

## The Great Commission Through 1<sup>st</sup> Century Jewish Eyes

### I. CLASS OUTLINE:

Week 1: The Great Commission Through 1<sup>st</sup> Century Jewish Eyes - Prayer

Week 2: God's Message: Repent – Proclamation

Week 3: Making Disciples – Proclamation

Week 4: Teaching Obedience to Jesus - Proclamation

Week 5: Leadership Lessons - Prayer

### II. THE GREAT COMMISSION: STANDARD NARRATIVE VS. BIBLICAL NARRATIVE

***“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”” (Mt 28:18–20)***

A. Standard Narrative: “God had a two-stage plan – the first, ethnic/localized/exclusive/judgmental, the second, non-ethnic/non-centralized/inclusive/about .”

B. About the Day of Judgement

***<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... (Mt 28:18–19 NIV)***

- ***<sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. (Ac 10:42 NIV)***
- ***<sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” (Mt 3:11–12 NIV)***

C. Warning the Gentiles was a Jewish job

<sup>3</sup> ***He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.”*** <sup>4</sup> ... <sup>6</sup> ***he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”*** (Is 49:3–6 NIV)

<sup>42</sup> ***As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath.*** <sup>43</sup> ***When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.*** <sup>44</sup> ***On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.*** <sup>45</sup> ***When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.*** <sup>46</sup> ***Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.*** <sup>47</sup> ***For this is what the Lord has commanded us: “ ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”*** (Ac 13:42–47 NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> ***At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Greeks believed.*** (Ac 14:1 NIV)

D. Biblical Narrative = Consistency with the words of the prophets

<sup>43</sup> ***All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*** (Ac 10:43 NIV)

<sup>13</sup> ***When they finished, James spoke up. “Brothers,” he said, “listen to me.*** <sup>14</sup> ***Simon has described to us how God first intervened to choose a people for his name from the Gentiles.*** <sup>15</sup> ***The words of the prophets are in agreement with this...*** (Ac 15:13–15 NIV)

III. REVISED VISION FOR DISCIPLE MAKING

A. Gentiles and the Gospel: Inviting them to dinner....at a Temple???

<sup>14</sup> Simon has described to us how God first intervened to choose a people for his name from the Gentiles. <sup>15</sup> The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written: <sup>16</sup> “ ‘After this I will return and rebuild David’s fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it, <sup>17</sup> that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things’ (citation from Amos 9:11-12 LXX) (Ac 15:14–17 NIV)

<sup>6</sup> And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants... <sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” (Is 56:6–7 NIV)

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine— the best of meats and the finest of wines. (Is 25:6 NIV)

<sup>16</sup> Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, and to celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles. (Zec 14:16 NIV)

<sup>34</sup> “Say to the Israelites: ‘On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the LORD’s Festival of Tabernacles begins, and it lasts for seven days... <sup>36</sup> For seven days present food offerings (all offerings done at the Temple) to the LORD...<sup>40</sup> On the first day you are to take branches from luxuriant trees— from palms, willows and other leafy trees— and rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days. (Le 23:34–40 NIV)

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” (Re 7:9–14 NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” (Re 4:1 NIV)