Cross-References for Mark Chapter 7 (NKJV) – The battleground of authority where Jesus uses the Hebrew Scriptures to dismantle human tradition and then immediately fulfills those same scriptures through his actions.

1. The Mask of Piety: Mark 7:6-7 → Isaiah 29:13

   Mark 7:6-7 - 'He answered and said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”'

   Isaiah 29:13 - 'Therefore the Lord said: “Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,'

   i. Theme: Lip Service vs. Heart Devotion.

   ii. Connection: Jesus used Isaiah’s words to address religious leaders who prioritize man’s rules/traditions over God’s laws.

Fulfillment: This is Chris re-enforcing teaching from the Old Testament and applying their relevance to His Time.

2. The Nullified Commandment: Mark 7:9 → Isaiah 24:4-5

   Mark 7:9 - 'He answered and said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”'

   Isaiah 24:4-5 - 'The earth mourns and fades away, The world languishes and fades away; The haughty people of the earth languish. The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, Because they have transgressed the laws, Changed the ordinance, Broken the everlasting covenant.'

   i. Theme: Displacement of Divine Law.

   ii. Connection: Jesus shows that the stubbornness and disobedience of the religious leaders makes them similar to the people Isaiah warned against, who caused the land to be ruined by breaking divine laws.

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3. The Sanctity of the Home: Mark 7:10 → Exodus 20:12 & Exodus 21:17

   Mark 7:10 - 'For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’ '

   Exodus 20:12 - “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.'

   Exodus 21:17 - “And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.'

   i. Theme: The weight of Parental Honor.

   ii. Connection: Jesus uses the commandments to honor parents to show how the Pharisees’ traditions nullify God’s word. Christ is confronting the tradition of Corban to avoid caring for their parents. Jesus is re-enforcing the authority of the Old Testament law against hypocritical man-made traditions.

Fulfillment: This is Chris re-enforcing teaching from the Old Testament and applying their relevance to His Time.

4. The Inauguration of the Messianic Age: Mark 7:37 → Isaiah 35:5-6

   Mark 7:37 - 'And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”'

   Isaiah 35:5-6 - 'Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.'

   i. Theme: Restorative Transformation.

   ii. Connection: This is a beautiful "Amen" to the previous chapter. When the crowds say, "He has done all things well," they are explicitly echoing the promise that the "ears of the deaf shall be unstopped" and the "tongue of the mute sing." It titles the moment Jesus moves from debating the Law to demonstrating the Kingdom.

Prophecy Fulfillment: The Old Testament predicts a coming messiah with the power to heal and that is exactly what Christ is doing.