

- (1) It can refer to any fellow man...any HUMAN being throughout the world.
- (2) It can also certainly refer to a BLOOD-KIN- RELATIVE .
- (3) It most certainly applies to a BROTHER in CHRIST .
- (4) BUT - it is also the word used for having the same NATIONAL ANCESTOR...

Here is the bad news...(Matthew 25:41)
(vs. 41) - Then He will also say to those on the left hand, depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

(Zephaniah 3:8; Revelation 19:14-18)

Why were these nations judged to be wicked nations? (Matthew 25:42-46; Joel 3:2; Genesis 12:3; Zechariah 2:8)

Anyone who loves the Lord and knows the Bible cannot truthfully love Him without loving the sovereign plans and purposes of God for the nation of Israel .

As Christians and citizens of this great nation, we must continue to do all we can to insist our nation be...

Unselfish and compassionate toward others-
A strong supporter of marriage and the family.
A nation that welcomes God and the Lord Jesus...
And a nation who stands strong with Israel...

Individually, we must be ready for His coming by knowing Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord.



SERMON SERIES: The INVITATIONS of JESUS

MESSAGE: Come, Inherit the Kingdom

TEXT: Matthew 24-25

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The invitation we look at today is perhaps the most misunderstood of all Jesus' invitations.

Why?

Because we do not understand WHO it is directed to or WHAT it is about!

When we approach the Scriptures, we must be careful not to *spiritualize* that which was meant to be taken as literal .

Let's understand 4 truths as we examine this invitation of Jesus...

I. The FOUNDATION of this INVITATION

The Bible teaches that someday Jesus will return to this earth and He will establish what is called His MILLENNIAL REIGN (1,000 year rule and reign) on the earth.

We find it in both the Book of Daniel and in the Revelation of John.

(Daniel 2:44; Revelation 20:4-6)

II. The CONTEXT of this INVITATION

The context of our text is within Matthew chapters 24 and 25.

These two chapters are known as 'THE OLIVET DISCOURSE' of Jesus!

Summarize the chapter and you will see Jesus speaking about 7 things:

“The day is going to come...

- 1) ...when the TEMPLE will be destroyed (Matthew 24:1-2)
- 2) ...when TERRIFYING TIMES will come (Matthew 24:3-8; 9-13)
- 3) ...when the TRUTH of the Gospel will be preached world-wide (Matthew 24:14)
- 4) ...when great TRIBULATION will overwhelm the world (Matthew 24:15-28)
- 5) ...when Israel, the cursed Fig TREE in Matthew 21, will re-bloom (Matthew 24:32-36)
- 6) ...when I will TRIUMPHANTLY return (Matthew 24:29-31; 37-41)
- 7) ...when I will rule from My THRONE on earth from Jerusalem (Matthew 25:31-32)

III. The **SUBJECT** of this INVITATION

(Matthew 25:31a) - *“When the Son of Man comes in His glory...*

...and all the holy angels with Him,

...then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

(Zechariah 1:16, 8:3, 14:4, 14:16)

(32a)-All **THE NATIONS** will be gathered before Him...

ETHNOS - Ethnic or People groups

(32b) - *...and He will separate them (The NATIONS) from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.*

(33) *And he will set the sheep (the nations He will spare) on His right hand, but the goats (the nations He will judge) on the left.*

(34) *Then the King will say to those (nations) on His right hand, ‘come, you blessed (nations) of My father, inherit the kingdom (come take part of My millennial worldwide reign) prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

IV. The **BASIS** of this INVITATION (Matthew 25:34-40)

The basis of the Judgment of the Nations will be TWO-FOLD:

(1) The Nation’s relationship to **JESUS**

(1 John 2:18)

(2) The Nation’s relationship to Jesus’ **BRETHREN**

(vs. 40, 45)

WHO are Jesus’ BRETHREN’?

The word ‘brethren’ in New Testament Greek is the word ‘adelphos’...

According to Vine’s Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words