

The Church and the Kingdom (Matt. 6:9-10; 16:16-19; 18:17-18)

I. The Eternal Purpose of God

- A. The creation in the beginning – the pre-adamic age (Genesis 1:1)
 - 1. The earth created in a magnificent and orderly manner (Job 38:1-7)
 - 2. Not created formless and void <Hebr.: tohu bohu = chaos> (Is. 45:18)
 - 3. The earth became formless and void after God's judgment (Gen. 1:2; Jer. 4:23)
 - 4. The archangel, the morning star, the anointed cherub, was appointed to rule
- B. The rebellion of the Archangel during the pre-adamic age – bringing in judgment and chaos (Is. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:12-17; Gen. 1:2a)
 - 1. Becoming Satan and the devil – adversary and slanderer, the enemy of God (Matt. 13:39; Rev. 20:2)
 - 2. Being addressed as the ruler (prince) of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Eph. 2:2; 6:12)
 - 3. The god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4)
- C. The recovery of the earth and the creation of man (Eph. 1:4-5; Gen. 1:2b-10, 26-27)
 - 1. Man – created in God's image and likeness
 - 2. Chosen before the foundation of the world
 - 3. Predestinated unto sonship – to partake of God's life
 - 4. For the expression of God's glory
 - 5. To have dominion over God's creation – for His kingdom
- D. The fall of man (Gen. 3:1-15)
 - 1. Through the deception of the serpent
 - a. The deceiver of the whole world (Rev. 12:9)
 - b. The whole world lies under the influence of the evil one (1 John 5:19)
 - 2. Bringing in sin and death (Rom. 5:12; Rev. 12:19)
 - 3. The promised seed of the woman – redemption through Christ (Gen. 1:15; Is. 7:14; Matt. 1:20-21; Gal. 4:4-5)
- E. In the fullness of the times, Christ will head up all things in Himself (Eph. 1:10, 20-23; 1 Cor. 15:24-28; Rev. 11:15)

II. Israel – God's kingdom in the Age of the Old Covenant

- A. Being a kingdom of priests (Exod. 19:6)
- B. Mount Zion – the city of the great King (Ps. 48:2; 132:)
- C. Israel rejected God to be their king (1 Sam. 8:7)
 - 1. King David – a man after God's own heart (1 Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22-23;)
 - 2. Christ – the promised seed of David (2 Sam. 7:12, 16; Ps. 132:11;

Acts 2:30)

- D. The captivity to Babylon (2 Chron. 36:11-21)
- E. The beginning and end of the times of the gentiles
(Dan. 2:27-49; Luke 21:24)

III. The First Coming of the Promised king (Zech. 9:9; Matt. 1:1; 2:1-2; 27:37)

- A. From the time the edict was issued by King Artaxerxes Longimanus (Neh. 2:1-8) to Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem (March 5, 444 BC) to the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem (March 30, 33 AD) is exactly 483 years (69 x 7, Daniel 9:25-26)
- B. Christ the king entered Jerusalem (Matt. 21:1-9; Luke 19:29-38; John 12:1, 12-16)
 - 1. Just and having salvation,
 - 2. Lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.”
- C. Fully rejected again by His people (John 19:15)
- D. Accomplished redemption on the cross
- E. Resurrected on the 3rd day
- F. Ascended on High
 - 1. Sitting at the right hand of God (Col. 3:1; 1 Tim. 1:9; 6:16; Heb. 1:3; 10:12; 12:2; 1 Pet. 3:22; Rev. 5:1-10; Rev. 17:14; 19:16; Ps. 110)
 - 2. Far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come (Eph. 1:21-22)
 - 3. All things are under His feet
 - 4. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him (Matt. 28:19)
 - 5. Having poured out the Holy Spirit of promise (Acts 2:29-36)

IV. The Church Being Built as the Kingdom of the Heavens on earth today (Matt. 16:16-19)

- A. Jesus Christ – being made head over all things by God to the church (Eph. 1:22)
- B. Being the Great High Priest according to the order of Melchisedek (Gen. 14:18; Ps. 110:4; Zech 6:11-14; Heb. 7:1-3, 21)
 - 1. Being King of peace and righteousness
 - 2. Being Priest of the most high God
 - 3. For the building of God’s kingdom
 - a. Taking care of His churches (Rev. ch 1-3)
 - b. Calling the overcomers
 - 4. The church being today’s heavenly Mount Zion (Heb. 12:22-23)
- C. The kingdom of the heaven being inside the saints (Luke 17:21)
 - 1. Not an outward visible reigning
 - 2. The life of the King dwelling in our spirit (2 Cor. 13:5)
 - 3. The King ruling in our hearts (Eph. 3:16-21)

4. By the obedience of the saints (2 Cor. 10:5-6; Heb 5:8)
- D. The importance of the oneness in the kingdom (Matt. 12:25-30; Mark 3:24-27; Luke 11:17-23)
 1. A kingdom or a house divided against itself cannot stand
 2. He who does not gather with the Lord scatters
- E. The gospel being the gospel of the kingdom (Matt. 3:2; 4:17, 23; 9:35; 10:7; 24:14; Mark 1:14-15)

V. The Second Coming of the King

- A. The coming again of Christ in the glory of His kingdom (Matt. 16:27-28; 17:1-8; 2 Pet. 1:16-19)
- B. As the Bridegroom-King coming to His wedding feast (Matt. 25:1-13; Rev. 19:7-9)
- C. As the King to reward and judge all His servants (Matt. 25:14-30)
- D. The judgment of Babylon, the Great (Rev. 17-18)
- E. Coming with His faithful saints to fight the battle of Armageddon (Rev. 19:11-21)
 1. To tread on the winepress of His wrath (Rev. 14:18-20; 16:13-17; 19:15)
 2. Throwing the beast and the false prophet into the lake of fire
 3. Satan thrown into the abyss and chained there for a thousand years (Rev. 20:2-3)
- D. To judge the people of the nations (Matt. 13:47-50; 25:31-46)
- D. Establishing His kingdom on this earth (Rev. 11:15; 20:4, 6)
 1. Ruling over the nations for a thousand years
 2. Being the King of Kings and Lord of Lords

VI. The Ultimate Manifestation of the Kingdom (Rev. 21 & 22)

- A. The new heaven and the new earth
- B. The New Jerusalem
- C. Forever and ever