

Episode #418: The Kingdom of God 1 – Passages on the Kingdom

I. Introduction: As expressed in my message on “The Theme of the Bible,” I believe that the Kingdom of God is the theme of the Word of God. Christ is the Main Character, and salvation is the most crucial first thing for us to know, true. Yet the Kingdom of God is the ultimate theme of all God has written.

II. If the Kingdom of God really is the theme of the Bible, it is most important for us to discover what the Bible has to say about it. In this message, we will consider some passages that reveal basic truths regarding the Kingdom and examine what the Bible has to say about what things on earth will be like during that coming, future time.

III. Passages on the Kingdom.

- A. Psalm 9:8. Perhaps the most basic truth of the Kingdom. “He” is the LORD, verse 7. “Judge” is related to the “judges” of the book of Judges. Our judges only interpret laws in court. Yet their judges were informal kings who made the laws, enforced the laws, and interpreted the laws. When God does this, He will determine what the order should be on earth, and then will set things in order just that way!
- B. Acts 17:31. Paul adds his testimony to David’s. He was speaking to the Greek philosophers who gathered in the Areopagus. They did not know the Old Testament, so Paul had to explain the concept to them. God appointed a day (time) when He will judge the world (order and arrange it as He sees fit) in righteousness by the Man Whom He has ordained (Jesus Christ). Think how different the world will be then!
- C. Isaiah 33:22. All three branches of Government are in the control of Yahweh!
- D. Psalm 82:8. This calls on God to judge (set in order) the world. He will inherit all nations. That means they will be completely under His control. He is not arranging the nations now as He sees fit. What a disappointing God He would be if that were the case! Someday He will, and we will see how wonderful He really is then!
- E. Psalm 46:9. Nothing could be more obvious than the fact that God has not yet done this! If He never does this, then the Scripture can be broken, which is not true, John 10:35. God will do this when the Kingdom of God is a reality.
 1. “The end of the earth” does not mean the Psalmist was an ignoramus who thought the earth was flat. If you were standing at the very edge of a jungle village, if you took one more step you would have left the world of humanity behind. You would be at an “end of the world.” It is not an “edge”!
 2. Why antiquated weapons of war? The weapons are what was common at that time. Guns are like bows, spears like missiles, and chariots like tanks.
- F. Isaiah 40:5. Glory has to do with character, reputation, esteem, and value. When all flesh see this, the whole world of men will finally understand what God is really like. “All flesh” is not limited, but is like Genesis 6:13.
- G. Psalm 22:27. Ends are the most remote places. Remember = Hebrew *zakar*, having something brought to your mind. Many on earth had never thought such a thing before. Many who had been facing directly away from Jehovah are turned to Him. The Bible views nations as families that grew into nations. This is not just Israelites, or just Christians, but everyone! “Worship” means prostration, and has to do with recognizing His authority. Not all will do this willingly or out of love, however!
- H. Joel 2:28 (quoted in Acts 2:17). “All flesh” means no less than in Genesis 6:13.

IV. Most Christians have no hope for this world we live in. They think God has nothing but great wrath stored up for this world and the people upon it, and our only hope is to be snatched away before that happens. But what about John 3:16? Does God love the world or not? Are the above passages true, or aren't they?

V. Conclusion: When we start to examine the many relevant passages about the glories God has planned for the future of this earth, we can start to form a picture in our minds of what the Kingdom of God is really going to be like. It is a wonderful picture indeed!