

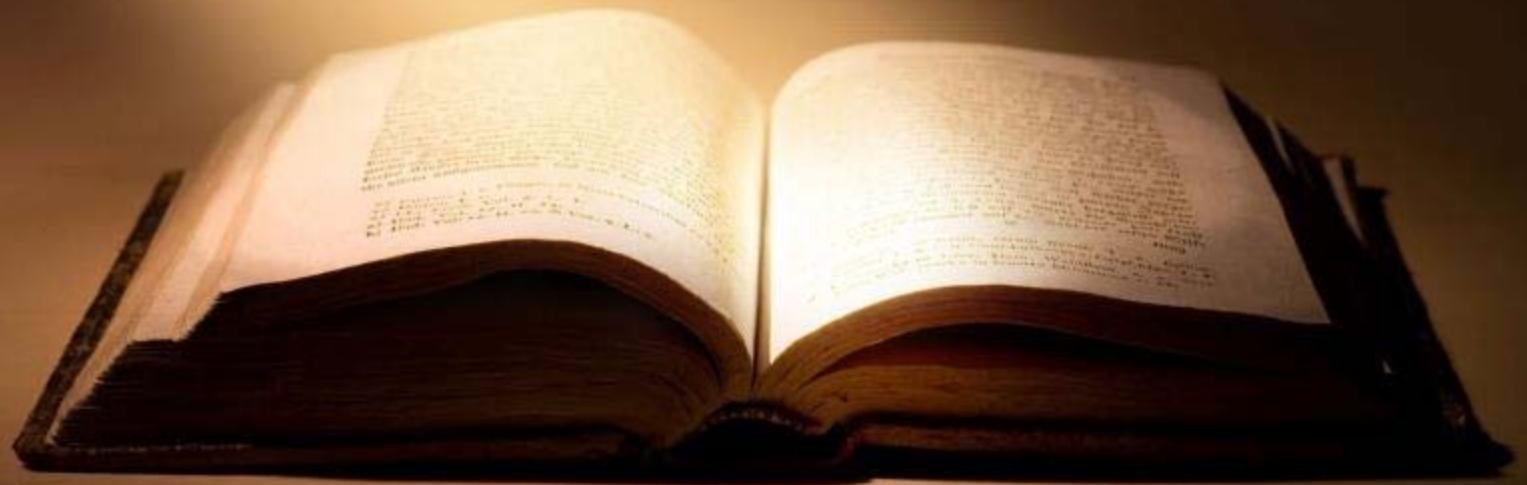


ישוע המשיח

The Life and Teachings
of
Yeshua the Messiah

Finger
of
God

The Gospel of
Matthew



Matthew 12

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Matthew 12

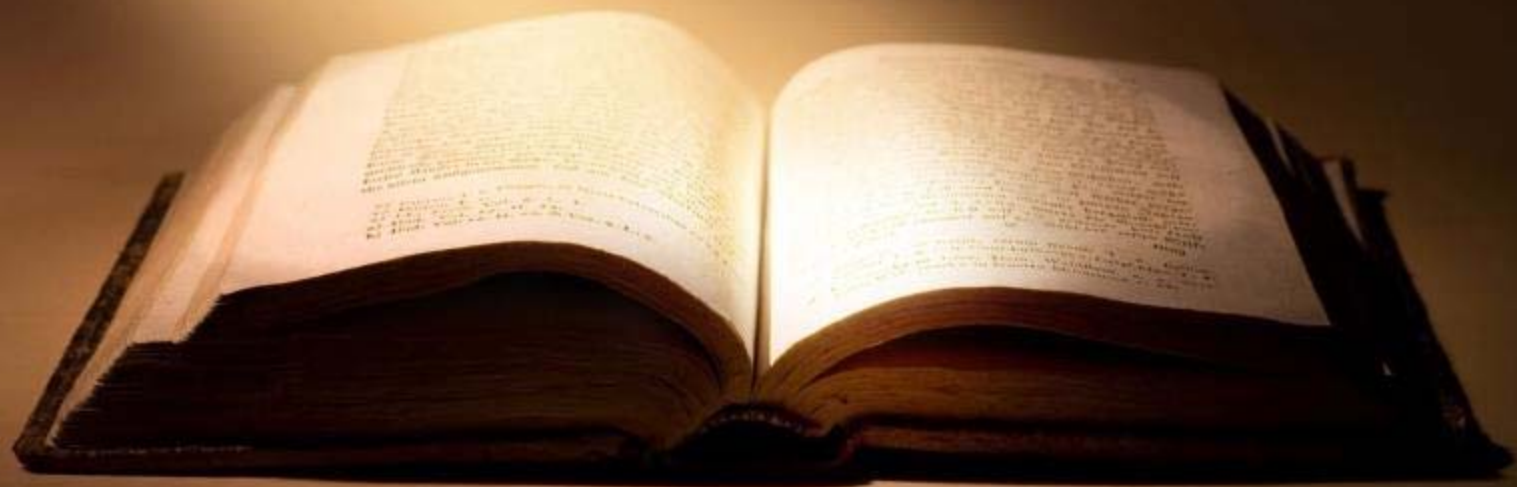
²⁵ And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself will not stand. ²⁶ If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? For this reason they will be your judges. ²⁸ But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹ Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong *man*? And then he will plunder his house.

Matthew 12

³⁰ He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

³¹ “Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. ³² Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come.

The Gospel of
Mark



Mark 3

²⁰ And He came home, and the crowd gathered again, to such an extent that they could not even eat a meal. ²¹ When His own people heard *of this*, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, “He has lost His senses.” ²² The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.”

Mark 3

²³ And He called them to Himself and began speaking to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ If Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished! ²⁷ But no one can enter the strong man’s house and plunder his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.

Mark 3

²⁸ “Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” - ³⁰ because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Mark 3

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Attracting Crowds:

- Curiosity seekers and sincere disciples followed in large numbers
Mark 1:45 But he (cleansed leper) went out and began to proclaim it freely (that Yeshua had healed him) and to spread the news around, to such an extent that **Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city**, but stayed out in unpopulated areas; and they were coming to Him from everywhere.

- The crowding of the people in and around the house prevented Yeshua from engaging in normal daily activities

John 4:32 "I have **food** to eat that you do not know about."

John 3:34 "My **food** is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work."

Mark 3

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Yeshua is “Just not Himself”

- Earthly family was concerned about His behavior
- Later in the chapter his “mother and brothers” are specified **ἐξίστημι** (existémi): out of one's mind, besides one's self, insane
- He is violating the Sabbath
- He is opposing the religious authorities
- He is appointing to Himself disciples
- He’s not eating properly or getting enough sleep....
- The authorities build on their accusation of physical/sensual abnormality to raise the accusation of demon possession!

2 Corinthians 5:13 For if we are **beside ourselves**, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you.

Matthew 12

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Demon-Possessed Man who had Lost His Senses:

- Yeshua heals a man with the problems He was accused of having
- Distinction between physical and spiritual problems
- Bible does not teach that illness is due to demon possession
- Yeshua has authority over the physical and spiritual worlds

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Restored to Health:

- Restores sense, provides understanding
- Opened eyes and ears would flood the brain with a huge amount uninterpretable input
- He not only restored the senses but provided understanding
- The Holy Spirit does the same for believers

Deuteronomy 29:4 Yet to this day the Lord has not given you a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear.

John 16 ¹² "I have many more things to say to you, but **you cannot bear them now**. ¹³ But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; (bastazó: to receive, understand)

Matthew 12

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“This man cannot be the **Son of David**, can he?”

Confused Crowds:

- How can an insane man perform a miracle?
- Amazed: delivered of a demon could see and speak
- Pun: Same verb root in Greek: to move from a fixed position
Yeshua: (transitive) “being beside himself” or “lost his senses”
Crowd: (intransitive) being “amazed”
- Son of David = Messiah

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Messiah = Son of David:

Matthew 22

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question: ⁴² “What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?” They said to Him, “**The son of David.**”

⁴³ He said to them, “Then how does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying, ⁴⁴ ‘**YEHOVAH SAID TO MY ADONAI, “SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR FEET”**’?”

⁴⁵ If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his son?”

⁴⁶ No one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question.

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Trouble Comes to Yeshua:

- Stayed away from Jerusalem except a the required holidays
- Wanted to avoid confrontation
- Knew they would want to kill Him
- He controlled the timing and all other details of His death
- Local Pharisees may have requested that a delegation come from Jerusalem to investigate this itinerate Rabbi

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Lord of the Flies:

- Not only possess by a demon but by THE DEMON
 - He's not crazy (family's contention), He's possessed
 - Cross a spiritual line by attributing the works of God to satan
- Luke 11** ²⁰ But if I cast out demons by **the finger of God,** then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Finger of God

1. Created the Universe

Psalm 8:1,3,4

¹ O YEHOVAH, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth, Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens! ...

³ When I consider Your heavens, **the work of Your fingers**, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;

⁴ What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?

Finger of God

2. Brought plagues on Egypt

Exodus 8:16-19

¹⁶ Then YEHOVAH said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, that it may become lice through all the land of Egypt.’” ¹⁷ They did so; and Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff, and struck the dust of the earth, and there were lice on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became lice through all the land of Egypt. ¹⁸ The magicians tried with their secret arts to bring forth lice, but they could not; so there were lice on man and beast. ¹⁹ Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “**This is the finger of God.**” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as YEHOVAH had said.

Finger of God

3a. Wrote the Law

Exodus 31:18

¹⁸ When He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, **written by the finger of God.**

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3b. Wrote the Law

Deuteronomy 9:10

⁹ When I went up to the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which YEHOVAH had made with you, then I remained on the mountain forty days and nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water. ¹⁰ YEHOVAH gave me the two tablets of stone **written by the finger of God**; and on them *were* all the words which YEHOVAH had spoken with you at the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly.

Finger of God

4a. Writes out Judgment

Daniel 5

Belshazzar the king held a great feast for a thousand of his nobles, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand. ² When Belshazzar tasted the wine, he gave orders to bring the gold and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them.

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4b. Writes out Judgment

Daniel 5

³ Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God which *was* in Jerusalem; and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. ⁴ They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.

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4c. Writes out Judgment

Daniel 5

⁵ Suddenly **the fingers of a man's hand emerged** and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw the back of the hand that did the writing. ⁶ Then the king's face grew pale and his thoughts alarmed him, and his hip joints went slack and his knees began knocking together.

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4d. Writes out Judgment

Daniel 5

But the God in whose hand are your life-breath and all your ways, you have not glorified. ²⁴ Then the hand was sent from Him and this inscription was written out. ²⁵ “Now this is the inscription that was written out:
‘MENĒ, MENĒ, TEKĒL, UPHARSIN.’

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4e. Writes out Judgment

Daniel 5

²⁶ This is the interpretation of the message: 'MENĒ'—God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it. ²⁷ 'TEKĒL'—you have been weighed on the scales and found deficient. ²⁸ 'PERĒS'—your kingdom has been divided and given over to the Medes and Persians."

Finger of God

5a. Healed the deaf and mute

Mark 7:32

³¹ Again He went out from the region of Tyre, and came through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of Decapolis. ³² They brought to Him one who was deaf and spoke with difficulty, and they implored Him to lay His hand on him.

³³ Jesus took him aside from the crowd, by himself, and **put His fingers into his ears**, and after spitting, He touched his tongue *with the saliva*;

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5b. Healed the deaf and mute

Mark 7:32

³⁴ and looking up to heaven with a deep sigh, He said to him, “Ephphatha!” that is, “Be opened!”
³⁵ And his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was removed, and he *began* speaking plainly.

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6a. Healed the blind

John 9:6

¹ As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “*It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.* ⁴ We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

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6. Healed the blind

John 9:6

⁵ While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.” ⁶ When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and **applied the clay to his eyes**, ⁷ and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came *back* seeing.

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Cast out demons

Luke 11:20

²⁰ But if I cast out demons **by the finger of God**, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Finger of God

1. Involved in the Act of Creation (Psalm 8:3)
2. Delivers His People (Exodus 8:19)
3. Gave His Law (Exodus 31:18 Deuteronomy 9:10)
4. Records His judgment (Daniel 5:5, 24)
5. Makes Ears hear (Mark 7:32)
6. Makes Eyes See (John 9:6)
7. Defeats Satan (Luke 11:20)