

Why would the Apostles be expecting Jesus to literally restore the kingdom to Israel??

What made up the Kingdom of Israel in the past?

1. Kings: A King is much different than a president, prime minister. A King had absolute sovereign rule, power and influence over all the people living in his Kingdom. Unlike a democracy where presidents or prime ministers are voted in to their office, A King had rightful heir to the throne through his blood line. The son of the previous king. Such as David and Solomon. His right by birth!!
2. Land is the Domain over which a King Rules. Often Times a King would appoint governors to which authority was given to them to govern over different parts of His Kingdom. These governors would ensure that the Kings authority was being exercised and obeyed by those living in that province of district of His Kingdom.
3. People: The welfare of the people was in direct relation to the goodness or wickedness of their King. **1 Kings 15:25-26 In the second year of Asa's reign over Judah, Nadab son of Jeroboam became king of Israel, and he reigned two years. And he did evil in the sight of the LORD and walked in the way of his father and in his sin, which he had caused Israel to commit. 1 Kings 16:30-33 Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the Lord than any of those before him. 31 He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him. 32 He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria. 33 Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to arouse the anger of the Lord, the God of Israel, than did all the kings of Israel before him.**

**As the king went, the people followed!!!!!!** **Corrupt king corrupt people!!!**

In our democracy its the opposite, as the people go so the leadership will follow!!!! Corrupt people corrupt leaders!!!

The reason we have so much corruption in our government is because we have such a corrupt and twisted sick society of wicked loving people.

For these Disciples who were currently living under Roman rule and dominion, what a perfect time for Christ who was Messiah the promised King now to fulfill

1. The unfulfilled aspects of the covenants given to Israel by God concerning Land, King and People!!
2. The unfulfilled promises of the prophecies made about the Jewish people and the land of Israel and King!

## THE COVENANTS:

### 1. Abrahamic Covenant:

Genesis 15:18-21 That day the Lord made a covenant with Abram: “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates River— 19 the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, 20 Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, 21 Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, and Jebusites.”

1. We see that God made the covenant with Abraham.
2. We see that the promise of the covenant was to the descendants of Abraham!
3. We see that it is God that gives this land to the descendants of Abraham.
4. We see very specific boundaries of this land mass.
5. We also note that this covenant of the land has no conditions nor does it have a limit.
6. To ensure that there is no doubt about the land’s boundaries, Scripture also indicates the different groups of people that

occupy it: "...the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites." We know that these peoples lived in what is today Egypt, Sudan, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, part of Asian Turkey, and of course all of Israel, including Gaza and the West Bank.

Israel's very existence as a nation is tied to the promises of God without question! The only reason there remains Jews in the world today and why they are once again a nation again after sum 1900 years is because God's promises demand it! The covenants of God sworn in the oath of God have demanded the preservation of the people of God. For if Israel went out of existence there would be no way for God to fulfill His covenants nor for God to fulfill his promises through his words spoken from his prophets sent to speak to the nation of Israel and Judah.

## 2. The David Covenant:

### 2 Samuel 7:8-16 New King James Version

8 Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have [a]cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. 10 Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, 11 since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the Lord [b]tells you that He will make you a [c]house.

12 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the [d]blows of the sons of men. 15 But My

mercy shall not depart from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before [e]you. Your throne shall be established forever.

The Last King of Judah, King Zedekiah was taken captive in about 597 B.C. To this day there has not been a Jewish king over the people of Israel.

#### Psalms 89:28-37

My mercy I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall stand firm with him. His seed also I will make *to endure* forever, And his throne as the days of heaven. "If his sons forsake My law And do not walk in My judgments, If they [f]break My statutes And do not keep My commandments, Then I will punish their transgression with the rod, And their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not [g]utterly take from him,

Nor [h]allow My faithfulness to fail. My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: His seed shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me; It shall be established forever like the moon, Even *like* the faithful witness in the sky." *Selah*

**BUT THERE WILL BE SOON!**

#### Luke 1:31-33

##### English Standard Version

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."

### 3. The New Covenant:

## Jeremiah 31:31-40 English Standard Version

31 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

35

Thus says the Lord,  
who gives the sun for light by day  
and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night,  
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—  
the Lord of hosts is his name:

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“If this fixed order departs  
from before me, declares the Lord,  
then shall the offspring of Israel cease  
from being a nation before me forever.”

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Thus says the Lord:  
“If the heavens above can be measured,  
and the foundations of the earth below can be explored,  
then I will cast off all the offspring of Israel  
for all that they have done,  
declares the Lord.”

38 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when the city shall be rebuilt for the Lord from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. 39 And the measuring line shall go out farther, straight to the hill Gareb, and shall then turn to Goah. 40 The whole valley of the dead bodies and the ashes, and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be sacred to the Lord. It shall not be plucked up or overthrown anymore forever.”

**This has not yet happened but will in the future!!**

**Revelation 19:**

**1.Nations Gather against what remains of the Jews to destroy them. The Jews will call on messiah to save them!**

**2. Jesus along with the saints and angels coming on the clouds where every eye will see him and the Jews will look on the one whom they pierced and rejected.**

**3. Jesus will destroy the wicked with the sword of his mouth.**

**4. The Antichrist and the False Prophet will be thrown alive into the lake of fire!!**

**5. Satan the dragon and the deceiver of the nations is captured and chained in the bottomless pit for the 1000 years were ended. He satan will no longer deceive the nations until the end of 1000 years.**

**Then.....**

Revelation 20:4-6

4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

Next week we will learn what the Millennial Kingdom will be like as we continue to see the prophetic promises that are yet waiting to be fulfilled!!!