


The Coming Kingdom
Chapter 13




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Kingdom Study Outline



- 1. What does the Bible Say About the Kingdom?**
2. The Main Problem with Kingdom Now NT interpretations
3. Why do some believe that we are in the kingdom now?
4. Why does it matter?



1. Kingdom Throughout the Bible

1. Eden	6. Old Testament Prophets
2. Abrahamic Covenant	7. Post exile
3. Mosaic Covenant	8. Offer of the King / Kingdom
4. Divided Kingdom	9. Rejection of the Offer
5. Times of the Gentiles	10. Interim Age




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11. Kingdom Mysteries	15. <u>Transfer of Kingdom Authority</u>
12. Church	11. Kingdom Establishment
13. Israel's Discipline & Restoration	12. Eternal State
14. <u>Re-offer of the King/Kingdom</u>	13. Testimony of Early Church History



Roman 11:25b

“For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.”



Exodus 2:24

“So God heard their groaning; and **God remembered His covenant** with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”



Exodus 36:22

“Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “**It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name**, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.”’



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Messengers of the Kingdom In Matthew



- John the Baptist – 3:2
- Jesus Christ – 4:17
- 12 Apostles – 10:5-7
- Seventy – Luke 10:1, 9

Toussaint, *Behold the King*, 18-20

Matthew 3:1-2

¹ "Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ² 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"



Matthew 4:17

“From that time Jesus began to preach and say, **‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’**”






Matthew 10:5-7

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: “Do not go in *the* way of *the* Gentiles, and do not enter *any* city of the Samaritans; ⁶ but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ “And as you go, preach, saying, **‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’**”



Matthew 12:24

“But when the Pharisees heard *this*, they said, “This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons.”

Transition from Public to Private Ministry		
	Public	Private
Scripture	Matt. 1-12	Matt. 13-28
Focus	Nation	Remnant
Miracles	Proof to nation	Training for remnant
Offer	Prominent	Disappears
Teaching	Discourse	Parabolic
Interim program	Not mentioned	Prominent
Crucifixion; Resurrection	Not mentioned (4:17)	Prominent (16:21)

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Matthew 24:14

14 "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come."



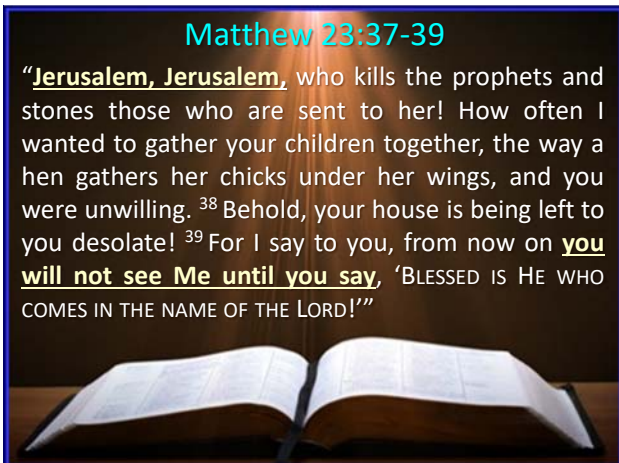


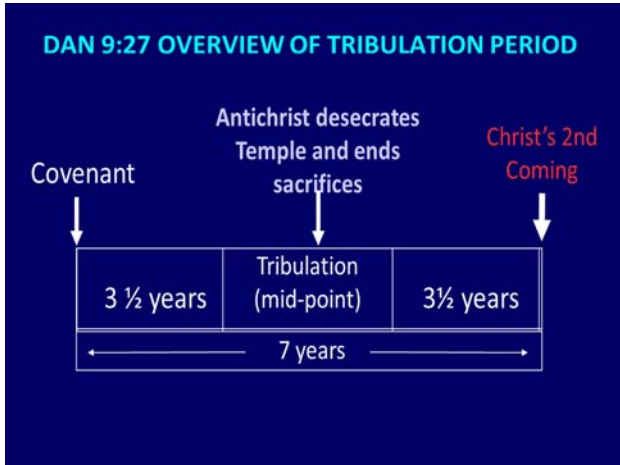
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"So the kingdom did not arrive because the people would not prepare properly for it. But this did not mean that there would never be a Davidic, millennial kingdom. The Lord taught that it would not appear immediately (Luke 19:11), but he also predicted that the gospel, the good news of the kingdom, would be preached yet again in the future period of the Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:14). And in that wicked time when Satan and the forces of evil will have almost total free reign, it will be very good news to know that the Messiah will soon rule on the earth."

Matthew 23:37-39

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. ³⁸ Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! ³⁹ For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"





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Names & Titles Demonstrating Satan's Post-Fall, Earthly Authority

(Job 1:7; 2:2; Luke 4:5-8; Rom. 8:19-22)




- Prince of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
- God of this world (2 Cor. 4:4)
- Prince and power of the air (Eph. 2:2)
- Who the believer wrestles with (Eph. 6:12)
- Roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8)
- Whole world lies in his power (1 John 5:19)



Romans 8:19-22

¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.



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Ultimate Exodus (Rev 11:15)

- **Sores:** 6th plague (Ex 9:8-12), 1st bowl (Rev 16:1-2)
- **Rivers to blood:** 1st plague (Ex 7:19-21), 3rd bowl (Rev 16:4-7)
- **Darkness:** 9th plague (Ex 10:21-23), 5th bowl (Rev 16:10-11)
- **Hail:** 7th plague (Ex 9:22-26), 7th bowl (Rev 16:17-21)

Telescoping

7th judgment releases 1st in next series

Seals: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

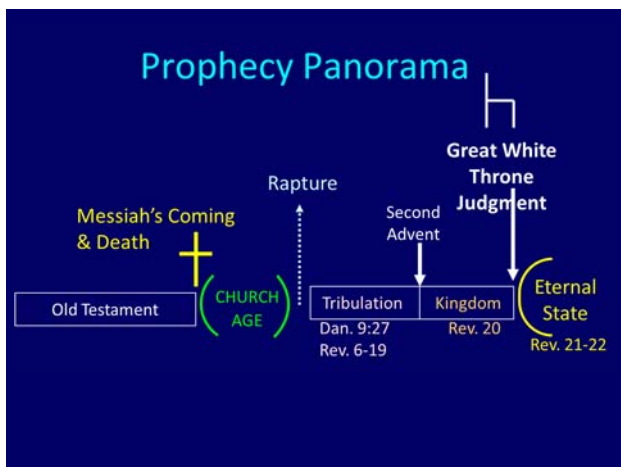
Trumpets: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Bowls: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7









Revelation 20:1-3

"Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ² And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ and he threw him into the abyss, and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time."



Revelation 20:4-6

"⁴ Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is . . .




Revelation 20:4-6

... first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years."



Revelation 20:7-10

“7 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, 8 and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. 9 And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down...



Revelation 20:7-10

...from heaven and devoured them. 10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”



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Genesis 12:3

“And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. **And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.**”



Isaiah 42:6

“I am the LORD, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, **As a light to the nations.**”



Isaiah 49:6

He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."



Israel's Three Blessings to the World
(Gen 12:3b)

- 1) Scripture (Rom 3:2)
- 2) Savior (John 4:22)
- 3) Kingdom (Isa 2:2-3)




How Israel Has Blessed the World
(Gen 12:3; Rom 9:4-5)

1. Patriarchs	6. Biblical writers
2. Law	7. Early church
3. Prophets	8. Early Christian martyrs
4. Messiah (John 4:22; Rom 9:5)	9. Paul
5. Apostles	10. Future kingdom


Revelation 12:1-5

¹And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed in the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; ²and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor pain to give birth. ³And another sign was seen in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems.



Revelation 12:1-5 (cont'd)

⁴And his tail swept a third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman that is about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he may devour her child. ⁵And she gave birth to a son, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.



Revelation: 12 Symbols

- Son = Messiah (Rev 12:5; Ps. 2:9; Acts 1:9)
- Dragon = Satan (Rev 12:3, 9)
- Woman = Israel (Rev 12:1; Gen 37:9-10)

Genesis 37:9

Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, "Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.



Genesis 37:10

He related it to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?"



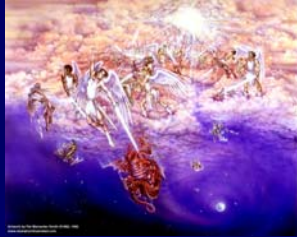
Genesis 37:9-10



- Sun = Jacob
- Moon = Leah
- 11 Stars = Joseph's brothers
- 12th Star = Joseph
- 12 Stars = Israel's twelve tribes

Satan's Two Strategies

- Rev 12:1-5 - Past failed strategy
- Rev 12:6-17 - Present & future strategy



Descriptions of Satanic Hatred (Revelation 12:12-17)

- Wrath 12:12
- Persecution 12:13
- Sweep away 12:15
- Enraged 12:17
- War 12:17



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2 CYCLES OF SATANIC PERSECUTION (Revelation 12:13-16)



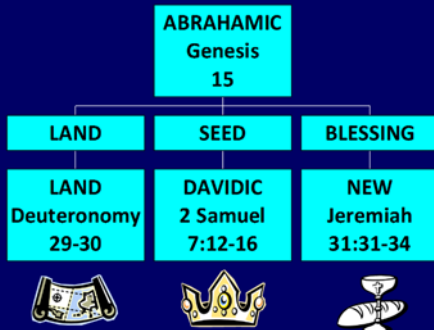
1. "Pursues the woman" = persecution of Israel 12:13-14
2. "Flood from his mouth" = tries to destroy Israel 12:15-16

Zechariah 13:8-9

⁸"It will come about in all the land," Declares the LORD, **"That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it."** ⁹And I will bring **the third part** through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, 'They are My people,' And they will say, 'The LORD is my God.' "



Abrahamic Covenant



Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)

Conclusion

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