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Lesson 11

The Kingdom – Part 1

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God will establish a literal kingdom on earth

- **God's ultimate plan for the earth is that He will establish a kingdom on the earth that lasts forever.**
- **The kingdom starts with the return of Jesus to the earth.**
- **Jesus will be king over all the earth.**
- **We will rule and reign with Jesus in the kingdom.**
- **The kingdom involves two distinct phases, a thousand years and then eternity.**
- **God's kingdom will be wonderful.**
- **Isaiah has a lot to say about this kingdom**

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Eight Reasons for an Earthly Kingdom

- 1. It is necessary in order to preserve the integrity of the character of God. Paraphrasing, if God can't restore what Satan and man have corrupted, He is a failure.**
- 2. It is necessary to accomplish God's purpose of demonstrating His perfect government over the earth.**
- 3. It is necessary in order to restore the original harmony between God and His creation, between the supernatural and the natural.**
- 4. It is necessary in order to redeem the earth from the curse imposed upon it.**

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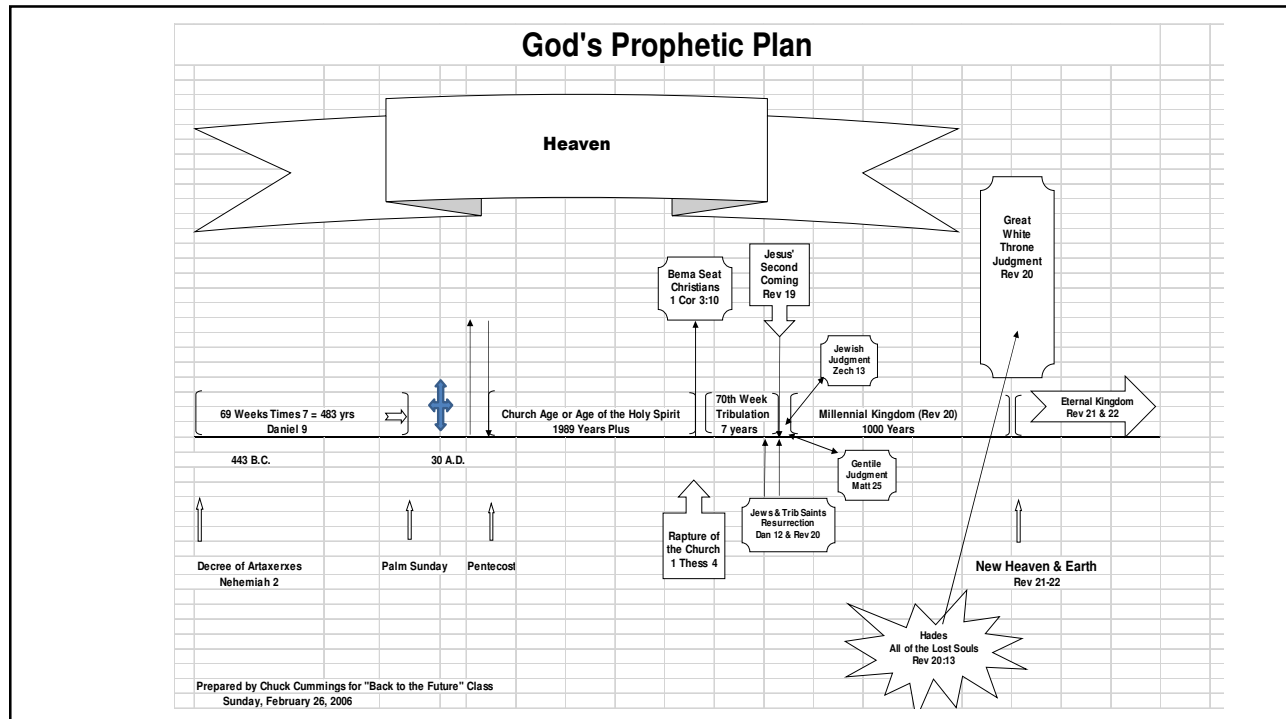
- 5. It is necessary in order to fulfill all God's eternal covenants made with Israel (and Abraham).**
 - 6. It is necessary in order to provide a final test of fallen humanity.**
 - 7. It is necessary to make a full manifestation of the glory of Christ in the kingdom over which He rules.**
 - 8. It is necessary because the Bible says so!**
- Dwight Pentecost, *Things to Come*, pages 473-475, for reasons 1 through 7

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Creation Awaits!

Rom 8:19-22 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. NKJV

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The Bible says so!

Ps 2:6-9 "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." "I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" NKJV

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The Bible says so!

Dan 7:13-15 "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed." NKJV

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The Bible says so!

- **Dan 2:44** "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. NASU
- **Acts 1:6-7** So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; NASU

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The Bible says so!

- **Rev 11:15** Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." NASU
- **Zech 14:8-9** And in that day it shall be That living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, Half of them toward the eastern sea And half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur. And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be — "The Lord is one," And His name one. NKJV

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The Bible says so!

Isa 2:4 He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore. NKJV

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The confusion

Luke 17:20-21 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.**" NKJV**

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According to Thomas Constable:

“The NIV translation “within you” (Gr. entos hymon) is unfortunate because it implies a spiritual reign within people. The Old Testament teaching concerning the messianic kingdom was uniformly an earthly reign that included universal submission to God’s authority. Nowhere else does the Old or New Testament speak of the kingdom as something internal. Besides, even if the kingdom were internal, it would hardly have been “within” the unbelieving Pharisees whom Jesus was addressing. It was “in their midst” or “among them,” in that the Messiah was standing right in their presence. If they had believed on Him, the kingdom would have begun shortly, immediately after Jesus’ death, burial, resurrection, ascension, the Tribulation (cf. Dan 9:24-27), and His return. It was within their reach.”

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Others say

- **“You look around for the Messiah as though he were absent, but he is amongst you in the midst of you.”** (from Geneva Notes, PC Study Bible formatted electronic database Copyright © 2003, 2005, 2006 Biblesoft, Inc. All rights reserved.)
- **“These Pharisees asked when the kingdom would be set up, and Jesus said the kingdom is here now, and you have not eyes to see. The kingdom of God is among you. The King Himself is here, attended by the members of His cabinet.”** (from Ironside Commentaries, PC Study Bible formatted electronic database Copyright © 2012 by Biblesoft, Inc. All rights reserved.)
- **“Meantime, the kingdom was actually in the midst of the Pharisees in the persons of the King and His disciples. MG within you - in the midst of.”** (from Scofield Bible Notes, PC Study Bible formatted electronic database Copyright © 2012 by Biblesoft, Inc. All rights reserved.)

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John Martin says:

“Luke 17:20-21 First, He said that the Pharisees would not be able to tell of the coming of the kingdom through their observations. Second, he told them that the kingdom was in their midst. The term within you is often misunderstood. The Pharisees were rejecting Him as the Messiah and were not believers. Thus it would not make sense for Jesus to have told the Pharisees that the kingdom of God was within them as if it were some sort of spiritual kingdom. It is better to translate the phrase "within you" (entoshymon) as 'in your midst.' Some feel that the force of the expression is 'within your possession or within your reach.' Jesus' point was that He was standing right in their midst. All they needed to do was acknowledge that He is indeed the Messiah who could bring in the kingdom - and then the kingdom would come.”

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Great Principle of Interpretation

- If you have enumerable clear passages stating a truth and one passage that at first reading says something else, what do you do?**
- You conclude that you don't understand the conflicting passage and seek to know what it really says.**

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