

**"The Earthly Kingdom of Jesus Christ"**

**Part 8**

**Isaiah 2:1-4**

**Introduction:** Before we get to our study tonight, I want to review some of what we have looked at in our Kingdom Study.

1. The Kingdom was set up in Eden.
2. The Kingdom disappeared when Adam and Eve sinned.
3. God starts a new nation in Abram and gives to him Kingdom promises in the Abrahamic Covenant. Land, Seed and Blessings.
4. God establishes a model of the Kingdom with Israel and gives the Mosaic Covenant which shows forth the qualifications for Israel to possess her blessings.
5. The Kingdom divided after Solomon and when the Babylonian captivity happened the Kingdom and the Theocratic administrator disappeared from the earth.
6. The Times of the Gentiles started with Nebuchadnezzar, and they will end with the Anti-Christ.
7. The Kingdom will not be established until the Times of the Gentiles are finished.

**Daniel 2:37-45**

<sup>37</sup> *Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.*

<sup>38</sup> *And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.*

<sup>39</sup> *And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.*

<sup>40</sup> *And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.*

<sup>41</sup> *And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.*

<sup>42</sup> *And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.*

<sup>43</sup> *And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.*

<sup>44</sup> *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.*

<sup>45</sup> *Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.*

This is where we stopped the last time we were together.

### **"The Conditions of the Kingdom"**

Tonight we are going to look at some of the conditions of the Kingdom. We will not see them all because there are too many to look at in just a couple of studies. In our study of the conditions tonight I want to look at what the prophets said concerning the coming Kingdom.

#### **1. The Importance of the Prophet's Words**

##### **2 Peter 1:16-18**

<sup>16</sup> *For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.*

<sup>17</sup> *For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

<sup>18</sup> *And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.*

Here in these verses Peter speaks of the privilege of being on the Mount of Transfiguration. This event was a preview of the Kingdom Peter was an eyewitness to this preview.

##### **2 Peter 1:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> *We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:*

<sup>20</sup> *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.*

<sup>21</sup> *For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

Here Peter speaks of that which is more accurate than an eyewitness account and it is the Word of God. The Word of the prophets concerning the Kingdom are a light that shines in a dark world. From Peter's Words we can see that a study of the Kingdom is a study of hope for us who are believers. We live in a world that is dark and gloomy spiritually speaking and it is not getting better. But there is something better that is coming to this world. It is the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in which we will rule and reign with Him.

What will the Kingdom be like?

- a. **It will be a Kingdom of peace.**

#### **Notice Isaiah 2:1-4**

*The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.*

<sup>2</sup> *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.*

<sup>3</sup> *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.*

<sup>4</sup> *And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and **they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.***

There will be no more wars! There will be peace among the nations unlike today. There will be no testing of missiles in fact there will be no militaries.

- b. **Most of the curse will be removed.**

#### **Isaiah 11:6-9**

<sup>6</sup> *The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.*

<sup>7</sup> *And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

<sup>8</sup> *And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.*

<sup>9</sup> *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

**Isaiah 65:**

<sup>25</sup> *The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.*

Before sin entered into the world there was perfect harmony in the animal world and between man and animals. But when sin came, and God brought the curse all this harmony went away. In the Kingdom, the curse will be lifted except for death and therefore the harmony will be restored.

c. **It will be a Kingdom of joy.**

**Isaiah 65:17-19**

<sup>17</sup> *For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.*

<sup>18</sup> **But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.**

<sup>19</sup> **And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.**

There will be no sadness or sorrow in the Kingdom but only joy. There will be nothing that will rob people of their joy in the Kingdom.

d. **It will be a Kingdom of longevity.**

**Isaiah 65:20**

<sup>20</sup> *There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.*

If someone in the Kingdom dies at 100 years old, they will be considered a child. People who are born in the first part of the Kingdom will live the entire 1000 years unless they die in an accident or under capital punishment.

e. It will be a Kingdom of perfect justice.

#### Isaiah 65:21-24

<sup>21</sup> *And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.*

<sup>22</sup> *They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.*

<sup>23</sup> *They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.*

<sup>24</sup> *And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.*

#### Isaiah 11:1-5

*And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:*

<sup>2</sup> *And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;*

<sup>3</sup> *And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:*

<sup>4</sup> *But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.*

<sup>5</sup> *And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.*

f. The Kingdom will be a time of great increase in population.

When the Kingdom begins everyone in the Kingdom will be a believer. Some will have glorified bodies, and some will have natural bodies. Let us notice how the unsaved will be separated from the Lord after the Great Tribulation.

**Matthew 25:32-34, 41**

<sup>32</sup> *And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:*

<sup>33</sup> *And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.*

<sup>34</sup> *Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

<sup>41</sup> *Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:*

Now let us notice those with glorified bodies.

**Revelation 20:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> *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.*

<sup>5</sup> *But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*

<sup>6</sup> *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*

Now let me show you the revolt at the end of the Kingdom.

**Revelation 20:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> *And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,*

<sup>8</sup> And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: **the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup> And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

**Conclusion:**

The Kingdom is certainly something to look forward to for us who are believers.