

Pln08 - **The Kingdom of God - 1st & 2nd Samuel**

In our **last msg** - We looked at **God's Presence on Earth**

We **started** by **focusing** on **God's Presence** at **Mt Sinai**
& **The Tabernacle** - & **The Temple**

& we **CONNECTED** that to **God's Presence**
IN the **NT Church** - & **YOU & I TODAY**

I **LOVED** that **msg** - & if you **didn't hear** it - **Pls Do**

Today - we **pick up** from **Israel Leaving** Mt Sinai - **WITH** the
Presence of God - On their **way** to the **Promised Land**

& **we're** going to **Review** - **ALL the way** - to **when** the
Kingdom of Israel was **Established** in the **Promised Land**

& then - **as we've done** in Every **Msg** - we'll **connect that** -
to **the NT** - To **Jesus Christ** - & to the **ETERNAL Kingdom of God**

Our Review of **God's Plan** Today - **Covers** a **500 YEAR PERIOD**
& **FIVE BOOKS** of the Bible

From **Mt Sinai** to **King David** ruling in **Jerusalem**

That's a **LOT** of **years** & a **LOT** of **Books** - to See **HOW**
The Kingdom Of God - "**was displayed**" in the **Nation of Israel**

So **HOLD ON** - & get your **Bible's Out** - & Make Notes -
as we see **The PLAN for God's Kingdom** - From **GEN** to **REV**

Let's Pray

After the Exodus - & ALL the Miracles - & the Law
& God's Presence on Mt Sinai - & in the Tabernacle

You'd think Israel would've been MORE than READY-
to march straight into the Promised Land w/ God

& they DID March Straight TO - THE EDGE of the Promised Land

& in NUM 13 - God had Moses send 12 Spies into The Land

NOT to see IF they could Conquer the Land
but to see HOW they were going to Conquering the Land

& at NUM 13:25 the Spies brought back their report

10 of the 12 Spies - Refused to TRUST God
& instead were afraid of the "Giants" in the Land

& those 10 FAITH-LESS Spies - Turned the Entire Nation of Israel
AWAY from Trusting God

ONLY TWO SPIES - Trusted what God had Promised - & only those
2 Faith-FULL Spies - would get to SEE the Promised land

Because in NUM 14 God said that generation of Israel would
wander in the wilderness for 40 YEARS - until they all DIED

Because of their REFUSAL to BELIEVE God - & TRUST God

& the Rest of the Book of Numbers records Israel's wandering
in the Wilderness for 40 years - until the Faith-LESS - Died

& so - Deuteronomy (nxt book) - Opens with a NEW Generation on the edge of the Promised land - - IT'S TAKE TWO

& The Word Deuteronomy means "2ND LAW"

& in Deuteronomy - God prepares a New Generation of Israel to Enter, & Conquer the Promised Land - LED - By JOSHUA

& JOSHUA - In the Book of JOSHUA - DID Just that

He led the people of God - into the Promised Land - & BY GOD'S HAND - Israel Conquered the Promised Land

The Book of Joshua is a GREAT STUDY - We taught it 11 yrs ago - It's on the WBM website (wordbymail.com)

It's INCREDIBLE to see how God delivered the Promised Land into Israel's hands - & to see HOW OFTEN He did it

& Agn you'd think - after Seeing the Miracles - & the Power of God Consistently Giving Victory to Israel in the Promised Land

You'd Think Israel would just walk in AWE - & REVERENCE & GREAT THANKFULNESS to God - all their days

But remember - Israel is just like - US !!

& as soon as JOSHUA Died - Israel began TURNING From God Worshipping idols - & doing things THEIR OWN WAY

& in the very Next Book - JUDGES - we see an Incredible & Shocking DECLINE - of Israel's Relationship with God

It was Not STRAIGHT Downhill - It was a Roller Coaster Downhill

Just like FALLING AWAY from the Lord - in our own lives is usually a ROLLER COASTER Downhill

Here's the Downhill Pattern - All thru Judges

- 1) **The People Turn From The Lord** - & *Embrace* the world
- 2) **The People Suffer The Consequences** of *Turning* from the Lord
- 3) **The People Recognize Their Sin** & *Cry* out to God
- 4) **God Sends a Deliverer** to *Save* them

God's Deliverers during this time - were called - JUDGES

There were 13 Judges God used to Deliver Israel (over & over)

The **Famous** Ones - **GIDEON** - & **SAMSON**
& the **Famous Female Judge** - **DEBORAH**

At **any time** during this **Roller Coaster REJECTION** of God
Israel **COULD HAVE** chosen to **Wholly Follow** the **Lord**

But . . . They DID NOT - & they continued their Downhill SLIDE

The **Book of RUTH** is **set** in the **period** of the **JUDGES**

We **also** have a **study** on **RUTH** - & it's all about **God's Willingness**
& **His Desire** - To **REDEEM Israel** (& us) from their (& our) **Sin**

& **sown** into **RUTH** (occurred during this time) is the **Incredible**
PICTURE of the **Ultimate REDEEMER** Jesus Christ

BUT - the People **Refused** to be **REDEEMED** to God - **Instead** they
constantly **REJECTED GOD** - & **CHOSE Sin** & **Self-Will** instead

JUDGES is a very, very **SAD Book** -
The VS Repeated over & **over again** in **Judges** is

Judges 17:6 (ESV) (great vs to mark)

6 In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Doesn't that sound like **OUR Country** today ??

Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

This was a **terrible period of DECLINE** for the **Nation** of **Israel**

God **WAS** their **KING in Heaven** - But **Israel REFUSED**
to **Acknowledge** Him - & they **Did WHATEVER** they **wanted**

& **they** were **sliding further & further** - into **SELF-Destruction**

& so - **God** Brought **SAMUEL** onto the **Scene**

SAMUEL was the **LAST** of the **JUDGES**
& He was the **FIRST** of the **PROPHETS**

The **PROPHETS** were **Established** to **Faithfully Deliver**
God's Word - to **God's People**

In **hopes** - they may **Begin Listening** to **God** again

& **Samuel Brought Israel**

OUT of the Time of the **JUDGES**

INTO the Time of the **PROPHETS**

& **ultimately** - **INTO** the Time of the **KINGS**

Now - **The people** of **GOD** - were **Already** the people of a **KING**
GOD was **their KING** - & they were **His KINGDOM**

A People Ruled By God - is called a **THEOCRACY**
& **that's** what **God set up** with **the Law,** & **the Prophets**

The **Covenant w/ Moses** - & the **Law at Mt Sinai**
Was an **Expression** of **God's KINGSHIP** over **His People**

We see that clearly in Exodus 19:5–6 (ESV)

5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine;

6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. . .

The Tabernacle (& later the **Temple**)
were **Dwelling Places** for the **True KING of Israel**

Twice the **Bible** calls **THE ARK** - *The footstool of God's throne*

But after **God Delivered** The **Promised Land** to **Israel** -
they **Repeatedly Turned** their **back** on **God** as their King

& **Finally** the **people came** to **SAMUEL** & said:
GIVE US A KING like the **other nations** around us

This **happens** in **1 SAMUEL Ch 8** - *Turn There*
Joshua, Judges, Ruth (all mentioned) - Then Samuel

Even **tho GOD** was the **TRUE KING** of Israel
He **KNEW Israel** was going to **ASK** for an **Earthly King**

In the **MARGIN** at **1 Samuel 8** - **Write DEUT 17:14**
That's where God **TELLS ISRAEL** they're going to **DO THIS**

From the NLT (long) - 1 Samuel 8:4–9 (NLT)

4 Finally, all the elders of Israel met at Ramah to discuss the matter with Samuel.

5 “Look,” they told him, “you are now old, and your sons are not like you. Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations have.”

6 Samuel was displeased with their request and went to the Lord for guidance.

7 “Do everything they say to you,” the Lord replied, “for it is me they are rejecting, not you. They don’t want me to be their king any longer.”

8 Ever since I brought them from Egypt they have continually abandoned me and followed other gods. And now they are giving you the same treatment.

9 Do as they ask, but solemnly warn them about the way a king will reign over them.”

God had Always Been Israel’s TRUE KING

**& Even Now - In the People’s Rejection of God’s Kingship
God is STILL - Bringing His Perfect PLAN to Pass**

The people wanted an Earthly King - & God told Samuel to
WARN them about how an Earthly King would Treat them

But - they DEMANDED an Earthly King - & God GAVE them one
& they GOT just what Samuel Warned they would Get

**THEY GOT SAUL - Who was Man’s Best Choice
& who quickly became a Terrible King**

**SAUL Blew it in every way - & the people quickly learned
what a BAD KING was like**

Israel's 2nd KING - WAS GOD'S CHOICE
A Man after God's Own Heart - KING DAVID

After God REJECTED Saul - He had Samuel find the Son of JESSE
a Young Shepherd Boy named David - & ANOINT HIM

The Concept of ANOINTING the King of Israel was Very Important
The King would always be Called - "The Lord's Anointed"

That's Important - because God was Preparing his people
for the True KING - The KING of KINGS

The Word MESSIAH in Hebrew - is Translated in Greek - CHRIST
& it means MOST LIT - "Anointed One"

Referring BACK to the ANOINTING of the KING of God's People

So - turn to 1 SAM 16 - Where we meet King David
This is a Great Ch - You should READ the whole thing

But for today - Look down at 1 Samuel 16:12B–13 (ESV)
12 (half way down) . . . *And the Lord said* (to Samuel), "*Arise, anoint him* (David), *for this is he.*"
13 *Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward . . .*

Here - David becomes - "The Lord's Anointed"

King David was "*a man after God's own heart*" - & He became The
STANDARD by which - all other Earthly Kings were measured

& **God** Made a **COVENANT** w/ **David** - A **Covenant** that **BUILT UPON**
God's Covenants with **ABRAHAM** & with **MOSES**

It's in **2 SAMUEL 7** - **Turn There**

LOOK at God's **Consistent Plan** Here

God told Abraham He would make His name GREAT

& in 2 Samuel 7:9B (ESV) - God tells DAVID

9 . . . And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.

God gave The Promised Land to Abraham's Descendants

& in 2 Samuel 7:10 (ESV)

10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place . . .

& God Promised Abraham - from His Descendants would come Nations & Kings

& in 2 Samuel 7:12–13 (ESV)

12 . . . I will raise up your offspring after you . . .

13 . . . and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

& Finally - In the NLT (clarity) - 2 Samuel 7:16 (NLT)

***16 Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever.*’ ”**

God Established the "Kingly Reign" of David - to Continue Forever

Now - David's Reign as God's Earthly KING -
Ended in Radical Failure - Adultery - & Murder -

& even tho David DID receive God's Forgiveness - It was CLEAR
God's People - were STILL LOOKING for their TRUE KING

In fact - God made sure His People would continue
looking for a True King - in the LINE of David - A Perfect King

WRITE these Vs's down in the Margin of 2Sam 7

Isaiah 11 Says this True King would come from the Line of David
That the Spirit of the Lord would Rest upon Him
& that He would Rule the Nations with Perfect Justice

Jeremiah 23:5–6 (NLT)

5 "For the time is coming," says the Lord, "when I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David's line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land.

6 And this will be his name: 'The Lord Is Our Righteousness.' . . .

Yahweh Tsidqenu - THAT is a Name for God

& listen to Ezekiel 37:24–28 (NLT)

24 "My servant David (metaphorically) will be their king, and they will have only one shepherd . . .

25 They will live in the land I gave my servant Jacob, the land where their ancestors lived. They . . . will live there forever . . .

And my servant David (metaphorically) will be their prince forever.

26 And I will make a covenant of peace with them, an everlasting covenant . . . and I will put my Temple among them forever.

27 I will make my home among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

28 And when my Temple is among them forever, the nations will know that I am the Lord, who makes Israel holy.”

The Reign of King David was a TYPE - a Looking Forward -
To the Reign of God’s Ultimate TRUE KING

One who would COME in the Line of David
& Reign over God’s People - FOREVER

Israel’s HOPE for this King - Their “Longing For”
their TRUE KING - in the Line of David

IS WHERE Israel’s Concept of “The Messiah” comes from

Again - MESSIAH means - The Lord’s Anointed -
The MESSIAH would be Israel’s TRUE KING - AT LAST

& again - the Hebrew Word MESSIAH
is Translated in Greek as - CHRIST

It means - “The Anointed One” - It is God’s TITLE for Jesus
To Proclaim that HE IS the True King over God’s People

& when Jesus began His Ministry - He OFTEN Said

what is recorded in Mark 1:15 (ESV)

**15 . . . “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel.”**

Over & Over - when **Jesus Began** His **Ministry** - He **Said**
the kingdom of God is at hand

Jesus was Proclaiming to Israel

The **TRUE KINGDOM** You've been waiting for - **IS HERE**

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& **the way** you **become part** of God's **TRUE KINGDOM**
is to REPENT and BELIEVE in the Gospel (the Good News)

So - **Let's CONNECT** - **God's Covenant** with **King David** (**2Sam 7**)
to the **Birth of Jesus Christ** - **TURN OVER** to **Luke Ch 1**

While you're in **LUKE Ch 1** - Let me **re-read 2 Vs's**
from **God's Covenant** with **King David** in **2 Sam 7** (*lstrn closely*)

WRITE these Vs's down in the Margin at **Luke 1:31**

Speaking of David's OFFSPRING - 2 Samuel 7:13 (ESV)

13 . . . I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

& then speaking TO King David - 2 Samuel 7:16 (ESV)

16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.' "

Now - **When Gabriel** was **announcing** the **Birth** of **Jesus** to Mary

He said in Luke 1:31-33 (ESV)

31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,

33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

In 2Sam 7 - God told David - He would Establish
the Throne of his Offspring - Forever

In Luk 1:32 - Speaking of Jesus - Gabriel says - God will give to him
the throne of his father David

NOT Father - as in God - But Father as in
HEIR to the Line of the THRONE of GOD

GOD has always been KING of His People

When they rejected God's Heavenly REIGN over them
& Asked for an Earthly KING

God said - OK, I will give you a Picture (an illustration)
of your TRUE - Coming King

& God installed King David - as a Picture to his people
of the Ultimate, True, Coming King - The MESSIAH !!

& From the BIRTH of Jesus Christ - God made it clear . . .

THIS IS your True KING !!
the One Who will Justly RULE over you - Forever

But you are NOT "Physically Born" into this Kingdom
To be Part of THIS Kingdom - You must be BORN AGAIN

THAT is the Gospel Message

& THAT is the Message Jesus Continually Proclaimed
While He was on Earth

**God's KINGDOM is an ETERNAL Kingdom
With an ETERNAL King**

**& One Day - This Earth - & ALL that is in it
Will Be RETURNED - to its RIGHTFUL KING**

**When Adam & Eve REJECTED God's KINGSHIP -
they gave man's "Dominion" of this World - Over to SATAN**

Which is why JN 12:31 calls Satan - The RULER of this World

**God's Plan: From Genesis to Revelation - is to Return Creation
AND US - to HIS RIGHTFUL RULE as the TRUE KING**

Turn to Revelation to Close

Revelation 11:15 (ESV)

15 Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

**In Rev Ch 12 - Satan's FALSE Rulership of this World
FINALLY Comes to an END**

Revelation 12:10 (ESV)

10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down . . .

We see a **PICTURE** of the **Kingdom of God** - At its **High-Point**
With **King David** - in **Samuel & Chronicles**

BUT - **It's only** a **Picture** - an **Illustration**

TODAY - You & I **Must Choose** - to be in **ONE** of **TWO KINGDOMS**
The **Kingdom of God** - or the **Kingdom of This World**

The **Kingdom of this World** - **WILL** be **Thrown down**
The **Kingdom of God** - **WILL** **Reign Forever**

& we **choose TODAY** - **Which Kingdom** - we **Belong** to

Again - Mark 1:15 (ESV)

15 . . . "The time is fulfilled, and *the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.*"

To **MOVE** from the **Kingdom of the World** - To the **Kingdom of God**
You must **REPENT** - & **BELIEVE** in the Gospel

Let's Pray