

Reformed University Fellowship Bible Survey Conference

Session 8: The Seed (Gospels)

- I. The Day of Lord is Coming (Malachi 3 & 4).
 - A. Greeks – Ptolemies, Seleucids.
 - B. Anthochius Epiphanes.
 - C. Maccabean revolt.
 - D. Cleansing of the temple.
 - E. Change of priesthood.
 - F. Rise of Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes and Zealots.

- II. Matthew: Arrival of the Son of David
 - A. “Jewish” genealogy.
 - B. Fulfilled the Old Testament.
 - C. Accepted by gentile Kings – 2:1-12.
 - D. Rejected by Jewish Kings – 2:1-12.
 - E. True Israel – 2:13-15.
 - F. Body of Matthew.
 - 1. Vision of Jesus’ Kingdom – 5-9.
 - 2. Mission of Jesus’ Kingdom – 10-12.
 - 3. Nature of Jesus’ Kingdom – 13-17.
 - 4. Conflict and Jesus’ Kingdom – 18-22.
 - 5. Future of Jesus’ Kingdom – 23-25.
 - G. Focal Point – 22:41-46.
 - H. Lie of the Jews – 28:11-15.
 - I. Universal mission of the Kingdom – 28:18-20.
 - J. Theme: Jesus the Glorious King.

- III. Mark: Arrival of the Son of God
 - A. 1:1 “Son of God” introduced.
 - B. 1:2-3 Messenger of the Covenant.
 - 1. Malachi 3:1.
 - 2. Isaiah 40:3.
 - 3. Elijah came first.
 - 4. Elisha came next with twice the portion of the Spirit.
 - C. Jesus the super hero.
 - 1. Authority over everything: men, demons, disease, uncleanness, sin, law, nature, death
 - D. New Israel – 3:13-19.
 - E. Center of the Gospel – 8:34-38.
 - F. Transfiguration 9:1-13.
 - G. Arrival in Jerusalem – 11:1-11.
 - H. Curse on the fig tree – 11:12-14.
 - I. Sudden arrival at the Temple – 11:15-19.
 - J. Destruction of Israel – 11:20-24.
 - K. Destruction of shepherds – 12:1-12.
 - L. Destruction of temple – 13:1-37.
 - M. Crucifixion of the King of the Jews – 15:26.
 - N. Crucifixion of the Son of God – 15:39.
 - O. Theme: Jesus the Son of God.

- IV. Luke: Arrival of the Son of Man.
 - A. Adam's genealogy.
 - B. Greek biographical form of the Hero.
 - 1. Remarkable childhood – 1- 3.
 - 2. Life story – 4:1-9:50.
 - 3. Great exploits – 9:51-19:27.
 - a. Travelogue.
 - 4. Tragic death – 19:28-end.
 - C. Temptation by Satan - 4:1-13.
 - D. Wider cast of characters.
 - E. Focus – 20:19-26.
 - F. Practical feel to chapter 24.
 - G. Theme: Jesus the Perfect Man.

- V. John: Beginning of the New Creation.
 - A. 1:1-18 - Word.
 - 1. Beginning.
 - 2. Life.
 - 3. Light.
 - 4. Darkness.
 - 5. Belief.
 - 6. Witness.
 - 7. Birth.
 - 8. Glory.
 - B. 2:23-3:15.
 - 1. Birth from above.
 - C. 6:22-69.
 - 1. Bread of Life.
 - D. 8:37-59
 - 1. Abraham's seed.
 - E. Chapter 11
 - 1. Resurrection of the dead.
 - F. 20:11-18
 - 1. Garden revisited.
 - 2. Jesus the gardener – to till and guard.
 - 3. The gardener and the woman.
 - G. 20:19-23.
 - 1. Peace established – chaos defeated.
 - 2. Breath of Life.
 - 3. Spirit given.
 - 4. Authority given.
 - H. Theme: Jesus the Creator.