

SESSION 4: THE NEW SONG

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:14)

I. A WITNESS

- A. Matthew 24:14 is Jesus’ response to the disciples’ question, “what does the end of the age look like?”
- B. The Word took on flesh and became a witness (John 1)
 - 1. There is an incarnate witness of “this gospel” that will go into all the world, and then the end will come
 - 2. This isn’t manipulative, it’s testimony
 - 3. Imitate the Father (1 Corinthians 11:1)

II. THE TESTIMONY

- A. The testimony that Isaiah called, “the new song” will go from Jerusalem, around the world, and back to Jerusalem
- B. Luke opens the book of Acts at the ascension of Jesus and expounds on what life looked like in the following days (Acts 1)
 - 1. The resurrected Jesus spent 40 days teaching the disciples things that pertained to The Kingdom
 - 2. The disciples ask, “Is it time for you to restore the kingdom to Israel?” (v. 6)
 - 3. Jesus tells them it is not for them to know the time or date (v. 7)
 - 4. He also commands them to be witnesses unto the ends of the Earth (v. 8)

III. THE NEW SONG

- A. Isaiah 24 and Matthew 24 are parallel passages
 - 1. Isaiah 24 is overwhelmingly catastrophic, but there is a glimmer of hope
 - a) In the midst of devastation, there is a song of joy, “glory to the Righteous One!” (v. 14-16)
 - b) The Righteous One is the God of Israel (v. 14-16)
- B. “Sing to the Lord a new song” (Isaiah 42:10)
 - 1. Kedar and Sela are Saudi Arabia and Jordan (v. 11)
 - 2. “Proclaim His praise in the islands” New Zealand, the Ring of Fire (v. 10, 12)
- C. This new song, the Maranatha confession, is a declaration that the glorious, Righteous One is coming again