THE KING AND KINGDOM FULFILL THE OLD TESTAMENT, PART 1: THE PREEMINENCE OF SCRIPTURE (Matthew 5:17)

I. The PURPOSE of the Law

- A. It reveals the CHARACTER of GOD
- B. It reveals God's EXPECTATIONS for MAN
 - 1. Provides DEFINITIONS of "TRUTH" and "RIGHTEOUSNESS"
 - 2. Provides PROOF of humanity's SINFULNESS
 - 3. Provides EVIDENCE of humanity's need for GRACE
- C. It establishes a STABLE FOUNDATION for SOCIETY

II. The SOURCE of the Law—Authored by GOD

- A. He gave it PERSONALLY and DIRECTLY
 - 1. Narrowest sense—the DECALOGUE/TEN COMMANDMENTS
 - 2. Broader sense—the PENTATEUCH/BOOKS OF MOSES
 - 3. Broadest sense—the whole of SCRIPTURE/OLD TESTAMENT
- B. "The Law" is comprised of three CATEGORIES of regulations
 - 1. Includes the MORAL Law to regulate human BEHAVIOR
 - 2. Includes the CIVIL/JUDICIAL Law to regulate Israel's SOCIETY

- 3. Includes the CEREMONIAL Law to regulate Israel's WORSHIP
- III. The REINFORCEMENT of the Law—Affirmed by the PROPHETS
 - A. They RESTATED and EXPOUNDED the Law
 - B. They encouraged OBEDIENCE of the Law
 - C. They warned of the CONSEQUENCES of DISREGARDING the Law
- IV. The FULFILLMENT of the Law—Accomplished by CHRIST
 - A. He perfectly COMPLETED the CEREMONIAL Law
 - 1. Presented HIMSELF as the FINAL sacrifice for sin
 - 2. Additional sacrifices are INADEQUATE/ UNNECESSARY
 - B. He perfectly SATISFIED the JUDICIAL Law
 - 1. Provided REDEMPTION for SIN
 - 2. Pronounced CONDEMNATION upon ISRAEL
 - 3. Absolved BELIEVERS from any future JUDGMENT
 - C. He perfectly OBEYED the MORAL Law
 - 1. Made Him QUALIFIED to be a SUBSTITUTE for sinners
 - 2. Demonstrated the OBEDIENCE we are to EMULATE
 - D. He revealed Himself as the eschatological GOAL of the OT