



# Christ's Coming Kingdom on Earth

# Did you know?

- Christ spoke often about the kingdom
- Over 100 times are recorded in the gospels
- Sometimes – **kingdom of God**
- Sometimes – **kingdom of heaven**
- Sometimes – **kingdom**
- Christ knew it was important to tell people about the kingdom

# Three well known examples

- Luke 11:2 – **The Lord's Prayer**

So He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

**Your kingdom come.**

Your will be done

**On earth** as it is in heaven.

# Three well known examples

- Matt 19:28-30 – **The Disciples' Thrones in the Kingdom**

So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the **throne of His glory**, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

- Matt 20:20-23

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons....asking something from Him.

And He said to her, "What do you wish?"

She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, **in Your kingdom**."

But Jesus answered and said, "... to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father."

# Three well known examples

- Luke 22:14 – **The Last Supper**

When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the **kingdom of God.**"

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the **kingdom of God** comes."

# When did Christ form his Vision of the Kingdom?

**As a boy** – from his mother....recounting the angel's word

- Luke 1:30-33

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the **throne of His father David**. And He will reign over the **house of Jacob** forever, and of His **kingdom** there will be no end."

# When did Christ form his Vision of the Kingdom?

From the synagogue lessons – people were in expectation

- Luke 3:15-16

Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the **Christ** or not,

- John 7:42-43

Has not the Scripture said that the **Christ** comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?"

Christ = Messiah – the people equated that with king

# When did Christ form his Vision of the Kingdom?

From his study of the Old Testament

- Isa 61:1-2

When doing this reading in the synagogue he spoke of fulfilled prophecy – this and other Isaiah prophecies tell of the **future kingdom**

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,  
Because the Lord has anointed Me  
To preach good tidings to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives,  
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,

# What was that Vision?

## Revealed in his parables – The Nobleman

- Luke 19:11-27

Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the **kingdom of God** would appear immediately. Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to **receive for himself a kingdom** and to return. So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till **I come...**

"And so it was that when he **returned, having received the kingdom**, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading... 'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. **But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.'**

# What was that Vision?

## Another Parable – The Dragnet

- Matt 13:47-51

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?"

# A Shared Vision – Apostle Paul

- Acts 19:8-9

And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the **kingdom of God**.

- Acts 26:6-7

And now I stand and am judged for the **hope of the promise** made by God to our fathers. To this promise our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God night and day, hope to attain.

- Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men .....looking for the blessed hope and **glorious appearing** of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people ...

- Acts 28:30-31

Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the **kingdom of God** and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

# What was that Kingdom Vision?

Selected themes:

- Geography
- Government
- Economics
- Worship
- Theology – (values for living)

# Geography

- Ps 72:8

He shall have dominion also from **sea to sea**,  
And from the River to the ends of the earth.

- Dan 2:35

Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and **filled the whole earth**.

- Dan 2:44

And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a **kingdom** which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and **consume all these kingdoms**, and it shall **stand forever**.

# Geography

- Ps 2:6-11

"Yet I have set My King On **My holy hill of Zion.**

I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me,  
You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

Ask of Me, and I will give You **The nations for Your inheritance,**  
And the **ends of the earth for Your possession.**

You shall break them with a rod of iron;

You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of  
the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear, And rejoice with trembling.

# Government

- Ps 72:2-4

He will judge Your people with **righteousness**, And **Your poor with justice**.

The mountains will bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness.

He will bring justice to the poor of the people;

He will **save the children** of the needy, And will **break in pieces the oppressor**.

- Isa 2:2-5

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of **the Lord's house**  
Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills;  
And **all nations shall flow to it**.

Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
To the house of the God of Jacob; He will **teach us His ways**,  
And we shall **walk in His paths**."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people;

They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks;

**Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.**

# Government

- Rev 5:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll,

And to open its seals; For You were slain,

And have **redeemed** us to God by Your blood  
**Out of every tribe and tongue and people and  
nation,**

And have made us **kings and priests** to our  
God;

And we shall **reign on the earth.**"

# Economics

- Ps 72:16

There will be an **abundance of grain** in the earth,

On the top of the mountains;

Its **fruit shall wave like Lebanon**;

And **those of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.**

# Worship

- Ps 72:11

Yes, all **kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him.**

- Ps 72:17

His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun.  
And **men shall be blessed in Him; All nations shall call Him blessed.**

- Zech 14:9

And the Lord shall be King over all the earth.

In that day it shall be — **"The Lord is one," And His name one.**

- Zech 14:16-18

And it shall come to pass that **everyone who is left of all the nations** which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to **worship the King, the Lord of hosts**

# Theology – values for living

- Jer 23:5

"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord,  
"That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;  
**A King** shall reign and prosper,  
And **execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.**

- Ps 72:12-14

For He will **deliver the needy** when he cries,  
The poor also, and him who has no helper.  
He will **spare the poor and needy**,  
And will **save the souls of the needy.**  
He will redeem their life from oppression and violence;  
And **precious shall be their blood in His sight.**

# Theology – values for living

- Matt 5:3-9

**Blessed** are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Blessed** are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

**Blessed** are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

**Blessed** are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
For they shall be filled.

**Blessed** are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

**Blessed** are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

**Blessed** are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

# Summary

- Christ was born to be king of God's kingdom – he knew it from his youth
- He spoke about it frequently to the people; his disciples believed it and taught about it
- Old Testament scriptures provide much detail about it – geography, government, economics, worship, theology
- A first principle of the gospel of salvation

# Jesus' Kingdom Promise

- Matt 25:33-34

And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, **inherit the kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world

- Luke 12:32-33

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to **give you the kingdom.**