

Kingdom Parable: House Divided—Kingdom Divided

Matthew 12:22-37,43-45; Mark 3:22-30; Luke 11:14-23

- Pharisees Accusations
 - Jesus casting out demons by Beelzebub
 - The Pharisees and Scribes acknowledge casting out demons is a spiritual act
- Jesus knows their thoughts and approaches them and responds
 - Divided Kingdoms cannot stand (House of Israel-House of Judah)
 - If your charge was true, Satan would be destroying his own kingdom
 - How could it stand in light of Satan's goal?
 - If I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your children cast out?
- Strong Man's House
 - If Jesus was working for Satan, Satan is permitting what no strongman would
 - If you are going in a strong man house to steal, you must bind him first (two kingdom fight)
 - Having not cast out by Satan then by The Spirit of God, demonstrating the Kingdom of God is come
- Unpardonable Sin
 - The Jews demonstrate they, not Jesus, were in collusion with Satan
 - First, they refused to accept the obvious evidence and crowds conclusion
 - Is this not the Son of David?
 - Second, are against Him because they are not with Him
 - Third, they are failing to gather spiritual harvests, therefore they are scattering the harvest
 - The Jews show closed minds, determined rebellion against God and His work
 - They have blasphemed not Jesus but the very work of the Spirit of God
 - They have damned the One who brings man to God
- Brood of Vipers
 - Jesus shows the Jews their real king
 - Following in the footsteps of Satan as offspring
 - Evil words come from evil hearts
- The Empty House
 - The nation of Judah, empty since deportation (idolatry)
 - Swept clean and garnished
 - Empty, a people without a Shepherd , king or prophet
 - Demon seeking rest
 - Judah should have been seeking a Divine Tenant
 - Jesus shows the demon sees the house still empty and will bring 7 more
 - Worse than he
 - Jesus ends with this condemnation
 - Even so shall it be unto this wicked generation!