

# Matthew Series

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# MATTHEW

## JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

**Jesus Condemns the Pharisees—Part 1**

**Matthew 23:13–22**



**VI. Jesus is presented to Israel as her  
Messianic King and rejected (21:21–25:46)**

- A. Jesus is publicly presented to Israel as  
her Messianic King, 21:1–17**
- B. Jesus the Messianic King is rejected by  
the nation, but not all of the people,  
21:18–22:46**
- C. Jesus rejects the nation and  
announces eight (7) WOES on the  
religious leaders, 23:1–39**



**Matt. 23:11, “But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.**

**Matt. 23:12, “And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”**



**Religion = Man doing the work.  
God blessing and validating  
human effort.**

**Christianity = God doing all of the work.  
Man receiving it by faith.**



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**οὐαί *ouai* Interjection woe!**

**וַיֵּאָרָא וְאָמַר Particle interj woe!**

**ὑποκριτής *hupokritēs*  
actor; hypocrite**



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**Gen. 3:14, “So the LORD God said to the serpent: ...**

**Gen. 3:15, “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”**



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**Matt. 15:14, “Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”**



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**Rom. 2:17, “Indeed you are called a Jew,  
and rest on the law, and make your boast  
in God,**

**Rom. 2:18, “and know His will, and  
approve the things that are excellent, being  
instructed out of the law,**

**Rom. 2:19, “and are confident that you  
yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to  
those who are in darkness,”**



**Rom. 2:20, “an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law.**

**Rom. 2:21, “You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal?”**



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**Mark 12:40, “who devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.”**



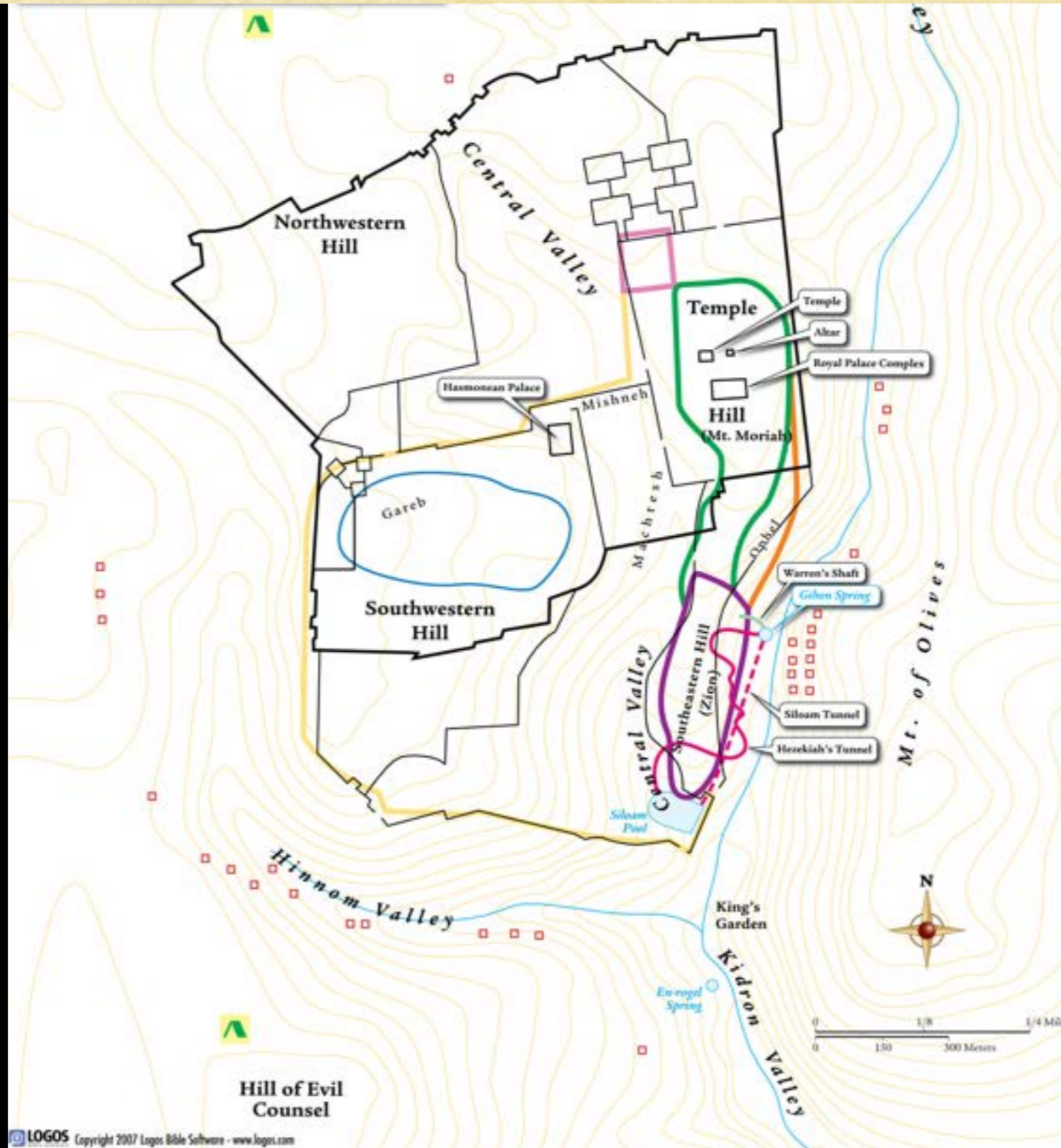
**Matt. 23:15, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.”**



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**Where Judah sinned by committing child sacrifice and burning their sons and daughters in the fires of Molech. Thus *Gehenna* symbolized a place of idolatry, disobedience to God, and spiritual failure.**





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**For their sins of idolatry Judah was to be punished in *Gehenna* in 586 BC.**

**This was a historical punishment of divine discipline on the nation for their spiritual failure.**

**In Jeremiah 19:6 Jeremiah predicted that as punishment for the sins, the valley would be used as a mass burial site for those slaughtered in the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC.**



**Jer. 7:32, “ ‘Therefore behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘when it will no more be called Tophet, or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter; for they will bury in Tophet until there is no room.’ ”**



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**Conclusion: The Valley of Hinnom was not used in the Old Testament as a reference to eternal condemnation in the Lake of Fire, but as a place of divine discipline on the nation of Israel for their spiritual failure. *Gehenna* thus became a symbol for spiritual failure, condemnation and shame, and divine discipline in time, not in eternity.**



**Matt. 23:33, “Serpents, brood of vipers!  
How can you escape the condemnation of  
hell [the valley of Gehenna]?”**