

The Culmination of Israel's Purpose

I. Understanding Matthew's structure "when Jesus had finished . . ."

First things: The new Moses is introduced 1:1-4:22

Book of Genesis 1:1 (*cf.* Gen 2:4; 5:1) Beginning a new creation

A First discourse 7:28 "these words"

Sermon from a mountain (unknown) Ch 5-7

B Second discourse 11:1 "teaching his 12 disciples"

The mission to Old Israel "lost sheep" Ch 10

C Third discourse 13:53 "these parables"

The solution to Israel's rejection Ch 13

B¹ Fourth discourse 19:1 "these words"

The operation of renewed Israel "little ones" Ch 18

A¹ Fifth discourse 26:1 "these words"

Sermon from a mountain (Olivet) Ch 23-25

Last things: The new Moses completes his work 26:2-28:20

II. God's program with Israel – accomplished by Jesus 1:1

The promise to Abraham Gen 17:4-8; Gal 3:13-16

The promise to David II Sam 7:4-17 (*esp.* vv. 13 & 16)

Ps 89:26-29, 34-35; Heb 1:5; Ps 2:7; II Sam 7:14a

Jesus is David's son (a greater Solomon 12:42)

Restoration from Exile/inclusion of Gentiles

Mt 8:17 cites Is 53:4 (*cf.* 54:1-5)

See also 11:4-5, citing Is 35:5-6 (*cf.* 35:1-10)

III. Why is this important?

God is faithful to his promises, he does not fail us.

The church is **renewed** Israel; we inherit the promises.

Gal 3:26-29; Eph 2:11-22; Gal 6:15-16

The promise now is extended worldwide; the church is to encompass the earth, not merely a small strip of land.

Compare Eph 6:3 with Ex 20:12; Dt 5:16.