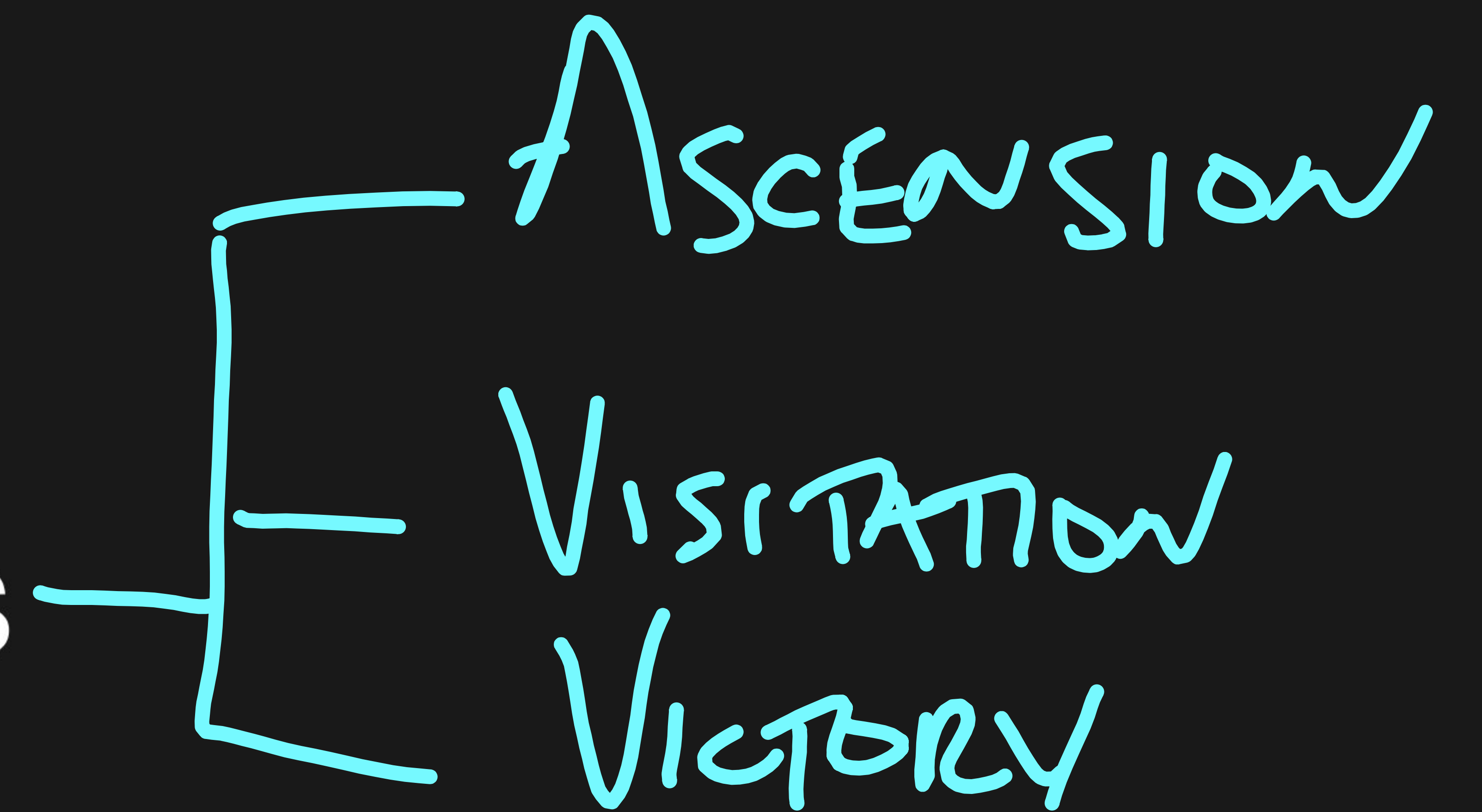
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- Gospel (euangelion) means good news
- Matthew, Mark, and Luke (synoptics) written approx 60-80
- John written approx 90-100



What about the lost gospels?

Gospel of Thomas

Gospel of Philip

Gospel of Mary

Gospel of Nicodemus

Simon Peter said to Him, "Let Mary leave us, for women are not worthy of life." Jesus said, "I myself shall lead her in order to make her male, so that she too may become a living spirit resembling you males. For every woman who will make herself male will enter the kingdom of heaven."

(Gospel of Thomas)

Three Key Themes in Matthew

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ROYAL
AUTHORITY

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Matthew 1:1

This is the genealogy of Jesus the
Messiah the son of David, the son of
Abraham...

Genesis 12:1-3

The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”]

Four Major Stages of God's Covenant

- 1. Abraham's Covenant** – (Gen 12:1-3) – Blessing to the world is promised through a family.
- 2. Moses' Covenant** – (Dt 28-30) – The law is given. Blessing is promised for obedience but punishment in the form of foreign exile for disobedience.
- 3. David's Covenant** – (2Sm 7:12-13) – A royal son of David is promised to rule forever .
- 4. Post-Exile New Covenant** – (Jer 31:31-37) – A new covenant will be initiated that fulfills the old ones.

Fulfillment of Scripture in Matthew

- Fulfill means to bring to completion or to perfect something
- 15 times Matthew says Jesus fulfills an OT Scripture
- They are largely concentrated around His birth and His death
- 5:17 – “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.”

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Matthew 2:14-15

That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: "I called My Son out of Egypt."

Matthew 22:37-40

But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees with His reply, they met together to question Him again. One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap Him with this question: “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”

Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus replied, “① You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. ② A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

⌈ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.” ⌋

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Matthew 26:28

"... this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Matthew 12:29

For who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man like Satan and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger—someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house.

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The Preaching of the Kingdom - Mt 4:17

From then on Jesus began to preach,
“Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the
Kingdom of Heaven is near.”

Matthew 9:12-13

When Jesus heard this, He said, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do.” Then He added, “Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: ‘I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.’ For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.”

The People

- -Tax collector
- -Rural fishermen
- -Lepers
- -Roman soldiers
- -Sick old women
- -Faithless disciples
- -Demon possessed Gentiles
- -Paralytic
- -Dead child
- -Bleeding woman
- -Blind men
- -Mute man

Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And He healed every kind of disease and illness. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to His disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into His fields.”

"History from below"

5:3 – God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for Him, for the Kingdom of heaven is theirs.

9:12 – Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do.

12:50 – Anyone who does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother!

18:4 – Anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

19:24 – It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God.

"History from below"

19:30 – Many who are the greatest now will be least important [when the world is made new], and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then.

20:16 – Those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last.

20:28 – For even the Son of Man came not to be served by to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.

23:1-36 – (Jesus criticizes the religions leaders.)

25:40: -- When you did it to one of the least of these My brothers and sisters, you were doing it for Me!

The Messiah No one Expected - Mt 16:21-26

From that time on, Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to You." But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

The Messiah No one Expected - Mt 20:25-28

But Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 28:5-6

But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has been raised, as He said.

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”