

Kingdom of God part 3

Matthew 13:31-32

31 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

Mustard Seed; small but becomes a big rock that then becomes a mountain.

Matthew 13:33

33 He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds[a] of flour until it worked all through the dough."

Yeast/Leaven once it is in the dough it can't be removed.

Acts 2:27

"...because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay."

Acts 2:31-33

31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

"The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand

35 until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet."["

Psalms 110:1-2

1 The Lord says to my lord:[a]

"Sit at my right hand

until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet."

2 The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying,

"Rule in the midst of your enemies!"

Scepter: The Sanhedrin had the scepter but it was taken away. Rule in the midst of your enemies.

Context: Christ is seated in heaven but he is starting to rule in the midst of God's enemies.

Romans 5:10

10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

We were enemies of God

1 Corinthians 15:25

25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

Colossians 1:21

21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of[a] your evil behavior.

Wicked works

Aristotle

Now that it is clear what are the component parts of the state [society], we have first of all to discuss household management; for every state is composed of households. Household management falls into departments corresponding to the parts of which the household in its turn is composed; and the household in its perfect form consists of slaves and freemen. The investigation of everything should begin with its smallest parts, and the primary and smallest parts of the household are master and slave, husband and wife, father and children; we ought therefore to examine the proper constitution and character of each of these three relationships. [Aristotle, Politics 1.1235b. 1-14]

Roman Antiquities

The law-giver of the Romans gave virtually full power to the father over his son, whether he thought it proper to imprison him, to scourge him, to put him in chains, and keep him at work in the fields, or to put him to death; and this even though the son was already engaged in public affairs, though he was numbered among the highest magistrates, and though he was celebrated for his zeal for commonwealth." [Dionysius of Halicarnassus, Roman Antiquities 2.26.4]

Hebrews 1:8

8 But about the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

Scepter

Hebrews 10:12

12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

He sat down

Hebrews 10:13

13 and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool.

He waits

Hebrews 12:28

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,

We are receiving a kingdom

The temple and the Holy of Holies were still present. It would soon be totally destroyed and the whole nation exiled. That would be the sign that God was no longer reigning in Israel. His kingdom was exclusively with the New Israel.

Genesis 49:10

The scepter will not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,[a]
until he to whom it belongs[b] shall come
and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

Julius Magath, in his book Jesus Before the Sanhedrim, recorded a statement by Rabbi Rachmon:

When members of the Sanhedrin found themselves deprived of their right over life and death, a general consternation took possession of them: they covered their heads with ashes, and their bodies with sackcloth, exclaiming: "Woe unto us for the scepter has departed from Judah and the Messiah has not come."

Based upon rabbinic understanding, the messiah had to come between AD30-which is forty years before the destruction of the temple, the exact time Jesus' ministry began-and AD70, which is when the official genealogical records were destroyed and the Jewish people were exiled.

The Romans did not remove the physical scepter but took their authority away.

Psalms 2:7

7 I will proclaim the Lord's decree:
He said to me, "You are my son;
today I have become your father.
Today wasn't he already his son?"

Psalms 2:8

8 Ask me,
and I will make the nations your inheritance,
the ends of the earth your possession.

His mission is to rule all nations by announcing the gospel and manifesting the Kingdom of God spiritually.

Psalms 2:9

9 You will break them with a rod of iron[a];
you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

Rule and Destroy