

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GLORY

(Outline # 7)

Meditation: *COL 76-77*

INTRODUCTION: Most SDAs are aware of the establishment of the kingdom of glory but believe it begins with Christ's 2nd advent and continues to the New Earth. Although God's kingdom of glory includes the millennium (1,000 years) and the New Earth, the Scriptures clearly reveal that it will begin partially before the 2nd Advent. The object of this study is to establish this and show how, why, and where this kingdom will be established.

1. The Old Testament Church Expected The Kingdom Of Glory

Read: Isaiah 9:6,7

The Jews expected the Messiah to establish the kingdom in their day. With the promise of the birth of the Messiah (Christ) also came the promise of the establishment of His kingdom.

2. The Apostles Expected The Kingdom In Their Day

Read: Acts 1:6,7

The Lord did not say that the kingdom was not to be established, but that it was not for them to know the times or the seasons. The Jews and the Apostles had studied these promises and were expecting Christ to set up his kingdom of glory at that time. This indicates that the kingdom will be established subsequent to the time of the Apostles.

3. The Kingdom Of Glory Established In The Latter Days

Read: Daniel 2:44

- a. Here we see that the Kingdom is to be established **in the days of the ten toe kings** (our time - 17361). We conclude that the promise to restore the Kingdom to Israel is to be fulfilled **during the present world. We** must therefore now be looking for its establishment. Not Before our present world or After, but IN — DURING our present world.
- b. We also note that the stone is the same as the kingdom because they both smite the image. The stone —144,000. (See outline on Daniel two).
- c. We note that the stone was a kingdom before it smote the image. (See verse 44) "...and it [the kingdom] shall destroy all these kingdoms..." This proves that the kingdom is established before the finishing of the gospel and the 2nd advent.

Read: PK 19

The ancient people of God were to extend the borders of their

kingdom to embrace the whole world. God intended that the earth was to be filled with righteousness from border to border.

GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE FOR ISRAEL TO BE FULFILLED WITH THE SDA CHURCH

Read: PK 713, 714

Even though ancient Israel did not fulfill this commission, God's word cannot return to Him void. Thus what ancient Israel failed to do, it will be accomplished through the Israel of today. All the covenant promises made to ancient Israel will finally reach their fulfillment through the SDA church—modern or spiritual Israel. (*For further proof see PK 22, 299*).

Read: Psalm 105:8-11

This verse describes what the covenant is and definitely reveals that God will remember it forever. The covenant states that "unto thee will I give the land of Canaan."—The kingdom established in Palestine.

4. **The Kingdom Established In The Latter Days In The Land Of Canaan**

Read: Jeremiah 30:3,24

- a. Note that this promise of restoration is Unconditional, and that it includes the return of ISRAEL and JUDAH (all 12 tribes) to the land of their fathers (Canaan/Palestine). We also note that this is to be fulfilled in the Latter Days (verse 24).
- b. When Jeremiah was writing only two tribes existed as a nation. The ten tribes had been scattered many years before in 721 B.C. Up to this day they are completely assimilated among the nations. Thus Jeremiah could not have been referring to his time. Neither could his prophecy be speaking of the identifiable Jews of today found in Palestine and other parts of the world, since they too are descendants of the two tribes—Judah. Jeremiah refers to all 12 tribes returning to the land of promise.

5. **Who Are The Early Morning Laborers?**

Read: Jeremiah 23: 5-8

This promise is also **Unconditional** and refers to all 12 tribes (Israel and Judah) in the Latter days.

Read: Hosea 3:4,5

Here we see that after many days of obscure wondering, without their own government (king, or prince), and without the temple and its services (sacrifice, ephod, teraphim, etc), all the tribes ("children of Israel") will return [to the land of their fathers] and establish a kingdom.

6. **What Will The Pre-Millennial Kingdom Be Like?**

Read: Isaiah 11:1-12

This passage could **NOT** be referring to Heaven during the millennium or to the New Earth because:

- a. There will be **no gentiles** to seek the kingdom.
- b. No such gathering described in verses 11, 12, will take place in

heaven or the New Earth.

- C. There will be No **births** from the time Christ returns, through the 1,000 years (millenium) and throughout the New Earth. Hence, there will be no children in the earth made new. Therefore, this passage unequivocally proves that this event is pre-millennial. (See Luke 20:27-36; 1SM 172, 173)
- d. Therefore, Isaiah here must be speaking of a time when there will be gentiles seeking to join God's kingdom, and a great gathering from various nations, and when sucking, weaned, and little children exist. Thus it must be pre-millennial. It cannot be Heaven or the New Earth. We note, too, that there are no conditions to this prophecy.

7. **The Kingdom And The New Heart Experience**

Read: Ezekiel 36:17-37

Here we see that God is to cleanse His people from their sins. Hence only those who have embraced the righteousness of Christ will inherit the land. The kingdom is to be a witness to the heathen. This is the grandest object of the Pre-millennial kingdom.

Further Proofs: Read: Zech. 8:1-8—There will be no old men and women, or little children in the new Jerusalem.

Read: Ezekiel 48:1-16—This passage describes new and unfulfilled set-up of Palestine. Thus it has to be in the pre-millennial phase of the kingdom.

Note, too, that in verse 8 it mentioned a sanctuary or temple, but there will be no temple in the New Earth (Rev. 21:22). So, we see again that this has to be pre-millennial.

(Jer. 31:8-12, Amos 1:14,15; 9:9-15, Micah 4:1-4, Hos.1:10,11; 2:18, Ezek. 34:11-13,15; 37:16-22, Gen 49:10, Zech 2:1-12.)

CONCLUSION: We have seen that the Kingdom of God has a very small beginning. However, it is to grow and extend its borders, just as God had intended for ancient Israel. We have also found that internal conditions are to be different from those of any previous earthly kingdom, because it is based upon the reign of Christ's righteousness in the hearts of His people. It is to be a kingdom of believers and it will begin before our Lord returns in the clouds of glory.

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