

Kingdom 2024 - 1/21/24



Marvel or DC

Cheer for your favorite
Who is your favorite?
DC — Superman — Batman — Wonder Woman — The Flash —
Green Lantern — Aquaman
Who did I miss?

Marvel — Spider Man — Iron Man — Captain Marvel — Thor —
Black Widow
Who did I miss

Before Comic Books



Norse or Greek Mythology

Norse or Greek

Norse
Odin — Thor — Loki — Balder — Freya — Astrid — Bjorn

Greek
Zeus — Poseidon — Apollo — Aphrodite — Athena

What do hero stories and myths have in common

September 19, 1931

J. R. R. Tolkien – Hugo Dyson – C. S. Lewis

The story of Christ is the true myth
A myth working on us in the same way as the others,
but with this tremendous difference that
it really happened.

They are all telling the same story

Humanity is in trouble
and a super hero comes and rescues them

C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien were great friends
They were big fans of mythology
They would have cheered for Norse Mythology

You see it in their writing, especially Tolkien
Middle Earth has so many similarities to Norse Mythology

The Night Meeting

On September 19, 1931 JRR Tolkien, CS Lewis and Hugo Dyson were discussing the claims of Christ

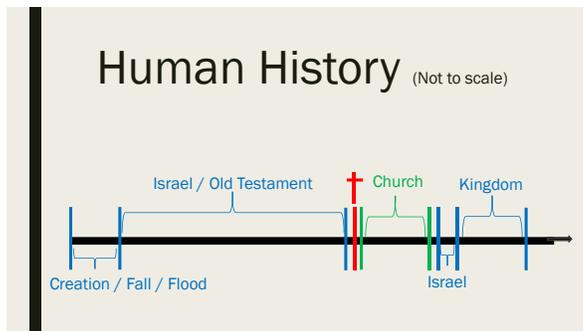
Lewis was an atheist and Tolkien and Dyson were seeking to bring him to faith.

The conversation lasted until 4 am. Tolkien left at 3am.

Three days later September 22, 1931, while riding in a motorcycle sidecar on the way to the zoo.

Lewis wrote” When we set out, I did not believe that Jesus is the Son of God and when we reached the zoo I diid.

Epic



The Bible tells us the story of humanity
It starts at the beginning and it tells us how it is going to end

If you have been here for more than a year, you have heard us talk about the story of the Old Testament
Our series has been called Epic.
We are looking at revisiting the Epic series when we finish Mark at Easter

Well our Epic is half of the story — It is the mess

The Grand Story of Human History

In the beginning God creates a Kingdom
a man and a woman and
together they are to fill the earth govern it and reign over it

Genesis 1:27–28 (NLT) So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

It is a Kingdom

They are tempted and violate the only rule and are corrupted

They submit to the tempter and Satan becomes the ruler of this world

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT) Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

In the dialogue after the fall God speaks of a rescuer in the future

Genesis 3:15 (NLT) And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Eventually the entire population except for one family follow Satan

God sends flood and starts again with that Family

Failure continues to follow and God confuses the languages and people groups are formed again failure

Generations later a single man and woman are singled out to become a new nation

Abram and Sarai

Genesis 12:1–3 (NLT) The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you.

2 I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.

3 I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

Again Generations pass

The Children of Israel become a nation and one king is singled out

David

2 Samuel 7:8–29 (NLT)

Nathan delivers this message from God

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

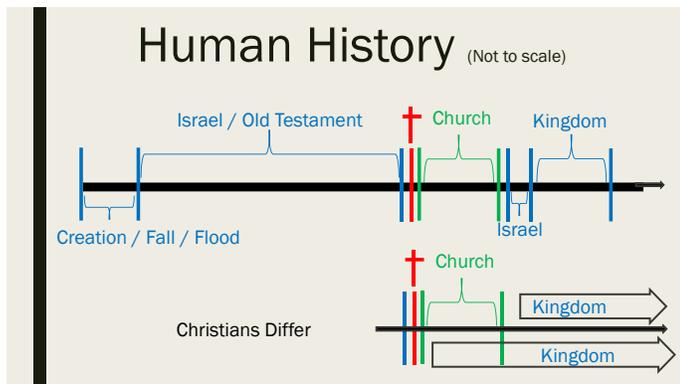
The Prophets — Promise of Rescue further defined

In the Generations to come

Through the words spoken and written by the prophets

God begins to define what this future Kingdom would look like

Before we look at the Kingdom There is a problem to bring up Israel Rejected Jesus



Some Teaching

God is finished with Israel

The Church replaced Israel

The Kingdom promises refer to Heaven (Jesus will sit on the throne in heaven)

So I am going to walk (Run / Sprint) through some of the Kingdom promises
And we will look at the rejection and conversation ss

The Promised Kingdom

- This government will be set up on this earth — Zechariah 14:9
- The city of Jerusalem will be the center of the government — Isaiah 2:3
- Jerusalem will be the joy of the whole earth — Psalm 48:2
- Jerusalem will never again need to fear for her safety — Isaiah 26:1-4
- The Lord will be the King, As King, He will rule all the earth — Daniel 7:14
- Other princes and nobles will rule with the King — Jeremiah 30:21; Isaiah 32:1
- Justice for the poor and exploited, wicked will be punished — Isaiah 11:4
- People will die, but mostly from old age — Isaiah 65:20
- In this kingdom there will be rebellion — but they will be punished — Zechariah 14:16-19

How Certain

- Jeremiah 31:33-37 36 "I am as likely to reject my people Israel as I am to abolish the laws of nature!" 37 This is what the Lord says: "Just as the heavens cannot be measured and the foundations of the earth cannot be explored, so I will not consider casting them away for the evil they have done. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

This government will be set up on this earth

Zechariah 14:9 (NLT) And the Lord will be king over all the earth. On that day there will be one Lord—his name alone will be worshiped.

The city of Jerusalem will be the center of the government (Is 2:3).

Isaiah 2:3 (NLT) ...For the Lord's teaching will go out from Zion; his word will go out from Jerusalem.

and Jerusalem will be the joy of the whole earth (Ps 48:2).

Psalm 48:2 (NLT) It is high and magnificent; the whole earth rejoices to see it! Mount Zion, the holy mountain, is the city of the great King!

Jerusalem will never again need to fear for her safety

Isaiah 26:1–4 (NLT) In that day, everyone in the land of Judah will sing this song: Our city is strong! We are surrounded by the walls of God's salvation.

2 Open the gates to all who are righteous; allow the faithful to enter.

3 You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

4 Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.

The Lord will be the King, As King, He will rule all the earth

Daniel 7:14 (NLT) He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.

and other princes and nobles will likewise share in the governmental duties

Jeremiah 30:21 (NLT) They will have their own ruler again, and he will come from their own people. I will invite him to approach me," says the Lord, "for who would dare to come unless invited?"

Isaiah 32:1 (NLT) Look, a righteous king is coming! And honest princes will rule under him.

When living in NJ on NJ Turnpike — Used to joke about being a Forest Ranger in the Adirondacks

No here in Adirondacks — May end up being the NJ Turnpike Authority

That doesn't really sound like heaven

and the result will be perfect and complete justice for all His subjects. He will punish sin

Isaiah 11:4 (NLT) He will give justice to the poor and make fair decisions for the exploited.

Heaven will not have poor or exploited

The earth will shake at the force of his word, and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked.

Heaven will not have wicked

No one will die in Heaven, But this kingdom, people will die, but mostly from old age

Isaiah 65:20 (NLT) "No longer will babies die when only a few days old. No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life. No longer will people be considered old at one hundred! Only the cursed will die that young!

Rebellion will be punished

Zechariah 14:16–19 (NLT) In the end, the enemies of Jerusalem who survive the plague will go up to Jerusalem each year to worship the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies, and to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.

In this kingdom there will be rebellion — but they will be punished

17 Any nation in the world that refuses to come to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies, will have no rain.

18 If the people of Egypt refuse to attend the festival, the Lord will punish them with the same plague that he sends on the other nations who refuse to go.

19 Egypt and the other nations will all be punished if they don't go to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.

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OT Closes waiting for the Coming of the King

NT opens with Coming of the King

Matthew 3:1–3 (NLT) In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was,

2 "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near."

3 The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, "He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord's coming! Clear the road for him!'"

FAST FORWARD IN JESUS LIFE

Triumphal Entry Matthew 21

Matthew 21:6–11 (NLT)

7 They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it.

8 Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

9 Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God in highest heaven!"

10 The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. "Who is this?" they asked.

11 And the crowds replied, "It's Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

were shouting - imperfect tense repeated cry

The city was stirred

They were crying Hosanna

Jesus goes on to clear the Temple Matt 21:12-17

**But the Gospel Writers have been warning us
the leaders are plotting to murder Jesus**

Rejection of the King Matthew 23

Cursed Generation – Matthew 23

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- You Will Be Held Responsible v35-36

What sorrow awaits

Matthew 23:13–39 (NLT)

13 “What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you shut the door of the Kingdom of Heaven in people’s faces. You won’t go in yourselves, and you don’t let others enter either.

What sorrow awaits

15 “What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you cross land and sea to make one convert, and then you turn that person into twice the child of hell you yourselves are!

Blind Guides

16 “Blind guides! What sorrow awaits you! For you say that it means nothing to swear ‘by God’s Temple,’ but that it is binding to swear ‘by the gold in the Temple.’

Blind Fools

17 Blind fools! Which is more important—the gold or the Temple that makes the gold sacred?

18 And you say that to swear ‘by the altar’ is not binding, but to swear ‘by the gifts on the altar’ is binding.

How Blind

19 How blind! For which is more important—the gift on the altar or the altar that makes the gift sacred?

20 When you swear ‘by the altar,’ you are swearing by it and by everything on it.

21 And when you swear ‘by the Temple,’ you are swearing by it and by God, who lives in it.

22 And when you swear ‘by heaven,’ you are swearing by the throne of God and by God, who sits on the throne.

What sorrow awaits

23 “What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important

aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.

Blind Guides

24 Blind guides! You strain your water so you won't accidentally swallow a gnat, but you swallow a camel!

What sorrow awaits

25 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence!

Blind Pharisee

26 You blind Pharisee! First wash the inside of the cup and the dish, and then the outside will become clean, too.

What Sorrow awaits

27 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people's bones and all sorts of impurity.

Hearts willed with Hypocrisy and Lawlessness

28 Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.

What sorrow awaits

29 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you build tombs for the prophets your ancestors killed, and you decorate the monuments of the godly people your ancestors destroyed.

30 Then you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would never have joined them in killing the prophets.'

Sons of murderers

31 "But in saying that, you testify against yourselves that you are indeed the descendants of those who murdered the prophets.

32 Go ahead and finish what your ancestors started.

Snakes and Vipers

33 Snakes! Sons of vipers! How will you escape the judgment of hell?

You kill the Prophets, Wise Men and Teachers

34 "Therefore, I am sending you prophets and wise men and teachers of religious law. But you will kill some by crucifixion, and you will flog others with whips in your synagogues, chasing them from city to city.

You will be held responsible

35 As a result, you will be held responsible for the murder of all godly people of all time—from the murder of righteous Abel to the murder of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you killed in the Temple between the sanctuary and the altar.

36 I tell you the truth, this judgment will fall on this very generation.

The heart of Jesus after rejection

Jesus' Heart After Rejection – Matthew 23

37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.

38 And now, look, your house is abandoned and desolate.

39 For I tell you this, you will never see me again until you say, 'Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

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39 For I tell you this, you will never see me again until you say, 'Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

Total Rejection — — Or is it?

Look at the last sentence

And the word "UNTIL

Sounds like it is going to happen again

Imagine being one of the Disciples

The Kingdom is not going to happen now

Confusion for the Disciples

Olivet Discourse – Matthew 24; Mark 13

3 Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?"

- Wars, Famines, Earthquakes – Birth Pains vv4-8
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- False Prophets v11
- Sin Rampant vv12-15
- Worst Time Ever vv21-22
- False Messiah's and False Prophets v24
- Sun Darkened v29
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- Great Apostasy vv27-42
- Be Alert – Stay Busy vv42-50

Matthew 24 - The Olivet Discourse

Matthew 24 (NLT) As Jesus was leaving the Temple grounds, his disciples pointed out to him the various Temple buildings.

2 But he responded, "Do you see all these buildings? I tell you the truth, they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!"

OK when is this going to happen

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I think it is significant that they only recognized that it is not now

Ask Yourself

Does it sound like the Kingdom has been Cancelled for Israel?

Listen and don't be misled — Remember the prophecies?

4 Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you,

5 for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many.

6 And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately.

7 Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world.

8 But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

You won't be ruling, you will be dying

9 Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

Let that sink in

But Jesus is describing

The Tribulation described in Revelation — 70th week of Daniel —

The last 7 years of OT History before the Kingdom

Remember this is a Jewish Conversation -

There is no church yet

This has nothing to do with the Rapture

Turn away

10 And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other.

False Prophets

11 And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people.

Sin Rampant

12 Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold.

13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

14 And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come..

15 “The day is coming when you will see what Daniel the prophet spoke about—the sacrilegious object that causes desecration standing in the Holy Place.” (Reader, pay attention!)

Worst Time Ever

21 For there will be greater anguish than at any time since the world began. And it will never be so great again.

22 In fact, unless that time of calamity is shortened, not a single person will survive. But it will be shortened for the sake of God’s chosen ones

False Messiahs and False prophets

24 For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God’s chosen ones.

Sun darkened

29 “Immediately after the anguish of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

The Son of Man will Come

30 And then at last, the sign that the Son of Man is coming will appear in the heavens, and there will be deep mourning among all the peoples of the earth. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he will send out his angels with the mighty blast of a trumpet, and they will gather his chosen ones from all over the world—from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.

It is certain as My word is Certain

32 “Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near.

33 In the same way, when you see all these things, you can know his return is very near, right at the door.

34 I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these things take place.

35 Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

No one Knows when

36 “However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.

After great apostasy

37 “When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day.

38 In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat.

39 People didn’t realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.

40 “Two men will be working together in the field; one will be taken, the other left.

41 Two women will be grinding flour at the mill; one will be taken, the other left.

Be alert

42 “So you, too, must keep watch! For you don’t know what day your Lord is coming.

43 Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into.

When You Don’t Think He Will

44 You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected..

Stay Busy

45 “A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them.

46 If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward.

47 I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns.

48 But what if the servant is evil and thinks, ‘My master won’t be back for a while,’

49 and he begins beating the other servants, partying, and getting drunk?

50 The master will return unannounced and unexpected,

51 and he will cut the servant to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Does it sound like the Kingdom has been Cancelled for Israel?

What about the Disciples

The Last Supper

Last Supper – Luke 22

28 “You have stayed with me in my time of trial.
29 And just as my Father has granted me a Kingdom, I now grant you the right
30 to eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging
the twelve tribes of Israel.

Luke 22:28–30 (NLT)

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Earlier in Matthew

Matthew 19:28 (NLT) Jesus replied, “I assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Authority over the twelve tribes of Israel will be vested in the hands of the twelve apostles

**Again does not sound like the Kingdom has been cancelled
or in Heaven - Judging**

The Last Conversation - Acts 1

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Jesus is saying Goodbye
Stay in Jerusalem and Wait for the Holy Spirit vv4-5

Last Question

6 So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”

Only the Father knows

7 He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Introduction - Resurrected Christ seen

Acts 1:1–11 (NLT)

1 In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach
2 until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit.
3 During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

Now he is saying goodbye

4 Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before.
5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Is it now???? -Your Kingdom

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You get busy

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If there was not going to be a kingdom - Jesus would have said “NO”

If there was not going to be a kingdom for Israel what would Jesus have said

Again does not sound like the Kingdom has been cancelled

He leaves

9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

His return is promised

10 As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them.
11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

Again does not sound like the Kingdom has been cancelled

Finally the coup de grace

IN one context the rejection of Messiah and the Millennium
Again this is a Jewish conversation

After the Church Begins – Acts 3:14-26

14 You rejected this holy, righteous one and instead demanded the release of a murderer. 15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact!
16 “Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus’ name has healed him before your very eyes.
17 “Friends, I realize that what you and your leaders did to Jesus was done in ignorance.
18 But God was fulfilling what all the prophets had foretold about the Messiah—that he must suffer these things.
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Speaking to Israel After the Church Began

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Continued

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21 For he must remain in heaven until the time for the final restoration of all things, as God promised long ago through his holy prophets.

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23 Then Moses said, 'Anyone who will not listen to that Prophet will be completely cut off from God's people.'

24 "Starting with Samuel, every prophet spoke about what is happening today.

25 You are the children of those prophets, and you are included in the covenant God promised to your ancestors. For God said to Abraham, 'Through your descendants all the families on earth will be blessed.'

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AGAIN — SEND YOU

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In the Book of Revelation, we see the fulfillment of the the
OT Prophecies concerning the Future

I have heard that the book alludes to the OT 550 times.

So Has God Rejected Israel ?

The Promised Kingdom – Romans 11

- 1 I ask, then, has God rejected his own people, the nation of Israel?
Of course not! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham and a member of the tribe of Benjamin.
- 2 No, God has not rejected his own people, whom he chose from the very beginning.
- 11 Did God's people stumble and fall beyond recovery? **Of course not!** They were disobedient, so God made salvation available to the Gentiles. But he wanted his own people to become jealous and claim it for themselves.
- 23 And if the people of Israel turn from their unbelief, they will be grafted in again, for God has the power to graft them back into the tree.
- 24 You, by nature, were a branch cut from a wild olive tree. So if God was willing to do something contrary to nature by grafting you into his cultivated tree, he will be far more eager to graft the original branches back into the tree where they belong.

Romans 11 (NLT)

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- 5 It is the same today, for a few of the people of Israel have remained faithful because of God's grace—his undeserved kindness in choosing them.
- 6 And since it is through God's kindness, then it is not by their good works. For in that case, God's grace would not be what it really is—free and undeserved.

Did God's People Stumble and Fall Beyond Recovery?

11 Did God's people stumble and fall beyond recovery? Of course not! They were disobedient, so God made salvation available to the Gentiles. But he wanted his own people to become jealous and claim it for themselves.

23 And if the people of Israel turn from their unbelief, they will be grafted in again, for God has the power to graft them back into the tree.

Gentiles Grafted in not Replacing

24 You, by nature, were a branch cut from a wild olive tree. So if God was willing to do something contrary to nature by grafting you into his cultivated tree, he will be far more eager to graft the original branches back into the tree where they belong.

Don't feel superior

The Promised Kingdom – Romans 11

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Certainty it is the Millennial Kingdom of Christ

The Promised Kingdom – Rev 20

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- 4 Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their forehead or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for **a thousand years**.
- 5 This is the first resurrection. (The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the **thousand years** had ended.)
- 6 Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a **thousand years**.
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How long is heaven?

Revelation 20:1–7 (NLT)

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The Bible is the failure of

Patriarchs — Priests — Kings — Prophets — Everyone

Then the God man is the Perfect Patriarch — Priests — Kings — Prophets

He lived like Everyone for 30 years

Tempted in all points as we are — yet without sin

Messiah is going rescue the fallen human race and he will deliver the victory
For 1000 years, Jesus will rule the world and peace will reign

For all of time humanity has loved stories of heroic rescues

Our hearts long for the world to be made right

Jesus is the true hero who will restore creation to what it was created to be