

"Gospel of the Kingdom, Part 2: Attitude of the Exiled"

Recap how the theme of the Kingdom of God is laced throughout the entire Bible from Genesis 3-11 (Fall of Man)- Entire OT (rebellion-slavery-rebellion-oppression-rebellion-Roman occupancy)- Luke (life, death & resurrection of Jesus Christ)- Acts (Jesus' ascension and ensuing Empowerment of Holy Spirit upon His Church to spread the "Good News")- Revelation (consummation of all things triggered by the second coming of Jesus and the establishment of the New Heaven & the New Earth with the final and complete fulfillment of the Kingdom)

The story of the Bible = a clash of kingdoms
God's Kingdom vs. human kingdoms

Jesus invites humanity to rejoin God's plan as He begins the restoration process of bringing God's Kingdom to earth. "The KOG is near/has arrived"

"Good News" (Euangelion) always used in relation to the KOG

What does it look like to live under Jesus' rule & reign?

Isaiah 52: 4-12 NLT (Important Scripture connecting the OT & NT regarding the them of the GOOD NEWS)

"This is what the Sovereign Lord says: "Long ago my people chose to live in Egypt. Now they are oppressed by Assyria. What is this?" asks the Lord. "Why are my people enslaved again? Those who rule them shout in exultation. My name is blasphemed all day long. But I will reveal my name to my people, and they will come to know its power. Then at last they will recognize that I am the one who speaks to them." How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns! The watchmen shout and sing with joy, for before their very eyes they see the Lord returning to Jerusalem. Let the ruins of Jerusalem break into joyful song, for the Lord has comforted his people. He has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has demonstrated his holy power before the eyes of all the nations. All the ends of the earth will see the victory of our God. Get out! Get out and leave your captivity, where everything you touch is unclean. Get out of there and purify yourselves, you who carry home the sacred objects of the Lord. You will not leave in a hurry, running for your lives. For the Lord will go ahead of you; yes, the God of Israel will protect you from behind."

Isaiah 52:4-12 NLT

Attitude of the Exiled- do we live under that attitude or under the Attitude of Freedom?!

"Now and not yet" tension of the KOG that we live in. There is incredible HOPE in the reality of living as a part of God's Kingdom! Injustice, human failure and even death are not the way the story ends! Joining in God's Kingdom means resisting the desire to build up our own kingdom and/or follow after the kingdoms of this earth and instead, fully submit ourselves to the rule and reign of Jesus.