

Matthew 24:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Analysis

Jesus' prophecy 'this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come' establishes worldwide evangelism before the end. 'Gospel of the kingdom' is the good news that Jesus is King and Savior. 'Preached in all the world' requires global missions—every nation must hear. 'For a witness' means testimony, not necessarily conversion. 'Then shall the end come' links Christ's return to completed evangelization, motivating missionary urgency.

Historical Context

This great commission precedes the end—Christ delays His return to allow gospel spread (2 Peter 3:9). The church's task is proclaiming Christ to every ethnos (people group). This verse motivated two millennia of missions. While interpretation debates exist (completed in 70 AD? future fulfillment?), the missionary imperative remains clear.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' linking the gospel's global spread with His return motivate your evangelism?
2. What role are you playing in making disciples of all nations?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	κηρυχθήσεται	τοῦτο	τὸ	εὐαγγέλιον	τῆς	βασιλείας	
And	shall be preached	this	G3588	gospel	G3588	of the kingdom	
G2532	G2784	G5124		G2098		G932	
ἐν	ὅλῃ	τῇ	οἰκουμένη	εἰς	μαρτύριον	πᾶσιν	τοῖς
in	all	G3588	the world	for	a witness	unto all	G3588
G1722	G3650		G3625	G1519	G3142	G3956	
ἔθνεσιν	καὶ	τότε	ἥξει	τὸ	τέλος		
nations	And	then	come	G3588	shall the end		
G1484	G2532	G5119	G2240		G5056		

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 14:6 (Parallel theme): And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Romans 10:18 (Parallel theme): But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Luke 24:47 (Parallel theme): And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Colossians 1:23 (Parallel theme): If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and

which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Matthew 10:7 (Kingdom): And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 9:35 (Kingdom): And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Colossians 1:6 (Parallel theme): Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

Matthew 24:6 (Parallel theme): And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Matthew 4:23 (Kingdom): And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Ezekiel 7:10 (Parallel theme): Behold the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded.