

## Premillennialism

The Church and Kingdom -  
Promise and Prophecy

## Christ's Rejection By The Jews Foretold

- a. Isa. 53:1 "...Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"
- b. In the N.T. John wrote, "...But though he had done so many signs before them, yet they believed not on him: that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?" John 12:37-38.
- c. Again, "...The stone which the builders rejected, it is become the head of the corner." Psa. 118:22; cf. Mt. 21:33-46.

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- d. In fact... there are at least 16 prophecies which were fulfilled in one 24 hour period surrounding the death of Christ.
  - (1) Many of these prophecies were written up to 1,000 years or more before the time of their fulfillment.
- e. Therefore... having been foretold centuries before, the Jewish rejection of Christ was certainly no surprise.

## Prophecies of the Betrayal, Trial and Crucifixion

- Sold for 30 pieces of silver. Zech. 11:12; Mt. 26:14-15
- Money to be cast to the potter. Zech. 11:13; Mt. 27:3-10
- Disciples to forsake him. Zech. 13:7; Mt. 26:56; Mk. 14:27
- Silent before His accusers. Isa. 53:7; Mt. 27:12-14
- Wounded and bruised. Isa. 53:5; Mt. 27:12-14

## Prophecies of the Betrayal, Trial and Crucifixion

- Hands and feet to be pierced. Ps. 22:16; Luke 23:33; John 20:25,27
- Crucified with thieves. Isa. 53:12; Mk. 15:27-28
- Pray for persecutors. Isa. 53:12; Luke 23:34
- People would shake their heads at the crucified one. Ps. 22:7; Mt. 27:39
- People would ridicule Him. Ps. 22:7,8; Mt. 27:41,43
- People would be astonished. Ps. 22:17; Isa. 52:14; Luke 23:35

## Prophecies of the Betrayal, Trial and Crucifixion

- His garments parted and lots cast. Ps. 22:18; John 19:24
- Would cry, "My God, My God, Why hast thou forsaken me?" Ps. 22:1; Mt. 27:46
- His bones were not to be broken. Ps. 34:20; John 19:33,36
- His side to be pierced. Zech. 12:10; John 19:34,37
- He was to be buried in a rich man's tomb. Isa. 53:9; Mt. 27:57-60

## The Eternal Purpose Of The Church. Eph. 3:9-11

Without speculation, the Bible teaches that the church has its place in the eternal scheme of redemption. It was not just a second thought of God.

- a. The "*manifold wisdom of God*" revealed in the church. Vs. 10.

Illustrate: Architect's wisdom revealed in completed structure.

1. Church was built "*according to the eternal purpose*" of God in Christ. Vs. 11.
2. God had the church in mind from the beginning.

## The O.T. Prophecies Concerning The Kingdom Of God

- A. Isa. 2:2-4; cf. Micah 4:1-2.
1. In the "last days".
  2. In the mountain of Jehovah... Jerusalem. cf. Luke 24:46-49; Heb. 12:22-28.
  3. All nations would flow into it.
  4. These last days are the N.T. days. Heb. 1:1-2; Acts 2:16-17.
  5. Swords, plowshares, nation no longer against nation.

## The O.T. Prophecies Concerning The Kingdom Of God

- B. Daniel 2:31-35 Description of Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

Daniel 2:36-45 Interpretation of that dream.

**NOTE:** Daniel did not outline the entire history of the world from his day until the end of time. He is dealing with the kingdoms which would exist before the time God established His kingdom and then with the establishment and duration of Christ's kingdom.

## Only Four Earthly Kingdoms Are Mentioned

- a. Kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar – head of gold. 2:37-38.  
At the feast of Belshazzar Daniel said that God gave "Nebuchadnezzar thy father the kingdom..." 5:18  
Note the handwriting on the wall. Dan. 5:25-28.  
Babylonian Empire fell in 536 B.C.
- b. Medo-Persian Kingdom – the joining of two arms and the breast of silver.  
Medo-Persian kingdom fell in 330 B.C.

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- c. Macedonian or Greek Empire. The two countries of Egypt and Assyria were merged into the Macedonian, under Alexander the Great – this was the thighs of brass in the image. cf. Daniel 2:39.

This kingdom was divided among the generals in 323 B.C.

- d. The Roman Empire came with the Caesars – the legs of iron and the feet mixed with clay, the mixture of Rome's population, which weakened the Roman empire and was an important factor in its ultimate downfall. cf. Dan. 2:40-45.

(1) This empire began about 30 - 32 B.C. by Octavius Caesar.

## "In the days of those kings..." Vs. 44.

In the succession of these kingdoms, (specifically in the days of the Roman Kings) before this line of world monarchies should pass out of existence, the kingdom of God would be established.

## FULFILLMENT OF THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES

### ...Kingdom near...

John said, "*Repent, ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*" Mt. 3:2; cf. Mt. 11:11 NOTE: John not in the kingdom .

Also the theme of Christ's preaching. Mt. 4:17.

The time of its establishment made clear by Christ. Mk. 1:14-15.

Time is fulfilled.

Kingdom of God is at hand.

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### ...Kingdom near...

The time in which Jesus lived was the fullness of the time. Gal. 4:4.

Mt. 10:5-7 The 12 taught that the kingdom was "at hand".

Luke 10:8-9 The seventy sent out 2 by 2 announced "the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you."

## FULFILLMENT OF THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES

### ...Kingdom near...

Mt. 16:18 Promise of Christ to build his church, his kingdom.

Mk. 9:1 O.T. prophecy to be fulfilled in that generation.

Luke 24:49 "Tarry ye in the city until ye be clothed with power from on high."

## FULFILLMENT OF THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES

### ...Kingdom near...

Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, when the H.S. is come upon you."

Dan. 7:13-14 Jesus ascended to the Father to receive his kingdom.

Acts 2:1-4 Kingdom established - received by Christ - first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ.

## WAS THIS THE KINGDOM OF O.T. PROMISE AND PROPHECY?

When Christ said, "*the time is fulfilled*" Mk. 1:14 the Caesars were enthroned in the Roman Empire. Therefore Jesus came "*in the days of those kings.*" Dan. 2:44.

Heb. 12:28 Kingdom received was indestructible, immovable.

Dan. 2:44 Kingdom would not be destroyed.

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Therefore if the kingdom of Heb. 12:28 and the kingdom of Mk. 1:14 are not the kingdom of Dan. 2:44, when the kingdom of Dan. 2:44 comes how shall we dispose of the one present which cannot be moved???

Notice the Lord's own application of Isa. 2:2-3 in Luke 24:46-49.

In Heb. 12:22-28, application of Jerusalem made to the church.

Joel 2:28ff the last days fulfilled in Acts 2:16ff.

## KINGDOM NOW IN EXISTENCE

- A. Mk. 1:14-15 Lord's own announcement of the kingdom.
- B. Mt. 6:9-10 Lord's prayer and teaching harmonize.
- C. Luke 23:50-51 At death of Jesus, Joseph of Arimathea waited for the kingdom of God.
- D. Mk. 9:1 Would come in the lifetime of those standing by.
- E. Mk. 16:15-20
1. If nothing could prevent the building of the church, after Jesus had announced it ... why should one think that the Jews could prevent the kingdom and cause it to be postponed after the Lord had announced it...?

## KINGDOM NOW IN EXISTENCE

- F. Acts 8:12 Philip preached concerning the kingdom and those who believed obeyed in order to enter into it. cf. John 3:5.
- G. Acts 28:23 Paul testified concerning the kingdom in Rome ... some believed some disbelieved.
- H. Eph. 5:5 Kingdom of God and kingdom Christ not separate kingdoms.
- I. Col. 1:13-14 Colossians were in the kingdom.
- J. Heb. 1:8 Christ sits on his throne over His kingdom.
- K. Heb. 12:28 When we come to the church we receive the kingdom.
- L. Rev. 1:9 John was in the kingdom.

## NATURE OF THE KINGDOM.

- A. Dan. 2:44-45 says the kingdom would be made without hands, signifying that the kingdom would be spiritual in nature.
- B. Jesus disclaimed any pretensions to an earthly kingdom when he said to Pilate, "*my kingdom is not of this world.*"  
*John 18:36-37; cf. John 6:15. Rom. 14:17; Luke 17:20-21*
- C. He further taught that the kingdom is entered by a birth of water and spirit. John 3:3-5; cf. Isa. 2:4.

## THE KINGDOM AND THE CHURCH ARE NOT SEPARATE INSTITUTIONS AFTER ALL.

Note the identifying marks of each.

	KINGDOM	CHURCH
1. Beginning place & time	Isa. 2:2-3	Acts 2:1-47
2. Territory-heart	Luke 17:20-21;	Col. 3:15; Heb. 8:10
3. Boundary of territory	Dan. 2:44	Mk. 16:15
4. Owner of institution	John 18:36	Mt. 16:18
5. Ruler over its inhabitants	1 Tim. 6:15	Eph. 1:22-23
6. Governing law	Isa. 2:3	Acts 2:36-47
7. Christ gave keys	Mt. 16:19	Mt. 16:18
8. Terms of entrance	John 3:5	Acts 2:38-47
9. Membership	Col. 1:13	Col. 1:2
10. Memorial supper set	Mt. 26:29	1 Cor. 11:20-27
11. Glory and exaltation	Isa. 2:2-3	Eph. 3:21
12. Reward for faithful	Mt. 25:31-34	1 Cor. 15:58
13. Time of deliverance	1 Cor. 15:24	1 Thess. 4:16-17

## What Difference Does It Make?

- The theory of the postponement of the kingdom makes the promise of God fail and the preaching of Christ false.
- The theory ;makes the church an accident, the result of a prophetic default; a mere afterthought.
  - Makes Eph. 3 false declaring the church a part of God's eternal purpose.
  - Indicates little or no regard for the church and none at all for the prophecies.