

"The Earthly Kingdom of Jesus Christ"

Part 2

Genesis 11-12

Introduction: Last week in our opening study of the Kingdom we looked at the two different Kingdoms referenced in the Bible.

➤ **The Kingdoms**

One is universal and it is eternal. God rules directly in this Kingdom as He exercises His sovereignty over the earth and the heavens.

Psalm 103:19

¹⁹ The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Daniel 4:17

¹⁷ This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

The other Kingdom which we looked at is a future Kingdom. This is the coming Millennial Kingdom. In this Kingdom God will rule through a Theocratic Administrator and His name is Jesus Christ.

Psalm 2:6-9

⁶ Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

⁷ I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

⁸ Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

⁹ Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Here we see that in the coming Kingdom God will rule through a Person and the Person will be His Son Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

When this Millennial Kingdom comes it will come suddenly and destroy all the kingdoms of this world.

Daniel 2:44

⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

➤ God's Original Design

Last week we also looked at Genesis 1:26-28. In these verses we were able to see God's original design.

Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

God created the world and on the sixth day He created man/Adam and Eve to be the theocratic administrators over his creation.

➤ The Fall

Notice Genesis 3:1

Satan came to Eve as a serpent because it was his desire to overthrow the Theocratic Kingdom and that is exactly what happened.

Notice Genesis 3:11-13

When Adam and Eve sinned it completely disrupted the hierarchy that God had established and from the time the sin happened the theocratic administrator disappeared from the earth. Adam lost his position and Satan became the god of this world.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

³ *But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:*

⁴ *In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

Ephesians 2:1-2

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

² *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

1 Peter 5:8

⁸ *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

We can clearly see the free reign that Satan has in this world because the theocratic administrator has been taken away.

Job 1:6-7

⁶ *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.*

⁷ *And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*

I. God's Current Plan

Since the fall God has been working to restore the Kingdom that was lost in Eden. This then raises a question, "Why does there need to be an earthly Kingdom?"

There MUST be an earthly Kingdom because it was on this earth that the original Kingdom was lost. He must restore the Kingdom in the same arena where it was lost.

Notice the words of Ryrie:

"Why is an earthly kingdom necessary? Did He not receive His inheritance when He was raised and exalted in heaven? Is not His present rule His inheritance? Why does there need to be an earthly kingdom? Because He must be triumphant in the same arena where He was seemingly defeated. His rejection by the rulers of this world was on the earth (1 Cor. 2:8). His exaltation must also be on this earth. And so shall it be when He comes again to rule this world in righteousness. He has long waited for His inheritance; soon He shall receive it."

The bottom line is that if the Kingdom is not restored to the earth, then Satan wins.

Notice the words of Pentecost:

"Apart from the reign of Christ here on earth and apart from His rule God's purpose for man would never be brought to conclusion. God's purpose for the earth would be unrealized and the problem generated by Satan's rebellion would never be resolved. Thus the physical, literal reign of Christ on earth is a theological and biblical necessity unless Satan is victorious over God."

II. The Promise

Notice Genesis 3:14-15

Here is the very first mention and promise of the coming Redeemer. In verse 15 God made it clear to Satan that there was coming a Man from the seed of the woman who defeat him and restore the Theocratic Kingdom on the earth. Therefore this becomes the goal of history to restore the Kingdom on this earth. This is what the creation itself is longing for.

Romans 8:19-22

¹⁹ *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

²⁰ *For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,*

²¹ *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

²² For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

From the time of the fall God has had a plan to restore the Theocratic Kingdom and Satan has been doing all he can to stop the Kingdom restoration. That is why there are so many attacks by Satan throughout history such as the killing of the baby boys in Egypt. He does not want God's Kingdom to come because he longs to rule the world. When the Kingdom is established, Satan will be bound.

Revelation 20:1-4

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

² *And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, **and bound him a thousand years.***

³ *And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

⁴ *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

III. The Problem

Notice Genesis 11:1-9

We have looked at this text many times. This was all a rebellion against the command of God given to Noah when he stepped off the ark.

Genesis 9:1

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

This rebellion was led by a man named Nimrod.

Notice Genesis 10:8-10

Nimrod is a type of the Anti-Christ. Nimrod hunted men to rebel against God and he led them to Shinar where they built a tower. This tower was a false worship system that was

established by Nimrod through the direction of Satan. We know that when God came down, He scattered the people, and He changed their languages. But something happened in the false worship system that needs to be understood. There was a false worship system that developed here that spread through the entire world.

Here is what research tells us about Nimrod and his wife. Nimrod was married to a woman named Semiramis. The two of them had a child named Tammuz. Tammuz was killed by a wild animal but then Tammuz was miraculously resurrected to life, very similar to the way Satan, in Revelation 13, is going to bring the Anti-Christ back to life in the tribulation period. Therefore, everybody started to worship the mother and the child; so they worshipped Semiramis, and they worshiped Tammuz. That was the religious system that was established at the Tower of Babel.

Now when the Lord went down to the Tower of Babel, and He scattered the people each group carried something with them from Babel and that was this false worship of the Mother Child system. This system poisoned every group of people that spread from Babel. We will come back to this false system in a moment.

IV. The Remedy

Notice Genesis 12:1-2

Because every nation was polluted with the false worship system of Nimrod God would then develop a new nation independent of all others and this new nation would be Israel and it would start with a man by the name of Abram.

Notice Genesis 11:29-31

Abram came from Ur of the Chaldees which was the land of Shinar. You see Abram also was influenced by the false worship of Nimrod.

Joshua 24:1-3

And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

² *And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods.*

³ *And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.*

God called Abram away from Ur to get him to Canaan and it would be in Canaan that Abram would be separated, and God would begin to work with him, and he would become the father of a new nation which would bring forth the Redeemer Who will one day restore the Kingdom that was lost.

Conclusion:

Before we stop tonight, I want to show you how Satan tried over the years to get Israel involved in the Mother Child worship.

Ezekiel 8:12-14

¹² Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, the LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

¹³ He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.

¹⁴ Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

Next week we will get to the promises made to Abram and the Abrahamic Covenant.