

## CONTENTS

<i>Preface</i>	<i>ix</i>
<b>1. Midrash</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2. Mark's Introductory Sentence</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>3. Midrash on Elijah and the Crowds of Old Israel</b>	<b>47</b>
John the Baptizer as a Midrashic Figure: Mk 1.4-8	49
John Baptizing Jesus: Mk 1.9-11	56
Temptation in Elijah's Wilderness: Mk 1.12-13	62
Mission of Preaching Repentance: Mk 1.14-15	68
Calling the First Four Disciples: Mk 1.16-20	70
The Unclean Spirit: Mk 1.21-28	75
First Miraculous Healing of Disease: Mk 1.29-31	78
Opening the Floodgates of Miracle: Mk 1.32-34	79
Physician or Preacher of Repentance? Mk 1.35-39	81
Compassion for a Leper Leading to More Miracles: Mk 1.40-45	82
<b>4. Midrash on Levi-Moses and the Crowds of Old Israel</b>	<b>87</b>
The Paralytic Who Refused to Be Forgiven: Mk 2.1-12	90
The Calling of Levi, the Son of Alphaeus: Mk 2.13-14	99
Eating With Tax Collectors and Sinners: Mk 2.15-17	100
Why Not Fast? Mk 2.18-22	102
Violation of the Sabbath By the Disciples: Mk 2.23-27	104
Violation of the Sabbath By Jesus Himself: Mk 3.1-6	108
Lest the Crowds Should Crush Him: Mk 3.7-12	110

<b>5. Introduction to Midrash on the Twelve as the Messiah</b>	<b>115</b>
Calling the Twelve to Be the New Israel: Mk 3.13-19	116
Jesus Trusts the Crowds: Mk 3.20-21	132
Scribes From Jerusalem Confront Jesus: Mk 3.22-27	133
Forgivable and Unforgivable Sins: Mk 3.28-30	136
Jesus' True Family: Mk 3.31-35	138
Introducing and Defining Parables: Mk 4.1-20	140
Jesus' Dilemma: Mk 4.21-34	146
<b>6. Midrash on the Twelve as the New Israel</b>	<b>153</b>
Rescue from the Storm at Sea: Mk 4.35-41	153
The Demoniac Named Legion: Mk 5.1-20	156
Intercalated Traditional Miracles: Mk 5.21-43	160
No Father in the Fatherland: Mk 6.1-6	166
<b>7. Midrash on the Twelve as Suffering Servant Remnant</b>	<b>173</b>
Twelve in a Suffering Servant Wilderness: Mk 6.7-13	173
Intercalated Death of John the Baptizer: Mk 6.14-29	177
How Many Loaves Have You? Mk 6.30-43	180
Making Sure That the Disciples Fail: Mk 6.45-52	185
Beginning Again at Gennesaret: Mk 6.53-56	190
The Final Failure of the Twelve: Mk 7.1-23	191
Jesus Abandons Israel Altogether: Mk 7.24-30	194
<b>8. Midrash on Personal Effort to Achieve Reconciliation</b>	<b>201</b>
Miraculously Heal Blind, Deaf, and Mute: Mk 7.31-37	201
Feeding Four Thousand: Mk 8.1-10	203
Demand For Sensational Miracle: Mk 8.11-13	205

The Boat Trip to Bethsaida: Mk 8.14-21	209
The Twice-Healed Blind Man: Mk 8.22-31	210
<b>9. Midrash on Jesus as the Suffering Servant</b>	<b>215</b>
First Passion-Reward Prediction: Mk 8.31-9.1	215
Transfiguration Model of Glory: Mk 9.2-13	226
Exorcising Last Unclean Spirit: Mk 9.14-29	230
Second Passion-Reward Prediction: Mk 9.30-32	236
Jesus' Private Teachings to His Disciples: Mk 9.33-50	238
Why Moses Was Wrong About Divorce: Mk 10.1-12	245
Receive Sovereignty of God Like a Child: Mk 10.13-16	247
New, Non-Mosaic Law--Give to Poor: Mk 10.17-22	248
If Rich Cannot Be Saved, Who Can Be? Mk 10.23-31	250
Third Passion-Reward Prediction: Mk 10.32-34	251
Suffering Without Guaranteed Glory: Mk 10.35-45	253
<b>10. Midrash on Solomon</b>	<b>261</b>
Healing Blindness of Son of Unclean: Mk 10.46-52	262
First Day--Entry Into Jerusalem: Mk 11.1-11	265
Second Day--Fig Tree and Temple: Mk 11.12-19	270
Third Day--Withered Fig Tree: Mk 11.20-26	274
Jesus as Solomon Wise man: Mk 11.27-12.34	278
Scribes Who Do Not Know nor Do Truth: Mk 12.35-40	290
Contrast with Widow's Gift: Mk 12.41-44	291
<b>11. Midrash on Apocalypses</b>	<b>295</b>
Third Day--Faithful Disciples Persecuted: Mk 13.1-13	296
The Final Times of Tribulation: Mk 13.14-27	302

Soon but No One Knows When: Mk 13.28-37	309
<b>12. Midrash About Passover God as Savior</b>	<b>317</b>
Fourth Day--Passover and Death Plot: Mk 14.1-2	317
Messiah of Burial: Mk 14.3-9	318
A Judas-Type Betrayal: Mk 14.10-11	321
Fifth Day--The Anti-Rescue Seder Celebration: Mk 14.12-25	324
Prediction of Peter's Denials: Mk 14.26-31	331
Messiah of Voluntary Death: Mk 14.32-42	333
Betrayal by Judas and Twelve: Mk 14.43-52	336
<b>13. Midrash on Psalmic God as Savior</b>	<b>343</b>
Sixth Day--Fulfilling The First Trial Prediction: Mk 14.53-65	343
Fulfilling A Second Trial Prediction: Mk 14.66-72	350
Fulfilling A Third Trial Prediction: Mk 15.1-20	355
Psalmic Model of Rescue by God: Mk 15.21-36	357
Consequences of Jesus' Death: Mk 15.38-39	365
<b>14. Midrash on Jacob, Joseph, and Resurrection</b>	<b>369</b>
Sixth Day--Three Symbolic Women: Mk 15.40-41	370
Burial Arrangements at Joseph's Tomb: Mk 15.42-47	371
Resurrection--Fear on Third Day: Mk 16.1-8	375
<i>Afterword</i>	<b>385</b>
<i>Index of Authors and Topics</i>	<b>389</b>
<i>Sacred Literature Index</i>	<b>391</b>