Mark 7:24-37 and 8:1-13

- Jesus leaves Galilee and Jewish territory to enter the Gentile lands of Phoenicia and Decapolis.
- 2. Josephus identifies Tyre as one of Israel's most bitter enemies when he writes: They were "notoriously our bitterest enemies."
- 3. Reasons for Jesus leaving Jewish territory:
 - a. Desire for privacy to instruct disciples
 - b. Avoid the continuous controversy with the religious leaders

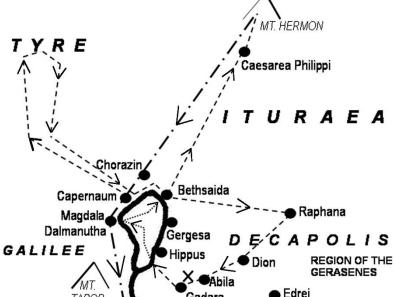


- d. Prepare his disciples for a ministry to Gentiles
- e. Fulfill the ministry of the Jewish Messiah that was to reach the Gentiles.
- 4. The Gentiles from Phoenicia had already came down into Galilee to see Jesus
- 5. After the conflict concerning uncleanness (food, etc.) Jesus will show his disciples that the Gentiles are not unclean.
- 6. The traditions of the Jews prevented them from understanding Jesus, but the Gentiles were able to understand.

Mark 7:24-30 -

"And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden.

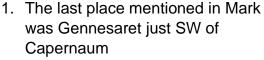
7:25 But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet.



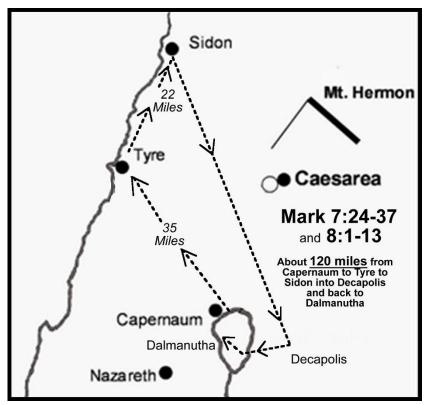
7:26 Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

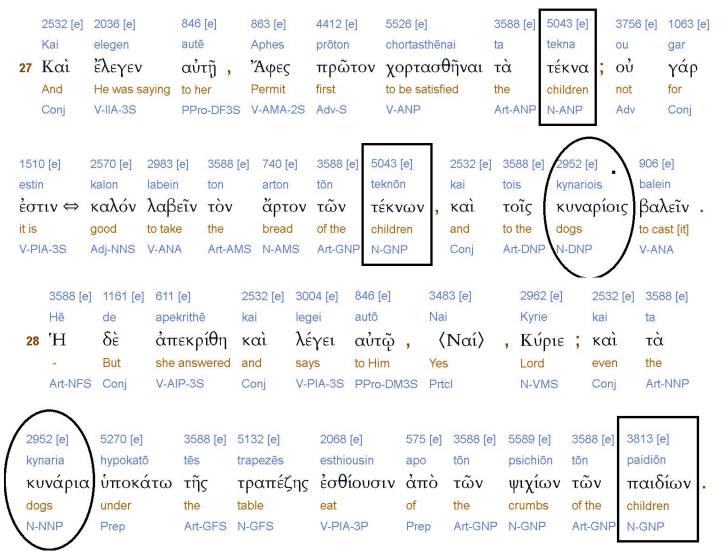
7:27 And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

7:28 But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."
7:29 And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter."
7:30 And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.



- 2. "went" (apelthen) in the Greek is stronger than the typical erchesthai for "go" or "went" and indicates a decisive departure.
- 3. The women is all the wrong things:
 - a. Canaanite
 - b. Woman
 - c. Greek speaking
 - d. Gentile
 - e. Syrian Phoenician
- 4. "Dog" was offensive insult:
 - a. Unclean because they ate garbage and dead carcasses
 - b. In the OT the term was used of a worthless, dispensable person as in 1 Sam. 24: 15; 2 Sam. 16:9 and Isaiah 56:10
 - c. Matt 7:6 Jesus warns against trusting the sacred to dogs
 - d. Paul calls his spiritual enemies dogs in Philippians 3:2 "Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.
- 5. The only redeeming point is the word used for "dog" by Jesus:
 - a. Normally a dog lived in the streets like a wild animal and was referred to as a kyon
 - b. Here the word is a diminutive *kynarion* mean a mall dog that might be kept in the house as a pet. The woman picks up on this and responses with a reference to a house dog eating crumbs from the table.
- 6. Israel is referred to by Jesus as children using *teknon* which is biological children. But, the woman uses *paidion* which is includes children and the servants in a household.





- 7. The ministry of salvation to the Jews first and then to the Gentiles is the original plan and the eschatological outcome:
 - a. Genesis 12:3 "I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
 - b. Isaiah 2:2-3 "It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
 - c. Isaiah 19:25 ""Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance."
 - d. Isaiah 25:6-8 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

- e. Micah 4:1-2
- f. Daniel 7:14 "And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.
- g. Amos 9:12
- h. Zechariah 9:10
- i. Paul in Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Mark 7:31-37 -

"Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

- 7:32 And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.
- 7:33 And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue.
- 7:34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."
- 7:35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.
- 7:36 And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.
- 7:37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Mark 8:1-10 -

In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them,

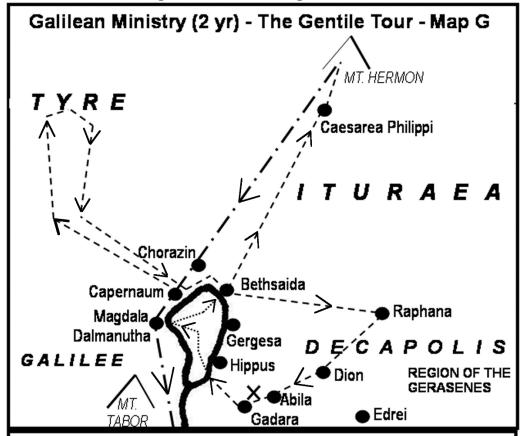
- 8:2 "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat.
- 8:3 And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away."
- 8:4 And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?"
- 8:5 And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven."
- 8:6 And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd.
- 8:7 And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them.
- 8:8 And they are and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full.
- 8:9 And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.
- 8:10 And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

Mark 8:11-13 -

The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test

8:12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation."

8:13 And he left them, got into the boat again, and went to the other side.



- 1. Jesus goes up to the region of Tyre and Sidon (Mt.15:21). Here he meets the Canaanite woman (Mt.15:22;Mk.7:24)
- 2. Jesus leaves Tyre and goes down to Sea of Galilee and withdraws into the region of Decapolis for his third attempt to get away from the fanatical crowds, King Herod Antipas, the religious leaders and to rest and teach his disciples (Mk.7:31). Jesus heals a deaf mute man (Mk.7:31)
- 3. Jesus feeds a crowd of 4,000 Gentiles (X) who followed him out of Tyre (a Gentile land) into Decapolis (also a Gentile land) (Mk.8:1; Mt.15:29)
- 4. Jesus sails to Dalmanutha ("the harbor") (Mk.8:10) of Magadan (Mt.15:39). He is confronted by Pharisees and Sadducees who demand a sign (Mt.16:1)
- 5. Jesus sails to Bethsaida (Mk.8:13,22). Jesus warns his disciples of the Yeast of Pharisees and Sadducees while on the boat (Mt.16:5;Mk.8:14)
- 6. Jesus heals a blind man in Bethsaida (Mk.8:22)
- 7. Jesus withdraws for the fourth and final time before he leaves for Jerusalem and the crucifixion. This time he goes to the area of Caesarea Philippi (Mt.16:13) At the Pagan shrine called the Gates of Hades Jesus asks his disciples who he is, introduces the church, announces his coming crucifixion and rebukes Peter.
- 8. Jesus then goes up into Mt. Hermon and is transfigured (Mt.17:1;Lk9:18).
- 9. Jesus comes down the mountain; he cast a demon out of a boy (Lk.9:37)
- 10. Jesus pays his and Peter's temple tax in Capernaum (Mt.17:24)
- 11. Before leaving Galilee Jesus teaches Matthew 18.
- 12. Jesus set out for Jerusalem for the last time (Lk.9:51; Mt.19:1)