

Sunday October 4th 2015
Without a Parable
Part Two
Study Questions

1). Read Matthew 12:38 – What is the context that brings us to this verse?

a). Where is this same request made elsewhere in Matthew and what is the Lord's response on both occasions?

b). Why does the Lord use the sign of the prophet Jonah as the only sign that will now be given to Israel?

2). Read Matthew 12:41-42 – Why does the Lord use these 2 examples at this point in Chapter 12?

a). Where do we find a similar condemnation elsewhere in Matthew and what do we learn from these verses?

3). Read Leviticus 26:18-24 and Deuteronomy 28:64-67 – When are these warnings/promises given to Israel and what is God’s purpose in doing so?

a). What connection is there between these verses from Leviticus and Deuteronomy and the 3 interrelated events that we see in Matthew Chapter 12?

b). Read Matthew 12:43-45 – Why does the Lord give this parable here and what is He telling Israel’s religious leaders through it?

c). What connection is there between what Israel is told in these verses and the sign of the prophet Jonah?

4). Read Matthew 12:46-50 – What is going on in these verses and why does this incident appear in the scriptures where it does?

a). What should we learn from this for ourselves?

5). What similarities are there between the experience of the first generation of Israel to come out of Egypt that led to the events at Kadesh Barnea, the experience of the Jews at the Lord's first advent that led to the Kingdom of the Heavens being taken from them and the Church at large today?