

had been put in prison, withdrew into Galil.

¹³And leaving Natsareth, He came and dwelt in Kephah Nahum, which is by the sea, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali,

¹⁴to fill what was spoken by Yeshayahu the prophet, saying,

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Yarden, Galil of the gentiles –

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness saw a great light, and upon those who sat in the land and shadow of death, light arose to them.”ⁱ

¹⁷From that time **יהושע** began to proclaim and to say, “Repent, for the **reign of the heavens has drawn near.**”

¹⁸And **יהושע**, walking by the Sea of Galil, saw two brothers, Shim'on called Kepha, and Andri his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

¹⁹And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I shall make you fishers of men.”

²⁰And immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

²¹And going on from there, He saw two other brothers, Ya'aqob the son of Zabdai, and Yohanan his brother, in the boat with Zabdai their father, mending their nets. And He called them,

²²and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

²³And **יהושע** went about all Galil, teaching in their congregations, and proclaiming the Good News of the reign, and healing every disease and every bodily weakness among the people.

²⁴And news about Him went out into all Syria. And they brought to Him all who were sick, afflicted with various diseases and pains, and those who were demon-possessed, and epileptics, and paralytics. And He healed them.

²⁵And large crowds – from Galil, and Dekapolis, and Yerushalayim, and Yehudah, and beyond the Yarden – followed Him.

5 But when He saw the crowds, He went up on a mountain. And when He was seated His taught ones came to Him.

²And having opened His mouth, He was teaching them, saying,

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, because theirs is the reign of the heavens.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, because they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, because they shall inherit the earth.^j

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,^k because they shall be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the compassionate, because they shall obtain compassion.

⁸“Blessed are the clean in heart,^l because they shall see Elohim.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, because they shall be called sons of Elohim.

¹⁰“Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness' sake,^m because theirs is the reign of the heavens.

¹¹“Blessed are you when they reproach and persecute you, and falsely say every wicked word against you, for My sake.

¹²“Rejoice and be glad, because your reward in the heavens is great. For in this way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt becomes tasteless, how shall it be seasoned? For it is no longer of any use but to be thrown out and to be trodden down by men.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. It is impossible for a city to be hidden on a mountain.

¹⁵“Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it shines to all those in the house.

¹⁶“Let your light so shine before men, so that they see your good works and praise your Father who is in the heavens.

¹⁷“Do not think that I came to destroy the Torah or the Prophets.ⁿ I did not come to destroy but to complete.^o

ⁱ Yesh. 9:1-2.

^j Teh. 37:9, 11, 22, 29, 34.

^k Yesh. 55:1-2, Mt. 4:4, Yn. 6:48-51. ^l Teh. 24:3-4. ^m 1 Kepha 3:14.

ⁿ The Law and the Prophets is a term used for the pre-Messianic Scriptures. ^o Indeed, the Law and the Prophets (pre-Messianic Scriptures) without Messiah is incomplete!