

“Wailing and Gnashing of Teeth” – The Context of the Book of Matthew

1. There will be no PUNISHMENT at the Bema Seat Judgment where believers will give an account for the works performed in their Christian lives whether good or bad.
2. There are those who teach that believers WILL be punished at the Bema seat and endure OUTER darkness with WAILING and GNASHING of teeth. Could this be true?
3. You will find most of these verses contained in the Gospel of Matthew, so let's examine these verses from a literal, historical, grammatical, and CONTEXTUAL interpretation.
4. The purpose of God in His plan for the ages is to glorify His sovereignty and grace in creation and redemption, ultimately expressed in the establishment of His KINGDOM in the heavens and the earth through JESUS CHRIST.
5. God made several promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob which are detailed in and confirmed in the ABRAHAMIC COVENANT (Gen. 12:1-3; 13:15-17; 15:18; 17:6-8; 26:3-4; 28:13-14) which include:
 - a. LAND Covenant (Deu. 30:1-10)
 - b. SEED Covenant (2 Sam. 7:12-16)
 - c. NEW Covenant (blessing) (Jer. 31:31-36)
6. Two purposes for the first coming of the Messiah are that He would be the SAVIOR of the world and that He would be Israel's KING.
7. At the close of the Old Testament, the great question that remained is, “What happened to God's PROMISES to Israel?”
8. The Book of MATTHEW begins by answering this question in chapters 1-2 by proving that Jesus is the CHRIST, the KING of the Jews:
 - a. Though His GENEALOGY (Matt. 1:1)
 - b. Through FULFILLED prophecy...
 - 1) SEED of the woman (Gen. 3:15; Matt. 1:16)
 - 2) Conceived of a VIRGIN (Is. 7:14; Matt. 1:20-23)

3) Born in BETHLEHEM (Micah 5:2; Matt. 2:5-6)

9. The Introduction of the King through His baptism, temptation, and message are found in chapters 3-4 where we see that He called the people of Israel to, "Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is AT HAND!"
10. In chapters 5-7 we find the TEACHING of the King which is consistent with His Kingdom message, offer and purpose.
11. The prophetic _____ of the King is recorded in chapters 8-9 to show that Jesus Christ wielded the power of the predicted Messiah. (Matt. 8-9)
12. The _____ of the King is detailed in chapter 10 as Matthew described Jesus' calling and sending out of His twelve disciples with the gospel of the _____ to the physical descendants of Israel.
13. Matthew chapters 11-12 is the pinnacle of the book because, as the evidence mounted that proved Jesus Christ as the predicted King, there was an increasing _____ of heart they rejected Him as their Messiah.
14. After the rejection of the Messiah by the Jews, Jesus Christ shifts His teaching in Matt. 13-18 by no longer stating that the kingdom is "at hand" but there will be a _____, He began teaching in parables, He would build His church and that He would suffer, die and be raised the third day.
15. In Matthew chapters 19-23 we see further rejection by the Jewish leaders, a _____ concerning their future kingdom, and _____ declared against the unbelieving leaders. When will the promised kingdom come?
16. Jesus answers their questions concerning the coming of the kingdom in Matthew 24-25 by detailing the events that will be associated with His _____.
17. Matthew 26 and 27 record the passion of the King, His _____ and _____ for the sins of the whole world.
18. The triumphant resurrection of the King and command for His disciples while He prepares for His ultimate return as _____ in the kingdom from heaven are written in Matthew chapter 28.