



Logos Class – Gospel of Matthew

On-Campus and Zoom class for July 31, 2022

Chapters 4B & 5A

Our next 2 months...

- ✓ *July 10, 2022 – Begin the Gospel of Matthew*
- ✓ *July 17, 2022 – Matt Ch 2*
- ✓ *July 24, 2022 – Matt Ch 3 & 4A*
- ✓ *July 31, 2022 – Matt Ch 4B & 5A*
- *Aug 7, 2022 – **Barry Hoover** teaching (Hilton Head)*
- *Aug 14, 2022 – **Barry Hoover** teaching (Hilton Head)*
- *Aug 21, 2022 – Matt Ch 5B & 6A*
- *Aug 28, 2022 – Matt Ch 6B&7A*
- *Sept 4, 2022 – Matt Ch 7B & 8A*
- *Sept 11, 2022 – **Linda Stewart** teaching (Bus Trip)*
- *Sept 18, 2022 - **Bill Minor** teaching (Sanibel)*
- *Sept 25, 2022 - **Bill Minor** teaching (Sanibel)*
- *Oct 2, 2022 – **Rick Head** teaching (we will be back)*

In Case You Missed It

Two weeks ago we talked about:

- *2030 Initiative and the coming consolidation of the EU and the Revived Roman Empire*
- *Festering Middle East issues with Iran pressing for both a nuclear bomb and increasing terror presence*
- *New and increasing alliances between Russia, Turkey, and Iran plus China moving into Afghanistan*
- *Abraham accords strengthening the Inner Ring of Arab countries who do NOT come against Israel*

Today I want to add 2 things to watch out for...

Two new items to consider

- *Food and Water issues*
- *Energy Issues*

Food and Water

- We know about the **Wheat in Ukraine**, and the shortages in Egypt hastening a dramatic shortage of food in Europe and the Middle East
- 2030 Initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
 - **Ban nitrogen fertilizer** from use to depend on less effective but greener solutions
 - Sri Lanka – Riots because of famine and lost of work
 - Netherlands – Huge producer of grains and vegetables
 - Canada – Wheat, Corn, and other grains
- Water shortages in the western US, drought conditions
- Millions of acres of US farmland being bought up by China and Global Elites
- China buying land around US military bases

Energy Shortages

- *We know about gasoline increases and general inflation due to shipping costs skyrocketing*
- *Gasoline – no new refineries*
- *Coal – more restrictions and shutting down mines and power plants*
- *Natural Gas and Oil...restrict supply and drilling...increased \$ and scarcity, although 100 years' worth already discovered and available quickly*
- *Strategic Reserves – selling to China and foreign countries*

Why am I bringing these up?

- *These are not accidental happenings but are carefully planned to disrupt and reshape American life, as we know it.*
- *While we are focused on Gasoline prices, food costs, interest rates, and inflation, these other things are happening in the background, off the front page*
- *These things are happening to cause chaos and more dependency on the government to solve them.*
- *Soon we will be calling for a larger and more intrusive government to take care of it all for us*

Prophecy coming true before our eyes

White Horse, Red Horse, Black Horse, Pale Horse

Recap of Chapter 3 & 4A

- *Last time we saw the Baptism of Christ by John the Baptist*
- *We discussed why Jesus chose to be baptized since He had no sin*
- *We saw the Holy Spirit descend on Him, and God the Father affirms Him visibly and audibly before the people at the Jordan River*
- *We discussed the testing of Christ by Satan in the wilderness and discussed how Christ rebuffed him*

Any questions or other comments?

What did we learn?

- *It seems to be a law of life that just **when our strength is at its peak, we are most subject to being tempted by Satan. Be especially careful when everything is going great!***
- *These temptations or testings were **not just physical but also spiritual and, in our minds. (no mountain peak to see the whole world)***
- *Our tempter is crafty, skillful, and uses his best timing to test Jesus and he does the same to us.*
- *Jesus had power from God and knew it. He also had strength from God to avoid these temptations... **What does this mean for us?***
 - *Satan may tempt us most easily through our Gifts. If we have gifts of the spirit, we should be watchful for our desire for power, fame, notoriety, etc. to let us fall into common temptations*

Matt Ch 4:12-17 Jesus begins His Ministry in Galilee

*¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, **he withdrew to Galilee.***

*¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he **went and lived in Capernaum**, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—*

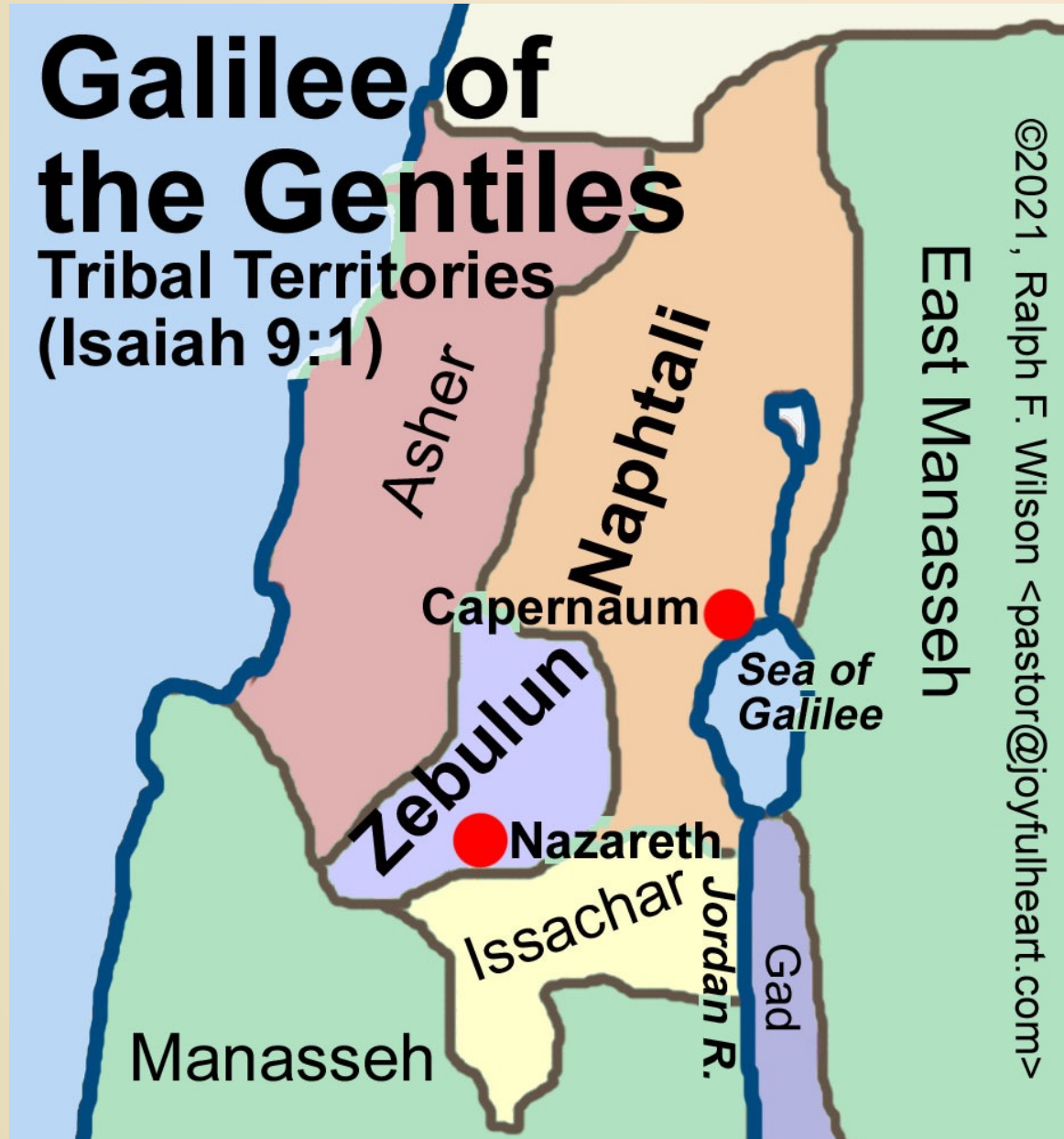
¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

*¹⁵ “**Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,**
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—*

*¹⁶ the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”*

*¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to **preach/Herald**, “**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.**”*

Galilee of the Gentiles



Capernaum, aka Kfar Nahum



The view from the Synagogue wall - Capernaum



- Peters House is one of these structures (tradition)
- The early Christian church in Capernaum. Catholic church built on the ruins.
- Sea of Galilee in background

Matt Ch 4:18-22. Jesus calls His Disciples

*¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw **two brothers, Simon called Peter** and his brother **Andrew**. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.*

*¹⁹ “**Come, follow me,**” Jesus said, “**and I will send you out to fish for people.**” ²⁰ **At once** they left their nets and followed him.*

*²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James, son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. **Jesus called them,***

*²² **and immediately** they left the boat **and their father** and followed him.*

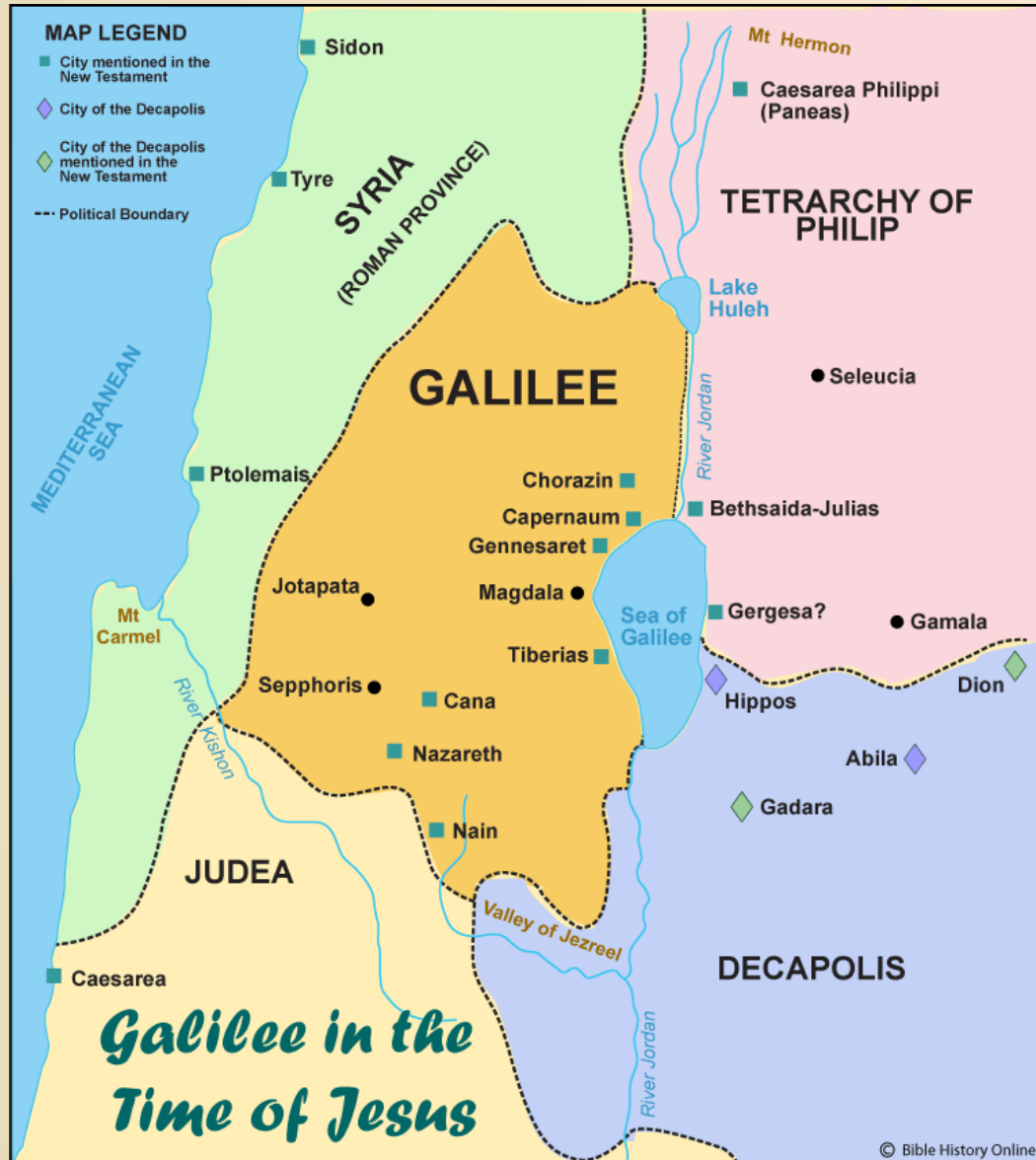
Matt Ch 4:23-25. Jesus Heals the Sick

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.

²⁵ Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and the region across the Jordan followed him

Galilee in Jesus' Time



- *Decapolis is the region of 10 Roman towns – Ruins still stand today of many*
- *Much of today's Israel comprises the Roman territories of Syria, the Tetrarchy of Philip, Decapolis, and Judea*

See Capernaum, Bethsaida, Magdala, and Tiberius

Matt Ch 5:1-2 Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,

² and he began to teach them.

He started with what we call the Beatitudes...

They show NOT what it takes to be Happy, but what Happy People look like! (Kingdom people)

Matt Ch 5:3-6. *Blessed are...*

He said:

³ *“Blessed are the **poor in spirit**,
for **theirs is the kingdom of heaven**.*

⁴ *Blessed are **those who mourn**,
for **they will be comforted**.*

⁵ *Blessed are **the meek**,
for **they will inherit the earth**.*

⁶ *Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**,
for **they will be filled**.*

Matt Ch 5:7-10

*⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they **will be shown mercy.***

*⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will **see God.***

*⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be **called children of God.***

*¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven*

Matt Ch 5:11-12 *Blessed under the gun...*

11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

We are going to stop here so I can start the Sermon on the Mount when I return

Finally...

***Please come and support Barry as he teaches for me
Pray for him, and...***

- ***Our country and its leaders***
- ***Our State, County, and their leaders***
- ***Our schools, teachers, students and parents as school starts***
- ***Our Pastor and Staff and our security teams***
- ***Our Pro-life ministries like Whispering Hope***
- ***All the members of this class and the prayer requests***
- ***Pray for yourself, that you will come closer to the Lord and follow His plan for your life***