

## ISRAEL'S SECOND EXODUS IN MATHEW 10

Notice that Jesus words in Mathew 9:36 are a direct allusion to Numbers 27:16-17.

Mathew 9:36

Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because **they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.**

Numbers 27:16-17

May the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation, who will go out and come in before them, and who will lead them out and bring them in, **so that the congregation of the Lord will not be like sheep which have no shepherd.**

The following chart demonstrates that the theme of Israel's exodus in Numbers 27 was being fulfilled in the ministry of Jesus as Israel's second exodus.

<b>ISRAEL'S EXODUS IN NUMBERS 27</b>	<b>ISRAEL'S SECOND EXODUS IN MATHEW 9-10</b>
<b>Canaan was near (27:12)</b>	<b>The Kingdom was near (9:35 and 10:7)</b>
<b>The deliverer of Israel (Moses) was soon to die (27:12-13)</b>	<b>The Deliverer of Israel (Jesus-the second Moses) was soon to die (See Mathew 16:21)</b>
<b>Israel as sheep without a shepherd (27:16-17)</b>	<b>Israel as sheep without a shepherd (9:36-38)</b>
<b>Joshua chosen as shepherd for Israel (27:18-20)</b>	<b>12 apostles chosen as shepherds for Israel (10:1-4)</b>
<b>Authority given to Joshua so that Israel might obey (27:20)</b>	<b>Authority given to the 12 apostles so that Israel might obey (10:1-14)</b>
<b>Joshua commissioned to lead Israel into Canaan, their inheritance (27:20-23) See Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Joshua 1:1-6</b>	<b>The shepherds commissioned to lead Israel into the Kingdom, their inheritance (9:35 10:5-7 See Acts 14:22</b>

Just as Joshua was commissioned to complete the exodus which Moses had begun, the 12 apostles were commissioned to complete the second exodus which Jesus had begun (Luke 9:31). The context of Mathew 9:35-10:7 shows us that the "harvest" was the harvest of Israel into her Kingdom through the second exodus.

Mathew 9:35,38 10:6-7

Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and **proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom....** Therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to **send out workers into His harvest....** but rather **go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.** And as you go, **preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'**

Israel was being “sifted”, just like Amos and the Baptizer prophesied....

Amos 9:9

For surely I will command, and **will sift the house of Israel among all nations, as grain is sifted in a sieve; yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground....**

Mathew 3:11-12

As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but **He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”**

The next chart demonstrates that the 12 apostles continued lead Israel on her second exodus after the Cross and Pentecost, following Jesus their forerunner into their inheritance behind the veil.

<b>ISRAEL'S EXODUS IN NUMBERS 27</b>	<b>ISRAEL'S SECOND EXODUS IN MATHEW 9-10</b>	<b>ISRAEL'S SECOND EXODUS IN ACTS 1-2 AND BEYOND</b>
Canaan was near (27:12)	The Kingdom was near (9:35 and 10:7)	The Kingdom was near (Luke 21:20-23,31 Hebrews 12:26-28)
The deliverer of Israel (Moses) was soon to die (27:12-13)	The Deliverer of Israel (Jesus-the second Moses) was soon to die (See Mathew 16:21)	Jesus the Deliverer of Israel had died and had entered “within the veil” as the forerunner (Acts 1:3 Hebrews 6:19-20)
Israel as sheep without a shepherd (27:16-17)	Israel as sheep without a shepherd, shepherds chosen (9:36-38 10:1-2)	Israel being shepherded (Acts 2:36-42 20:28 1 Peter 5:2)
Joshua chosen as a shepherd for Israel (27:18-20)	12 apostles chosen as shepherds for Israel (10:1-4)	Shepherds of Israel confirmed, Judas replaced, Paul chosen (Acts 1:15-26 Galatians 1:15-16)
Authority given to Joshua so that Israel might obey him (27:20)	Authority given to the 12 apostles so that Israel might obey them (10:1-14)	Authority given to the 12 apostles that Israel might obey them (Acts 1:8 2:4 Romans 1:1-5)
Joshua filled with the spirit (Deuteronomy 34:9)	The 12 filled with the Spirit (Mathew 10:1 and 12:28)	The 12 filled with the Spirit (Acts 2:4)
<b>The shepherd commissioned to lead Israel into Canaan, their inheritance (27:20-23 Joshua 1:1-6)</b>	<b>The shepherds commissioned to lead Israel into the Kingdom, their inheritance (9:35 10:5-7)</b>	<b>The shepherds commissioned to lead Israel into the Kingdom, their inheritance (Acts 1:1-8 2:29-41 14:22)</b>

The 12 apostles that Jesus had commissioned to lead Israel through her second exodus and into their inheritance – the kingdom, continued to do so throughout the first century in fulfillment of Isaiah 11.

Isaiah 11:10-12,16

Then **in that day the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, who will stand as a signal for the peoples; and His resting place will be glorious.** Then it will happen **on that day that the Lord will again recover the second time with His hand the remnant of His people,** who will remain, from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And He will lift up a standard for the nations and assemble the banished ones of Israel, **and will gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.... And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant of His people who will be left, just as there was for Israel in the day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.**

Apostle Paul believed they were entering in his lifetime....

Romans 15:8-9,12

For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises given to the fathers, and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy; **as it is written... There shall come the root of Jesse, and he who arises to rule over the Gentiles, in him shall the Gentiles hope.**

Hebrews 12:28

**“Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken...”**

But the question is, what do you believe?

Did the apostles and the remnant fail to enter through unbelief like the generation in the wilderness (Numbers 14:22-35 Hebrews 3:1-4:11), or did they fulfill their commission faithfully, and enter their Kingdom-inheritance?

I know what I believe.