

The Kingdom Goes Home

Lesson for November 30 – Jim Grushon

Introduction:

We have spent a lot of time emphasizing the eternal nature of God's kingdom and those who have been part of it throughout history. However, Jesus taught that the eternal Kingdom and its nature would also be present among them in a physical sense—an earthly kingdom with spiritual principles that they could see and participate in while living in the physical world. While the church is not the entire concept of the Kingdom of God, it is a real part of that kingdom.

It represents the fulfillment of God's promise through the prophets and is home to those who, through Christ, have entered the eternal kingdom. We will conclude our study by examining the physical aspect of the kingdom as seen in the church and the body's destination in the eternal kingdom.

Our Final Destination:

- I. Old Testament Prophecy relating to the kingdom upon the earth.
 - A. The victorious conqueror of Satan:
 1. Genesis 3:15: The seed of the woman
 2. Isaiah 7:14: Immanuel
 3. Micah 5:1-4; Matthew 1:23,25; 3:7, 13:38.
 - B. The narrative of the above verses describes God's plan for the redemption of those who belong to His heavenly Kingdom. The promise of the seed of the woman who will crush Satan's head, God with us coming into the world by being born of a virgin in Bethlehem, the deliverer of God's remnant—this is the one who will cause God's people to stand and grant them peace.
 1. Isa.9:6 The government will rest on His shoulders, and he shall be called, Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
- II. The Savior would establish on the earth the kingdom that would never fall.
 - A. The victorious conqueror of Satan:
 1. Isaiah 2:2-4: And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

2. Micah 4:1: But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.
3. Matthew 3:2: And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
4. Matthew 4:17: From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
5. Matthew 10:7: And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
6. Mark 9:1: And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.
7. Matthew 16:16-19: I will build my church, I will give to you the Keys of the Kingdom.

III. All Nations will flow to it.

- A. Romans 1:16: To all who believe, to the Jews first and also the Greeks
- B. Galatians 3:28: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. (Colossians 3:11)

IV. The Lord returns to take it home and deliver it to the Father

- A. 1 Corinthians 15:50-58: The corruptible puts on incorruption, the mortal becomes immortal.
- B. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18: For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words