

Lesson 1 Course Overview

The Consistent Kingdom Message of the Prophets, John, Jesus and the Apostles

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Living now to prepare for the Kingdom to come

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The Old Testament is filled with references to an everlasting Kingdom of Israel ruled by God on earth through His Anointed One (Messiah) “forever” 19 times, “everlasting” 5 times, “no end” 1 time

First mention of an everlasting Kingdom, Promised to David

2Sa 7:12,13 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and **I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.** 16 And **thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever** before thee: **thy throne shall be established for ever.**

Second mention of an everlasting Kingdom, Promised to Solomon

1K. 9:5 Then **I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever**, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

Other mentions of an everlasting Kingdom

Dan. 4:3 How great *are* his signs! and how mighty *are* his wonders! his kingdom *is* an **everlasting kingdom**, and his dominion *is* from generation to generation.

Dan. 4:34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, **whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:**

The Kingdom pronouncement at Jesus' birth

Luke 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him **the throne of his father David:** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and **of his kingdom there shall be no end.**

And again prophesied at His circumcision. (Luke 2:25)

John the Baptist preached it's imminent commencement

Mat 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, 2 And saying, Repent ye: for **the kingdom of heaven is at hand**.

John the Baptist continued the O.T. expectation

Matt 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now **the kingdom of heaven** suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For **all the prophets and the law prophesied until John**.
Matt. 17:10-13; Mal. 4:5,6

Jesus preached it's imminent commencement

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for **the kingdom of heaven is at hand**.

The Disciples of Jesus expected it

Luke 19:11 He spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and **because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear**.

The Kingdom Offered by announcement by Jesus

Matt. 10:6,7 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, **The kingdom of heaven is at hand**.

10:23-25 And he turned him unto *his* disciples, and said privately, Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things that ye see: For I tell you, that **many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see**, and have not seen *them*; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard *them*.

THE LITERAL KINGDOM WAS OFFERED BY THE KING

Matt. 12:22-25 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, **Is not this the son of David?** But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

THE LITERAL & KINGDOM & PROPHETIC KING WAS REJECTED by Israel's leaders.

Matt 12:28-31 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast *them* out? therefore they shall be your judges. But **if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you**. Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but **the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men**.

Jesus clarified their resulting judgment

Mat 21:38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. 39 And they caught him, and cast *him* out of the vineyard, and slew *him*. 40 When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? 41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out *his* vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.
43 Therefore say I unto you, **The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof**.

“This text does not affirm that the Kingdom will be taken away from the nation of Israel and given to a nation which is another nation racially and politically. He was speaking to the “chief priests and the elders” (Matt. 21:43), in whom civil and religious authority was vested and who were determined to destroy Him, as distinguished from the “multitude” who on the previous day had actually acclaimed Him as the Messianic “son of David” (Matt. 21:9,45-46) “they perceived that he spake of them.” Therefore, the correct sense of the passage must be found in the historical situation: The nation as represented by it’s then existing rulers had rejected the King, therefore the Kingdom is taken from them.” Alva J. McClain, The Greatness of the Kingdom, p 296 This Kingdom will be given to a new nation/generation of Israel that will be rebirthed in future history. Isa. 66:8-13

THE LITERAL KINGDOM WAS POSTPONED

Mat 23:37-39 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not! **Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.** (referring to the Kingdom of the House of David) For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Mat 24:2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, **There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.**

Luke 19:41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, 42 Saying, **If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things *which belong* unto thy peace!** but now they are hid from thine eyes. 44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; **because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.**

The Literal Kingdom was Offered

“It has been universally admitted that the Jews held to a personal coming of the Messiah, the literal restoration of the Davidic throne and the kingdom, the personal reign of Messiah on David’s throne and the resultant exaltation of Jerusalem. It is also acknowledged that the utterances of Luke 1:71; Acts 1:6; Luke 2:26, 30 include the above belief, and that at least to the day of Pentecost, the Jews, the disciples and even the apostles held to such a view.” G.N.H. Peters.

They were not corrected by Jesus when voicing this expectation at the ascension. Act 1:5-7

Lesson 2 Literal vs's Spiritual Kingdom

Is the "kingdom" literal or just spiritual?

Answer – Literal for the Nation of Israel when they accept Jesus at His return.

Isn't there a "Spiritual Kingdom" entered by Faith in Jesus?

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. John 18:36,37

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Jesus made it clear to Pilate that he came to this world to fulfill the prophecies of the Messiah King, "but now" that purpose would be delayed and he would be the sacrificial Messiah.

Where does Israel stand Now?

The Davidic covenant was instituted and inaugurated with Solomon. The provision of an eternal house was kept, but the provisions of a throne and kingdom was dependent on the people's response to God's choice of king. Because of Israel's rejection of God's choice (Jesus), a new order was established regarding Jesus' position and authority. As Priest, his position and authority are after the order of Melchizedek, not the Davidic order. In this order, Jesus does have a rule and ministry.

Jesus used the cup to signify His blood which represented His impending death. In other words, Jesus' death instituted the new covenant. To institute means to "introduce provisions of the agreement which are now available to be received. To inaugurate fulfillment is to keep all of the provisions of the agreement". Therefore, some of the provisions of the new covenant are now available to be received by faith. The inauguration of the new covenant will occur in the future with Israel as a nation. (When Jesus is Inaugurated King) p146). Traditional Dispensationalism.

A word about PROGRESSIVE DISPENSATIONALISM

Progressive dispensationalism believes that with the first advent of Christ, all three promissory covenants were inaugurated, therefore "the Kingdom" was inaugurated. This makes the logical fallacy of including the Church in its "inauguration" of the Kingdom. There are several versions of this position

- **One position - God replaced Israel as a result of her rejection.**
- **Another position would require God to reinterpret Israel's share.**
- **Or a third position - God expanded those who would share in Israel's role.**

The best position, is that of the traditional dispensationalists based on literal interpretation. When Israel rejected Jesus, God temporarily set aside the nation as the sole light to the Gentiles. (Rom. 11) In the future, when Israel repents as a nation and accepts Jesus, then all the covenants God made with them will be inaugurated in literal fulfillment. The kingdom is either here in the present, in the future, or in both present and future. Their last position, is explained as 'already'—'not yet'. The assumption is that Christ is

ruling on the Throne of David in Heaven until He returns to rule from Jerusalem. This hermeneutical method has long been espoused in covenant theology. The “already - not yet” inaugurated theology holds that the Church actualizes them rather than being a parenthesis within God’s program for Israel”. Progressives refer to “Holistic Redemption” which links Israel and the Church as a common new covenant body from Pentecost through the eternal state, called the People of God. This seems to place the Bride of Christ and Israel, God’s wife in the status of polygamy, or worse to leave Israel under the divorced status, yet as the underling servant during the Millennium. It negates the literal fulfillment of all the special Davidic Kingdom promises. The end result is that traditional dispensationalism loses any distinction with Covenant dispensationalism. This is incompatible to the literal method of interpretation *hermeneutic* and theology of two peoples, Israel and the Church, and the two time periods, through the tribulation in which Israel will go through Jacob’s Trouble, while the Bride Church will exult in Heaven, THEN comes the literal Millennial Davidic Kingdom.

The most devastating result is the false connotation to the Jewish mind, that Christianity’s goal is to convert them to Christ from any Jewish identity, or future national Identity. This position gives credence to the common Jewish lie that to become a believer in Jesus is to cease being Jewish and to become a gentile “Christian”. This is the Spanish Inquisition 2.0.

There are as many interpretations of the Kingdom as there are birds in Jesus’ parable.

Luke 13:18 Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it? 19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it. “a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.” Is this Church/Israel? Christendom?

Are saved Gentiles now “true Jews” - Israel? No

Rom 9:6-8 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they *are* not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. (referring to Isaac – promised, not Ishmael - fleshly) This passage has been erroneously used to omit Jews and replace them with believing Gentiles in The New Kingdom ie: the Church. “Christendom” has assumed replacement of Israel.

Rom 11:1 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, *of* the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. 5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 11 Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but *rather* through their fall salvation *is come* unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. 23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again. “Churchianity” has severed itself from any identification with Israel. TRUE CHRISTIANS DRAW THEIR SPIRITUAL LIFE BY FAITH FROM THE JEWISH MESSIAH JESUS DESCENDANT OF ABRAHAM

Rom 11:17 And if **some of the branches** be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert **grafted in among them**, and **with them** partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, **thou bearest not the root, but the root thee**. Rom 9:27 Esaias also crieth

concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, **a remnant shall be saved. Since 1948 Israel is a national entity fulfilling the prophesies of a soon coming Spiritual & National Kingdom**

Literal Kingdom of Israel with a new spiritual life

Jer. 31:1 At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. 31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: 33 But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

GOD UNCONDITIONALLY GURANTEES ISRAEL'S PERMANANCE

Jer. 31:35 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts *is* his name: 36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, *then* the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

Lesson 3 Categories of people in the Kingdom

5 groups of People

Resurrected NT Saints in the Bride of Christ
Resurrected OT Jewish & Gentile Saints
Resurrected Tribulation Saints
Redeemed Tribulation survivors
Unredeemed Tribulation born in the Millennium

2 Categories

immortals
immortals
immortals
mortals
mortals

2 Types of Resurrections Dan. 12:1-3

FIRST RESURRECTION PART 1

Of NT Saints - Rapture(seven year Tribulation in between)

FIRST RESURRECTION PART 2

Of tribulation and Old Testament saints after Tribulation. Rev. 20:4,6 Dan. 12:1-3

SECOND RESURRECTION of the wicked will come after the END of the millennium. Rev. 20:5

Commencement of the Kingdom

1Cor. 15:24 Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ

Resurrected OT immortals: Jewish & Gentile Saints

Jews

Dan. 7:27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. Dan 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the **children of thy people**: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time **thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.** 2 And **many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life,(-1000 yrs -)** and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. Rev 20:6 **Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection:** on such the second death hath no power, but **they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.**

Gentiles

Dan. 7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him...

Resurrected Tribulation Saints

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Redeemed Tribulation mortal survivors

Mat 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation... 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but **for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened**. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall **gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other**. 31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, **then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory**: 32 And **before him shall be gathered all nations**: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 **Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Mat 25:31-33 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Rom. 9:27 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:

Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were* sealed an hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Rev 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands

Rev. 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. 13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

Rev. 14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: 3 And they sung as it were a new

song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. 4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb.

Zech. 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

Zech. 13:8 And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left therein. 9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It *is* my people: and they shall say, The LORD *is* my God.

Rom 11:26 And so all Israel (*1/3 that survive*) shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: 27 For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Unredeemed mortals born in the Millennium

Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Lesson 4 Natural conditions in the Millennium

A transitional period of renewal in nature

A seven month period ...

- ✓ For purifying from the corruption of death
- ✓ For renewal of aquatic life

A seven year period

- ✓ For recycling weaponry to tools and fuel

An indefinite period

- ✓ For renewal of forests and plant life

Destruction of Weapons

Eze. 39:9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:

Burial of Corpses

Eze. 39:12, 14 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land. And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.

Aquatic & plant life will be renewed having suffered massive destruction.

Rev 8:7-11 the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

Topographical Conditions at the opening of the Kingdom

Earth will have had catastrophic upheaval.

Worldwide Earthquake

Rev 16:18 And there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great.

Cities Destroyed

Rev 16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell:

Islands & mountains disappear

Rev 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found

Topographical renewal of Israel

Zech. 14:4,8,10 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And it shall be in that day, *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in

summer and in winter shall it be. All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up. The Negev will be flattened and raised.

Aquatic and agricultural renewal of Israel (Dead Sea & Jordan)

Ezek. 47:9-12 there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh. And it shall come to pass, *that* the fishers shall stand upon it from Engedi even unto Engaim; they shall be a *place* to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many. But the miry places thereof and the marshes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt. And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

Peace on Earth

Peace internally - between God and humanity

Peace interpersonally - between peoples, races

Peace intra-species - between animals and humans

Does the Bible say the Lion lay down with the Lamb? It's actually the "lion and the fatling."

But we can safely deduce that a Lion will not devour a lamb.

Isa 11:6,7 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together... "the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

Isa. 11:8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den."

Yes, snakes though harmless will still slither on the ground.

Isa 65:25 "and dust *shall be* the serpent's meat."

This was part of the original curse - Gen 3:14 "And the LORD God said unto the serpent...upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life."

So, why does it become an eternal mutation?

Out of respect to eve's daughters? Her daughter Mary gave birth to your Savior who crushed Satan the Serpent's head! "I will put enmity between thee and the woman." Gen. 3:15

Maybe it's an eternal token that God kept his promise to Eve and defeated Satan, sin and death that caused such hardship and heartbreak to mothers.

Social conditions in the Millennium

There will be societal interaction between mortals & Immortals

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| ➤ Resurrected NT Saints in the Bride of Christ | immortals |
| ➤ Resurrected OT Jewish & Gentile Saints | immortals |
| ➤ Resurrected Tribulation Saints | immortals |
| ➤ Redeemed Tribulation survivors | mortals |
| ➤ Unredeemed Tribulation born Millennials | mortals |

Conditions in the Kingdom Physically

Mortal survivors of the Tribulation will retain their mortal bodies and be subject to sickness but can/will be healed. Ezek. 47:12 and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine. Isa 35:5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Isa 35:6 Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing.

Will there be *really old* children ?

Isa 65:20 “ There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old” (no infant deaths & life span will be greatly increased) “but the sinner *being* an hundred years old shall be accursed.”(Lest the unregenerate assume that the gift of 100 years of life in an ideal world be a sign of his meriting favor with God.)

How old will mortals live? “for as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people” Isa 65:22

What’s the average lifespan of North American trees?

Ash	260
Beech	300
Elm	175
Hemlock	450
Hickory	175
Maple	130
Oak	150
Pine	200
Average	230

How about Middle Eastern Trees?

Cedars of Lebanon	1000
Olive Trees	500
Average	750

From this analogy approximately how long will mortals live? Possibly 3 - 6 times longer than today.

Isa. 40 describes Millennial Earth while Isa. 65 describes the New Earth.

Isa. 65 refers to the New Earth which is not created until after the Millennium and the Great White Throne Judgment.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away

Isa 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. We can conclude that the same peaceful conditions will exist both in the Millennium and in the New earth with the exception being that Sin, and Death the will have been eliminated only after the Millennium.

Rev 21:1,4,5 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

“The Healing of the Nations” – When?

Rev 22:1-3 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.

When will the Curse be removed?

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

Revelation chapter 22 follows Revelation chapter 21 not vise-versa...

Rev 21:1-5 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

No More Curse – When? In the New Earth

For Immortals the curse won't apply anyway. It looks like much of the curse will be absent in the Millennium; ie: harmless animal life. Mortals will still be subject to sickness and death and possibly pain in childbearing and having to eat by the sweat of their brow though in a much improved environment.

Only the New Earth will be unscarred by the curse, sin or death.

1Co 15:24-26 Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.

Rev 20:13,14 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Only when the last enemy of death is destroyed at the end of the Millennium will the curse be completely removed.

Review - Conditions in Nature in the kingdom

Transition period – 7 months burying the dead

7 years converting weaponry to fuel

There will be a renewal of the topography of the post Tribulation Earth.

Mountains were leveled and islands vanished. The mountains of Israel will remain. (Joel 3:18)

There will be a purification of the plagued waters. ie: Dead Sea made alive

Tribulation surviving mortals will need medicine and can be healed by Jesus.

Tribulation surviving mortals will live much longer but still be subject to death. Rev. 20:14

At age 100 one can still be considered a child.

Infant mortality ceases “no more an infant of days”

Though an unbelieving mortal may be blessed with longer life reaching 100 yrs. old or even the “age of a tree” it does not indicate that He has escaped being eternally accursed. They must still be born again.

Animals will be harmless but some of the curse remains until Earth is destroyed by fire.

(2 Pet.3:12, Joel 2; Rev. 21:4,5)

Occupations of mortals in the Millennium.

There will be building of Houses and planting of Vineyards.

Isa 65:21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

Isa 65:22 mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

(*“mine elect” specifically in context is of saved mortal Jews who enter the Millennium.*) Matt. 25:22-25,31

It stands to reason that if mortals are present then all resources, services and occupations necessary for their livelihood will be available and functioning under the management of the immortals reigning with Christ. They will need water, sanitation and healthcare. There will be agriculture, civic works even a justice system. Sinful mortals will commit crimes but justice will be executed swiftly. In fact there will be a massive rebellion of the unbelieving descendants of mortals who will follow Satan when he is released from the bottomless pit at the close of the 1000 years. The response will be with Christ’s rod of iron. If there was murder just after the garden of Eden it is not out of the question that involuntary manslaughter even premeditated murder could happen. Will there be minimal law enforcement? If there are unsaved, or even saved mortals for that matter and the Law of Christ to be obeyed, then there will be law breaking by mortals with a sin nature.

The no more tears part, doesn’t start till Heaven and sickness and dying end with the burning of the present earth. Rev. 21:4 The Millennium is by no means shabby but oftentimes rightly dividing of the scriptures regarding eschatology in our preaching and our songs is shabby. The conditions of the New Earth get conflated with the 1000 year reign of Christ. So what? If we get the Kingdom in context and in our focus then we have much motivation to work for to better our position in the Millennium. Many combine Heaven and the Millennium in their thinking and therefore deduce falsely that since entrance into heaven is not by works then our position of reigning with Christ is not by works. Entrance into the Millennium is a guaranteed benefit for those who have freely received eternal life. But Jesus clearly said, faithfulness over a few things will be rewarded with reigning over much there. There are too many unwise, slothful servants who are totally apathetic about their ability to lay crowns at His feet and enjoy the rewards of reigning with Him for 1000 years. So many have said to me over the years, I may not have a crown but after all I’ll just be thankful to be there. Oh we believers in the Bride and Body of Christ will be there and have to give account. I fear many will face Jesus with empty hands and shamed faces when it comes to the laying crowns at His feet ceremony. I believe those crowns are the only currency of worship at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Jesus did warn that those who have been ashamed of His name will be a shame to His Father. I can’t imagine God wasting His Son’s glorification ceremony with excuse making from empty handed, slothful servants. If His hands have the scars, then certainly ours should have a few callouses in the work of the Gospel.

Lesson 5 Worship life in the Millennium

The Messianic Temple, Design & Furnishing, Worship system, Feasts & Sacrifices

Will we need to go to Jerusalem to worship Him even though we can worship Him sight unseen now in Spirit and in truth?

Why will there be a Temple, Priests and sacrifices?

Will everyone worship as Jews did in the O.T.?

Will there be Churches in which to worship locally?

It will be the dwelling place of God. Ezek.43:7-9

It will be the place of Jesus' throne to rule the world. Matt. 19:28

It will be the righteous fulfillment of Israel's 3 previous temples where the Messiah King Jesus will receive worship from Israel.

It will replace the 3rd Temple where the satanic "god-man" the Anti-Christ demanded worship and desecrated it.

It will be a living picture frame of Jesus and all the types pointing to Him: The Bread, The Light, The Word, The Door, The LAMB ...

It is where He will receive worship from all nations, tribes & tongues.

It is the earthly, visible, tangible Holy of Holies with God in glorified Flesh..

Distinctiveness from Solomon's temple

Israel's Messiah will sit as a refiner's fire purifying the Priesthood

Mal 3:3 And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver: and **he** shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver,

The Priesthood will for the 1st time serve in complete righteousness.

3:3 that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Their offerings will be acceptable to God.

Mal 3:4 **Then** shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

What kinds of Sacrifices will there be?

Burnt Offerings, Sin Offerings and Peace Offerings (60 times in Ezekiel)

Eze 43:18,19 And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; These *are* **the ordinances of the altar** in the day when they shall make it, **to offer burnt offerings** thereon, and **to sprinkle blood thereon**.

And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord GOD, **a young bullock for a sin offering**.

27 **and your peace offerings; and I will accept you...**

Review of the old covenant sacrifices

- **Burnt Offering** – for unintentional sins Purpose – personal atonement Lev. 1:3,4 This was a ransom of an innocent life for a guilty life satisfied God's Judgment by substitution.

- **Sin Offering** – for cleansing of the guilty sinner whether unintentional or ignorant (cleansed = forgiven, not removal of sin or payment)
The guilty sinner would offer both a burnt and a sin offering. (Lev. 16:5)
- **Sin Offering** – for cleansing of the place of sacrifice (Ezek. 43:20,21)
- **Peace Offering** – voluntary, optional expression of thanksgiving or worship The only one of which the worshiper could partake in a meal with his family at or near the Temple. Sometimes called a “Thank offering” for fellowship. It is the only offering given by one in good standing. It could be given after the burnt and sin offering was accepted. Lev. 7:15-20;32-34; *Hannah’s offering* 1 Sam. 1:11, 24-28

But Why a sin offering in the Millennium?

The sin offering under the Old Covenant never removed sin (atoned/covered sin) but was an annual reminder that a perfect sacrifice was needed. Forgiveness was provided while the payment was yet future.

Heb. 10:1-4 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year. For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

But if Christ was the final sacrifice why are they still needed?

Answer: For the Purification of the flesh and consecration of Physical instruments of worship Ezekiel mentions Atonement 5 times – **for things not for souls.**

Heb. 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*. 11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: 12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Heb. 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: Heb. 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. 23 *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

But Why the Priesthood and Sacrifices?

Literal sacrifices will serve as a continuous memorial to the Messiah Jesus’ purpose for coming as a suffering lamb to make sin’s payment for us by His sinless human blood

Literal sacrifices will provide opportunity for worship and praise.

By all redeemed mortals including: Jewish priests, saved Jews who survive the Tribulation . (In their sinful flesh they cannot enter His presence without God’s required purification and representation. Even the altar has to be purified before and after.)

Sacrifices will be necessary for saved, yet sinful mortals to approach a Holy God. He has not changed and cannot allow sin in His presence. They like we who are now justified but not yet glorified have access only through Christ. Until glorified no sinful mortal can enter His literal Holy presence.

Doesn't Hebrews 9 & 10 refute any future need for sacrifices? Then why would God include them in the future Temple?

"It is of extreme importance to note that the author of Hebrews is not saying all sacrifices are forever banned, but that no sacrifice can take the place of Jesus' supreme and complete sacrifice for sin."
"year by year" Heb. 10:10 refers to The Yom Kippur/ Day of Atonement annual sacrifice. Jesus' sacrifice took care of that annual sacrifice for atonement by His "Once for all" sacrifice.

Distinctiveness from Solomon's temple

We are mistaken to assume that Ezekiel's Temple is a revival of or for the same purpose as the Temple under Mosaic Law.

- ☐ There will not be a laver, table of show bread nor candlestick
- ☐ There will not be an Altar of Incense
- ☐ There will not be a Veil partitioning most Holy place.
- ☐ There will not be an Ark of the Covenant

If Hebrews puts an end to all sacrifices, then why did the Apostle Paul take a vow which required him to make a peace offering sacrifice? (Acts 18; 21:26; Lev. 22; Numb. 15)

Hebrews never bans sacrifices of praise, thanksgiving or worship.

Solomon's Temple provided access. Messiah's Temple provides adoration.

The Ark of the Covenant will not be there.

Jer. 3:16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit *it*; neither shall *that* be done anymore.

Because The Throne of the LORD will be in it's place.

Jer. 3:17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem.

Why will the Ark of the Covenant not be necessary? God Himself in the glorified Jesus will be seated there instead of His glow. ie: the "shekinah" glory.

Ezek. 43:7 And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever

Psa. 99:5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool

Psa. 110:1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. (The actual rock now under the Muslim Dome)

Psa. 132:7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

Hebrews makes it clear why these items are not needed therefore they are omitted in Ezekiel 40-48.

Heb. 9:3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; 7 But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people: 8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*. 19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 And *having* an high priest over the house of God;

An altered altar?

The Millennial Temple Brazen Altar

- Will be approached from the east not the south (Ezek. 43)
- Can be ascended by steps not a ramp
- Is called “*Ariel*” only in Ezekiel instead of “*Mizback*.” Ariel is Lion of God. Judah is called a Lion. Gen. 49:9 Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. (Rev. 5:5)
- He came first as The Lamb of God. (John 1:29)
- He will sit enthroned where the Lamb’s blood was poured on the throne of David as the Lion of Judah. (Gen. 49:10)

Summary : The sacrifices in the Millennial Temple will provide an opportunity for:

1. Mortal Tribulation saints to remember what Jesus provided.
 - Payment for sin.
 - Peace with God
 - Unbroken fellowship
2. Saved Millennial mortals to thank, praise, and worship Him
3. Resurrected O.T. Saints to worship as they see the fulfilment of all the shadows and types that pointed to Messiah Jesus
4. Enjoyment of Fellowship in Peace offering meals. Ezek. 46:21-24
5. Saved sinning mortals a way to personally come before Jesus to worship.

Will we observe the 7 Levitical feasts of Israel?

Only two feasts are mentioned for the Millennial Temple

- Passover was commanded to be kept perpetually by Jews
The Church ie: the Bride of Christ now, then wife of Messiah will no doubt as one with Him keep the Passover commemoration.
- Feast of Tabernacles – *Sukkot* must be observed with an offering by all Gentile nations or they will not receive rain. Ezek. 44:24; 45:18; 46:15; Zech. 8:19; 14:16

Lesson 6 Historically Toxic Kingdom Theological Positions and their Implications

Our theological position on The Kingdom impacts how we live every day.

- ❖ our view of evangelism
- ❖ especially of the Jewish people
- ❖ politics in our society & world.

Many theologians infer that the Kingdom is now just spiritual.

Luke 17:20,21 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

John 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

IF IT IS ONLY SPIRITUAL WHY DID JESUS SAY THIS?...

John 18:37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

SOME THEOLOGIANS BELIEVE THAT WHAT WAS ISRAEL'S, NOW BELONGS TO THE CHURCH & OR "CHRISTIAN NATIONS".

Matt. 21:43 Therefore say I unto you, **The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.** Which nation? Sadly it became the strongest one who could take it by force and enforce it.

- Constantine seized the opportunity to marry a popular religion with government. This gave birth to the Holy Roman Empire with the Pope appointing kings; establishing the Kingdom.
- Many Church leaders in the early and middle ages used this verse to rule Israel and the Jews out and to fabricate the ideology of a Kingdom of Christ on earth embodied in the Church that would bear rule in a theocracy.

THE CRUSADES WERE MOTIVATED BY THIS THEOLOGICAL ANTI-SEMITISM

Christian Europe under the influence of the Pope & the Holy Roman Empire sought to avenge the death of 3000 Christian pilgrims from Muslims and recapture Jerusalem's holy sites. Killing the infidels was justified and without question, killing the "Christ Killers" ie: the Jews, was a given. The underlying theology/ ideology was establishing Christ's Kingdom of the Church.

With Emperor Constantine's declaration of Christianity as a legal and accepted religion, the most prominent leaders turned to express the worst prejudice and contempt toward the Jew. Justifying their anti-Semitism, Christian theologians began to teach that the Jews held sole responsibility for the death of Christ. The Jews were declared "guilty" of the crime of "deicide" the murder of God. Christians came to believe that a way of showing their loyalty to Jesus was

to express their hatred toward the Lord's "murderers". John Chrysostom (354-407), the arch bishop of Constantinople, whose liturgy and prayers are still read today in the Orthodox Church, preached eight scathing sermons to the Church in Antioch. He states in Sermon VII:1^[1]: 'I hate the Jews' he exclaims roundly. "Jews ... murderers, destroyers, men possessed by the devil." Chrysostom and other Church theologians would have a deep and powerful influence upon the attitudes of Christians for hundreds of years to come. Six centuries later this kind of preaching bore the fruit of an ever-mounting psychological hatred. The Crusaders are often remembered in Christendom for their chivalry, faith and zeal. In reality they committed genocide of Jews.

This led to the invented heresy of "deicide" committed by Jews who "killed God".

Crusaders borrowed money from Jews with working capital in their own neighborhoods, "but once on the march they readily turned on the Jews of other cities.

Crusader mobs burned Jews alive in their houses and temples, and forced conversions. In Prague alone they murdered several thousand Jews [Poliakov I, 42-45].

In 1000 AD, when the Crusaders first arrived in the Holy Land, there were an estimated 300,000 Jewish residents. When the Crusaders left the scene 200 years later only 1,000 Jewish families remained.

Protestant reformer theologians were also guilty of this Theological Anti-Semitism

Initially, the reformer Martin Luther was sympathetic to the Jews. When they didn't convert, he became deeply embittered against the Jewish people. In consequence, Luther became as severe as the Roman Church in his contempt. Luther advocated the expulsion of Jews from Germany as well as the destruction of their synagogues and religious books. In his pamphlet *On the Jews and Their Lies*, published in Wittenberg, 1543, he wrote: "First their synagogues should be set on fire and whatever is left be buried in the dirt so that no one may be able to see a stone or cinder from it ...

prayer books should be destroyed ... then the Jewish people should be dealt with, their homes smashed and destroyed. Jews should be banned from the roads and markets, should be drafted into forced labor and made to earn their bread 'by the sweat of their noses."

The Protestant Reformation kept the Catholic replacement ideology of a wrong interpretation of the Church/Kingdom. One fabrication was to claim anglo peoples were the "10 lost tribes"

British Israelism was a movement holding that the people of Great Britain believing they are the direct descendants" of the Ten Lost Tribes of ancient Israel.^[1]

Various British Israelite organizations were set up throughout the British Empire as well as in America from the 1870s; a number of these organizations are still active today. The central tenets of British Israelism have been refuted by evidence from modern archaeological,^[3] ethnological,^[4] genetic, and linguistic research.^[5] Wikipedia

Herbert W. Armstrong created his own church, called the "Worldwide Church of God".^[20] He described British Israelism as a "central plank" of his theology.^[21] "Armstrong believed that he was called by God to proclaim the prophecies to the Lost Tribes of Israel before the "end-times".^[20] Armstrong's belief caused his separation from the Church of God Seventh Day because of its refusal to adopt the teaching.

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Interpretations of “The Kingdom”

- **Heavenly**

In Heaven eternally ignoring earthly responsibility

- **Spiritual only**

A kingdom of hearts ruled by God. Position is weak
on distinction between local Church & national Israel

- **Moral, Liberal, Social –Modern Liberal Ecclesiology & Secular Liberal ideology**

Fatherhood of God & brotherhood of man establishing a good social order by the
church as social institutions and government to bring equal social justice to all.

- **Millennial, Messianic, Literal & Spiritual**

Earthly theocratic rule by God in Christ through National Israel for 1000 yrs.

Inhabitants are all believers in Jesus as Savior from sin and Messiah of Israel

Lesson 7 The kingdom in the parables of Jesus

The parables of the kingdom stressed the kingdom ramifications of our current stewardship
Of the seven Parables in Matthew 25 The first three deal with the absence of faith of the citizens of Israel in the King. The last four deal with the **faithfulness of the servants** of the coming King.

Parable of the 10 Virgins 5 were not filled with oil and **They were not watching.**

Living now to prepare for your role in the Kingdom

Does how I serve the Lord now have an effect on how and in what capacity I will serve Him there?

Parable of the Talents Matt 25:14-31

The Parable of the 10 virgins pointed that the foolish were not Watching.

The Parable of the Talents was that the foolish were not Working.

What are our takeaways?

- They were motivated by the credibility of their message in the resurrection of their Lord Jesus.
- They were spurred on with a sense of urgency in anticipation of Jesus' return to establish the prophesied Kingdom.
- They knew the length of the kingdom's delay was in the Father's control.
- Jesus last command was to be their first concern.
- The parable of the 10 virgins warned them to be watchful.
- The parable of the Talents warned them to be working.

Kingdom entrance is based only on faith in the lamb of god who will be the king of kings

KINGDOM PLACEMENT OF SERVICE WILL BE BASED ON OUR FAITHFULNESS TO THE LORD OF LORDS NOW

2 Cor. 5:11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men

2 Pet. 3:11 *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness,

2 Pet. 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Lesson 8 A New Relationship with a New Ruler defines government in the Millennium.

New Covenant rule in the Kingdom

Peace internally - between God and humanity

Jer 31:31-34 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Joy between God and humanity

Isa 9:6 ... his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isa 9:3 ...they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, *and as men* rejoice when they divide the spoil.

Isa 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise Joh 16:22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

Peace between God and humanity

Rev 7:9,10 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

A world dominated by the Fruits of the Spirit / Christ-likeness devoid of the “world, the flesh and the Devil”

Peace Internationally – between peoples, races

Nations will convert weapons of war into tools of farming.

“swords and spears – running hooks and plowshares” Isa. 2:4

The Messiah who is called The Prince of Peace will from the “Throne of David” rule a “government, kingdom.” Isa. 9:6,7

“Order, judgment and justice” will be executed with zeal.

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Matt 25:32-46 Rev 5:8-10

Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall **the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed**: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and **it shall stand for ever**. Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

WHEN DOES THE LITERAL KINGDOM BEGIN?

Mat 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? Mat 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. Mat 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Purpose: God ruling a literal global Kingdom. To fulfill God's promises to ISRAEL.

Luke 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Jesus taught the Apostles for 40 days after His resurrection about the Kingdom.

Their last question was about when He would restore it to Israel

Jesus said the timing was known only to the Father.

The two angels promised He would return to Jerusalem

Peter preached on Pentecost about people getting ready for Jesus' return as King.

3000 Jews Believed and were saved and baptized and fully expected His return to establish the Kingdom in their lifetime.

The urgency for the gospel thrust that followed Pentecost was the preparation of sinful hearts by repentance and faith in the resurrected Jesus before He returned to establish the Kingdom in Israel.

This partially explains why they had to be coerced to give the Gospel to Gentiles and to leave Jerusalem and Judea to go to the ends of the earth and why they always sought out Jews in Synagogues at first.

The Kingdom Offered

"It has been universally admitted that the Jews held to a personal coming of the Messiah, the literal restoration of the Davidic throne and the kingdom, the personal reign of Messiah on David's throne and the resultant exaltation of Jerusalem. It is also acknowledged that the utterances of Luke 1:71; Acts 1:6; Luke 2:26, 30 include the above belief, and that at least to the day of Pentecost, the Jews, the disciples and even the apostles held to such a view." G.N.H. Peters.

The apostles were not corrected by Jesus when voicing this expectation just before the ascension. He said the time of the establishment of the prophesied kingdom was to be initiated by God on His sovereign time

table. They were to be witnesses unto Jesus, His death, burial and resurrection and faith in Him for remission of sins and eternal life in that kingdom. Act 1:5-8

The Apostles will rule with Him on Thrones Judging Israel

Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Luke 22:28-30

The Church – The newly wedded Bride of Christ will be one with our Lord in the Kingdom and will cast our crowns at His feet and worship Him forever.

And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Rev. 4:4,10,11

Living now to prepare for your role in the Kingdom

Does how I serve the Lord now have an effect on how and in what capacity I will serve Him there?

Mat 25:14 *For the kingdom of heaven is* as a man travelling into a far country, *who* called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things... Interpretation : Parable to Jewish Apostles for all believers

Application : Faithfulness now will be rewarded in the Kingdom.

- ▶ Eph. 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him
- ▶ Heb. 2:8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.
- ▶ Rev. 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

To demonstrate God's GOVERNMENT of the world through Christ.

To provide a final TEST of human depravity. Rev. 20:7-9

With conditions

1. REPENTANCE of the nation.

2. RECEPTION of Jesus Christ as the Theocratic-King.

Before the Kingdom is Established:

The battle of Armageddon is over. Rev. 16

The Judgment of the nations is held. Matthew 25

The Beast and the FALSE PROPHET are cast into hell. Rev. 20

Satan is cast into the bottomless PIT. Rev 20

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