

This thesis is an interpretation of Matthew 23. It is an exegesis of a New Testament text focusing only on the text alone and its interpretation; moreover, it does not include history of interpretation and its use in liturgy. Individual chapters are gradually dedicated to textual criticism, comparison of various translations, synopsis, structure of the text, language analysis – where an excursion of the term "ouvai" is added, historical context of Mathew's church, historical connections, addressees, literary context, and finally interpretation of the text alone, which is built on the knowledge of the previous chapters. At the end of this thesis is placed concise summary of the exegesis, which includes results of the exegesis followed by a conclusion, where the message of the text is put in a way it touched me. I understand Jesus' speech toward the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees as a polemic, critical speech, but at the same time as an appeal to repentance. "Ouvai" should lead the listener to realization of wrongdoing and resolution to change.