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**The Church And The Kingdom Of God**  
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It's an undeniable fact that the Kingdom of God and its promises and blessings was promised to Israel throughout the Old Testament and in the Four Gospels. God gave the Kingdom of God to Israel as an inheritance. He promised them eternal life in the Kingdom of God and he also promised the ones who served him and suffered for him during their life time that they would also reign with him forever in the Kingdom of God. You will also see in this study that the Kingdom of God is now the inheritance of the church.

***The Promises of the Kingdom Of God***

The Kingdom of God is a literal, physical, visible earthly kingdom. The Kingdom of God is one of the greatest promises in the Bible for it meets every need of man. The Kingdom of God will solve every problem men have politically, environmentally, spiritually, religiously, physically, morally, and economically. You name the problem the Kingdom of God will solve it.

**In The Kingdom Of God The Bodies Of The Saints Will Be Changed And Transformed**

**1 Corinthians 15:50: Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.**

**51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,**

**52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

**53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.**

**In The Kingdom Of God The Throne Of God Will Be On The Earth**

**Luke 1:32-33: 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.**

**Jeremiah 23:5-6: Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel**

shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Isaiah 2:2-3: And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Revelation 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.

**The Government Of His Kingdom Will Be A Theocracy.**  
**God Himself Will Reign In The Person Of Christ.**

Isaiah 9:6-7: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

**The Government Of The Kingdom Of God Will Be Pure And Free From Corruption**

Isaiah 11:4: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

Isaiah 61:11: For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

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**In The Kingdom Of God War And Crime Will Cease**

Isaiah 2:4: And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Isaiah 9:7: Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

#### In God's Kingdom The Devil Will Be Cast Out Of Heaven And Off The Earth

Revelation 20:1-3: And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Revelation 20:10: 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.

#### In The Kingdom Of God The Creation And Environment Will Be Regenerated

2 Peter 3:12-13: 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? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

#### In The Kingdom Of God The Earth Will Become Like The Garden Of Eden

Isaiah 51:3: For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

#### In The Kingdom Of God All Physical Infirmities And Sickness Will Be Healed

Isaiah 35:3-7: Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water.

Jeremiah 30:17: For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, *saying*, This *is* Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

### In The Kingdom Of God The Animal Creation Will Be Tamed

Isaiah 11:6-9: 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; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

### In The Kingdom Of God Prayer Will Be Answered Without Delay

Isaiah 65:24: And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

John 16:23: And in that day (the kingdom of God) ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* you.

### In The Kingdom Of God Great Rapidity Of Growth Will Be Seen In Nature And Hunger And Starvation Will Disappear.

Leviticus 26:4-6: Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make *you* afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

Amos 9:13-14: Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

Isaiah 49:10-11: They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

### In The Kingdom Of God The Earth Will Be Full Of The Knowledge Of The Lord

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**In The Kingdom Of God The Law Of God And The Word Of God  
Will Go Forth From Jerusalem Into All The World**

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**In The Kingdom Of God He Will Destroy All His Enemies**

1Corinthians 15:22-26: For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 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.

**In The Kingdom Of God The Heavenly City New Jerusalem  
Will Be Established Upon The Earth**

Revelation 21:1-3: 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. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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.

**In The Kingdom Of God All Idols, False Teachers,  
False Religion And Cults Will Be Purged**

Revelation 22:15: For without *are* dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

**In The Kingdom Of God Sin, Sorrow, Suffering, Sickness  
And Death Will Be Finally Abolished**

Revelation 21:4-5: 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. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

These are just a sample of the many promises of the coming Kingdom of God. These promises give you an idea of what men preached when they preached the Kingdom of

God. These verses paint a picture of a regenerated heaven and earth.

Throughout the Old Testament **the prophets** wrote about and preached the blessings of the coming Kingdom of God.

Daniel the Prophet wrote in Daniel 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.**

Isaiah the Prophet wrote in Isaiah 9:6-7:

**For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.**

In the Four Gospels **Christ and the Apostles** continued to preach the promises of the coming Kingdom of God.

Luke 8:1 says that Jesus Christ: **Went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him,**

Luke 9:1-2 says that the 12 Apostles preached the kingdom of God. **Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.**

Most dispensationalists would agree that the main theme of the Old Testament and the Four Gospels is the Kingdom of God. They all agree that the Kingdom of God was Israel's promise and inheritance. But, what many of them fail to see or will not see is that Paul preached the same Kingdom of God as the Lord and the Apostles and Prophets before him. And he clearly says over and over again that the Kingdom of God is the inheritance of the church today.

Throughout Paul's ministry he **preached** the blessings of the Kingdom of God. Luke who recorded what Christ preached, traveled with Paul and recorded what he preached also. Here is what Luke said about Paul's preaching:

**Acts 14:22: Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.**

**Acts 19:8: And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.**

**Acts 20:25: And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.**

**Acts 28:23: And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.**

**Acts 28:31: Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.**

Paul not only preached the kingdom of God but he also **wrote** about the Kingdom of God in his epistles. See Eph.5:5, Col.1:13, 1 Thess.2:12, Gal.5:21, 1 Cor. 6:9, 1 Cor.15:50, 2 Thess.1:5.

### ***Important facts concerning the Church and the Kingdom of God***

(a) The Kingdom of God Paul preached and wrote about was the same one Moses and the Prophets wrote about according to Acts 28:23. It was not some spiritual, invisible, cosmic kingdom as some teach.

(b) Paul preached the Kingdom of God at the same time he preached the Gospel of Grace

**In Acts 20:24-25 Paul said; But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.**

When Paul preached the Gospel of the Grace of God he also preached the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is a part of the Gospel of Grace for a very good reason. The Kingdom of God is the inheritance we receive when we believe the Gospel of Grace. (Acts 26:18)

© Part of the mystery of Ephesians 3 is that Gentiles like us would receive an inheritance in the Kingdom of God with the Jews to whom it was promised.

**Ephesians 3:6 says; That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel.**

According to the mystery God revealed to Paul, Gentile believers are now fellow heirs with the Jews we were once divided from in time past by the middle wall of partition. They are the Jews who are called the commonwealth of Israel with whom we are now one body with in Ephesians 2. Fellow heirs are fellows who have the same inheritance. God promised the Kingdom of God as an inheritance to the Jews and part of the mystery of Ephesians 3:6 is that uncircumcised Gentiles now share in that inheritance

with them. Their inheritance is now ours by faith alone in the Gospel of Grace, without becoming Jewish proselytes, keeping the law or works.

That is why Paul preached the Kingdom of God with the Gospel of Grace. Part of the mystery is that we become heirs to the Kingdom of God by faith in the Gospel of Grace. The Kingdom of God is the future inheritance of the church and the highest position in the Kingdom of God is to reign with Christ according to 2 Timothy 2:12.

(d) We have an inheritance in the Kingdom of God because the Kingdom of God is one of the spiritual blessings of Israel we partake of in Romans 15:27.

(e) We are also Abraham's seed and being his seed we become heirs to the promises God made to his seed according to Galatians 3:29 and one of the greatest promises he made to the seed of Abraham was an inheritance in the Kingdom of God.

(f) In Christ we are made nigh to the covenants of promise according to Ephesians 2:12-13 and the Kingdom of God was one of the covenants God made with Israel.

The only alternative to the Kingdom of God in the future is the lake of fire. This makes you wonder about these extreme dispensationalists who insist they are not "kingdom saints" because every true believer in the Bible is a kingdom saint for the Kingdom of God is the one and only inheritance of all believers.

### **The Cross And The Gospel Of The Kingdom**

For many years I have heard preachers say that the cross was not a part of the gospel of the kingdom and when men preached the gospel of the kingdom they did not preach the cross for salvation. But what saith the scriptures? The scriptures tell us in no uncertain terms that the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross was a part of the gospel of the kingdom and when men preached the cross they preached the kingdom of God. Take the time to compare the following verses that plainly show us that at the same time Christ and the apostles preached the gospel of the kingdom, they also preached the sacrificial death and resurrection of Christ for salvation

#### **Jesus Christ**

Compare Matthew 4:23 with Matthew 20:28, Matthew 26:27, John 6:51, John 10: 11, 17, 18.

#### **The 12 Apostles**

Compare Matthew 24:13 with 1 Peter 1:18-19, 1 Peter 2:24 and 1 Peter 3:18.

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