

MATTHEW 12:41	LUKE 11:30 & 32	ONE GOSPEL
Yehohshua's Three Analogies of an Evil Generation Seeking a Sign. First Analogy: Sign of Jonah		
<p>41 “The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and they shall condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and look! A greater than Jonah is here.”</p>	<p>30 “For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevehites, so also will the ‘<i>Son of Man</i>’ be to this generation. 32 “The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and they shall condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and look! A greater than Jonah is here.”</p>	<p>“For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevehites, so also shall the ‘<i>Son of Man</i>’ be to this generation. “The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, a greater than Jonah is here.”</p>

OLD TESTAMENT REFERENCE

JEREMIAH 3:6-15

6 Yahweh said to me in the days of king Josiah: "Have you seen what faithless Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and played the harlot!

7 "I thought: 'Even after she has done all these things, she will return to me.' But she did not return!

Her faithless sister Judah saw it.

8 "I reasoned: 'Because faithless Israel had committed adultery, I sent her away with a *Bill of Divorce*. Still, Judah, her treacherous sister, had no fear. She also went and played the harlot.

9 "She takes on lightly her terrible immorality! She defiles the land. She commits adultery with stones and sticks.

10 "Still, after these acts," said Yahweh, "Judah, her treacherous sister, has not turned to me with her whole heart. Rather, she feigned."

11 Yahweh also to me, "Rebel Israel has shown herself to be better than faithless Judah. 12 Go! Proclaim these words toward the north, and say:

"Return, faithless Israel,' says Yahweh,
'and I will not permit My anger to fall on you, for I am merciful,'
said Yahweh.

"I will not remain angry forever.

13 "Only acknowledge your iniquity,
that you have transgressed against Yahweh your God,
and scattered your favors among the strangers under every green tree,
and that you have not obeyed my voice,'" said Yahweh.

14 "Return, rebellious children," said Yahweh, "for I am married to you. I will take you, one from a city, two from a family. I will bring you to Zion.

15 "I will give you shepherds after My own heart. They will feed you with knowledge and understanding."

Old Testament Commentary

King Josiah became the ruler of Judah when he was eight years old after his father King Amon was assassinated in 659 B.C.E. When king Josiah was sixteen years old, under Jeremiah's influence, he sought to reform Judah, along with the former kingdom of Israel, to return to true worship.

History may have been different had king Josiah not attacked Pharaoh Necho during Egypt's campaign against the Babylonians. King Josiah was killed in the battle of Megiddo in 629 B.C.E. after which Necho imposed heavy penalties against Judah. In 625 B.C.E. Pharaoh Necho was defeated by Nebuchadnezzar at Carchemish. Then in 537 B.C.E. Cyrus permitted the Jews to return to their homeland.

MATTHEW 12:42	LUKE 11:31	ONE GOSPEL
Second Analogy: The Queen of Sheba		
<p>42 “The queen of the south will rise during the <i>Judgment Time</i> with this generation, and she will condemn it, for she traveled from the remotest parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon. Behold, a greater than Solomon is here.”</p>	<p>31 “The queen of the south will rise during the <i>Judgment Time</i> with the men of this generation, and condemn them, for she traveled from the remotest parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon. Behold, a greater than Solomon is here.”</p>	<p>“The queen of the south shall rise up during the <i>Judgment Time</i> with the men of this generation, and she will condemn them, for she traveled from the remotest parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon.</p> <p>“Behold, a greater than Solomon is here.”</p>

OLD TESTAMENT REFERENCE

2 CHRONICLES 9:1-8

1 When the queen of Sheba heard of Solomon’s fame she, and a large retinue, traveled to Jerusalem to test Solomon with difficult questions. With her came many camels carrying spices, and abundant quantities of gold and precious stones.

When she met Solomon, she conversed with him everything that was in her heart. 2 Solomon answered all her questions—and there was nothing hidden from Solomon which he did could not explain to her.

3 After the queen of Sheba witnessed Solomon’s wisdom, and the palace that he had built, 4 and the food of his table, and the sitting of his officials, and the attendance of his ministers and their apparel; as well as his cupbearers and their apparel; and the quantity of burnt offerings that he regularly offered to the House of Yahweh, there was no spirit in her.

5 She said to the king, “The report which I heard in my own land of your acts and wisdom were true. 6 How is it that I did not believe their words until I came here for my own eyes to see it? Look! Not even half of your great wisdom was told to me. You exceed the fame that I heard.

7 “Your men are fortunate as your servants, who stand continually before you, are fortunate. They always hear your wisdom.

8 “Blessed is Yahweh your God, who favored you and set you on His throne as a king before Yahweh your God.

“Because your God loves Israel enough to establish it forever, He made you a king over them, to execute judgment and justice.”

Old Testament Commentary

The land of Sheba rested in the southwest portion of Arabia. The Sabeans were peaceful, wealthy, and prosperous, trading commerce between India and Tyre. It may be possible that they were descendents of Eber who was a descendent of Shem. Eber fathered Joktan who became the possible link to the Sabean people. This makes the Sabeans a Semitic people. Eber was also the great great grandfather of Abraham. The queen of Sheba traveled 1,200 miles along the coastlands of Arabia to visit Solomon. Solomon was the son of David and Bath-sheba. He was the forefather of Yehohshua through Joseph. Nathan was Solomon's brother and he became the forefather of Yehohshua through Mary.

Solomon's reign from 1037 to 998 B.C.E. was prosperous. Even though Solomon built Yahweh's holy Temple (which was designed by king David) in 1027 B.C.E., the qualities of his leadership became tainted through the heavy taxation of the people. Rebellious thoughts fermented in their minds. Solomon married 300 women and had 700 concubines. He permitted them to indulge in their false worship of outside gods. Yahweh permitted the kingdom to split apart after Solomon's death due to his sexual degradation and committed abuses against Yahweh by erecting false temples and idols.

MATTHEW 12:43-45	LUKE 11:24-26	ONE GOSPEL
Third Analogy: The unclean spirit returns with seven others		
<p>43 "When the unclean spirit vacates a man, he walks through the dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.</p> <p>44 Then he said, 'I will return to my house where I came out.' And when he returns he finds it empty, swept, and garnished.</p> <p>45 Then he will go and bring back with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself. They also will enter to live there.</p> <p>"So the last state of that man is worse than the first.</p> <p>"Even so shall it be also to this wicked generation."</p>	<p>24 "When the unclean spirit vacates a man, he walks through the dry places, seeking rest, and finding none,</p> <p>he said, 'I will return to my house where I came out.' 25 And when he returns he finds it swept and garnished.</p> <p>26 Then he will go and bring back with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they will enter to live there.</p> <p>"So the last state of that man is worse than the first."</p>	<p>"When the unclean spirit vacates a man, he walks through the dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.</p> <p>"Then he said, 'I will return to my house from where I came out.'</p> <p>"And when he is returns, he finds it empty, swept and garnished.</p> <p>"Then he will go and bring back with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself. They also will enter to live there.</p> <p>"So the last state of that man is worse than the first.</p> <p>"Even so shall it be also to this wicked generation."</p>

MATTHEW 9:27-31

Yehohshua Heals Two Blind Men:

27 When Yehohshua departed from there, two blind men followed him, crying and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us.”

28 When he was reached the house the blind men came to him, and Yehohshua said to them, “Do you believe I am able to perform this?”

They said to him, “Yes, Lord.”

29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith, let it be done for you.” 30 Their eyes opened and Yehohshua quickly urged them, saying, “Make sure that no man knows this.”

31 However, after they departed, they spread his fame throughout that country.

MATTHEW 9:32-35

Yehohshua Heals a Possessed Man:

32 As they traveled about the people brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. 33 When the devil was expelled, the dumb man spoke and the crowds marveled, saying, “Such had never been seen in Israel.”

34 But the Pharisees said, “He exorcises devils through the prince of the devils.”

35 Yehohshua traveled throughout all the cities and villages teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and disease among the people.

MATTHEW 9:36-38	LUKE 10:2	ONE GOSPEL
Yehohshua’s Analogy of the Plentiful Harvest / Few Workers		
<p>36 But when he saw the crowds he was moved with compassion for them because they fainted and were scattered abroad, sheep having no shepherd.</p> <p>37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.</p> <p>38 Pray that the Lord of the harvest send out more laborers into his harvest.”</p>	<p>2 Therefore, he said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest sends out more laborers into his harvest.”</p>	<p>But when he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.</p> <p>Therefore, he said to his disciples, “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.</p> <p>“Pray that the Lord of the harvest sends out more laborers into his harvest.”</p>

MATTHEW 10:1	MARK 3:13-14	LUKE 6:12-13	ONE GOSPEL
Yehohshua selects Twelve from Among his Disciples:			
<p>1a When he called to his twelve disciples,</p> <p>he gave them power against unclean spirits, to exorcise them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases.</p>	<p>13 He journeyed to the mountain,</p> <p>called to him whom he wanted, and they came to him.</p> <p>14 And he ordained twelve, so they could be with him, and so he could send them out to preach, 15 and to have power to exorcise demons, and to heal sicknesses.</p>	<p>12 It occurred during those days that he journeyed to a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.</p> <p>13 When it was dawn he called to his disciples:</p> <p>and from among them he chose twelve, whom he also named apostles.</p>	<p>It occurred during those days that he journeyed to a mountain to pray; and con-tinued all night in prayer to God.</p> <p>When it was dawn, he called to his disciples — whom he wanted — and they came to him.</p> <p>And from among them he ordained twelve whom he also named apostles, so they could be with him and so he could send them out to preach.</p> <p>And he gave you power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.</p>

MATTHEW 10:2-4	MARK 3:16-19	LUKE 6:14-16	ONE GOSPEL
Yehohshua selects Twelve from Among his Disciples:			
<p>2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: the first Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother,</p> <p>James the son of Zebedee; and John his brother;</p> <p>3 Philip and Bartholomew;</p> <p>Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;</p> <p>4 Simon the Cananaean;</p> <p>and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.</p>	<p>16 Simon, he surnamed Peter;</p> <p>James the son of Zebedee; and John, the brother of James. These two he surnamed Boanerges, which means, '<i>The sons of thunder</i>'.</p> <p>18 Also Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Thomas and Matthew</p> <p>James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean.</p> <p>19 And Judas Iscariot who also betrayed him. Then they went inside a house.</p>	<p>14 Simon, (whom he also named Peter), and Andrew his brother, and James and John.</p> <p>Philip and Bartholomew.</p> <p>15 Thomas and Matthew</p> <p>James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon</p> <p>called Zealot.</p> <p>16 And Judas of James, and Judas Iscariot, who also was the traitor.</p>	<p>Now, the names of the twelve apostles are these: the first, Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother.</p> <p>These two he surnamed Boanerges, which means, <i>The sons of thunder</i>.</p> <p>Also Philip, and Bartholomew. And Matthew the tax collector, and Thomas.</p> <p>James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus (Judas of James), and Simon the Cananaean (called Zealot), and Judas Iscariot — who also betrayed him.</p> <p>Then they went inside a house.</p>

New Testament Commentary

The owners of the houses are usually not mentioned by name in the synoptic gospels. Yet, for their outstanding faith and their total embrace of the true message and love and zeal for Yahweh and his one true spokesperson of His reality, Eleazar (Lazarus) and Zacchaeus are favorably mentioned. The host's kindness to Jesus, and their continual observation of the law and the continual steadfastness of their loyalty to Yahweh and to his only-begotten son Jesus, permitted these hosts to achieve sainthood.

LUKE 6:17-26

The Beatitudes. (Second Discourse):

17 He traveled with them and arrived at the plain. While in the company of his disciples a large crowd of people journeyed from all Judea, Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. They journeyed from those cities to hear him, and to be healed from their diseases. 18 The entire multitude sought to touch him because a power of virtue emitted from his presence. All, he healed.

20 He lifted his eyes to his disciples and said, "Happy are the poor — for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Happy are those who are now hungry — for you shall be filled. Happy are you who now weep — for you shall laugh. 22 Happy are you when men hate you, and when they isolate you from their companionships, and reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the *Son of Man*'s sake.

23 "In that day, rejoice! Leap! Look! Your reward is great in heaven. Their fathers did similar things to the prophets. 24 But grievances to you who are rich! You have already received your consolation

25 "Grievances to you who are full, for you will hunger. Grievances to you who are now laughing, for you will mourn and weep. 26 Grievances to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets!