

# God's Kingdom on Earth

## Key verses

- “And that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.” Acts 3:20-21
- “And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.” Dan.2:44

## The importance of the Kingdom

- “Do not fear little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom” Luke 12:32

Jesus prayed, “**Your kingdom come**” (Matt.6:10), and it was noted of Joseph of Arimathaea, that he was, “**waiting for the kingdom of God**” (Luke 23:51). In the Acts of the Apostles it is said many times that they, “preached the things concerning the kingdom of God” (Acts 8:12, ch19:8, ch20:25, ch28:23). If God's Kingdom is this important then surely it demands our attention if we are to be true disciples. Jesus said, “**seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness...**” (Matt.6:33).

## The original Kingdom of God

- “**After this I will return and rebuild the tabernacle of David; I will rebuild its ruins, and set it up; so that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, even the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the LORD who does all these things.**” Acts 15:16-17

In Old Testament times the nation of Israel was the Kingdom of God on earth, and was especially regarded as such when a godly king was on David's Throne and the people were obedient to God's law. This is the kingdom that Jesus' disciples were referring to at the time of His ascension, when they said, “Lord, will you at this time **restore the kingdom to Israel**” (Acts 1:6). So the kingdom of God on earth is a restoration of the kingdom of Israel otherwise referred to in Scripture as, “**the throne of David**” or the “**tabernacle of David**”.

## Rulers in waiting

- “...made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and **they shall reign on the earth.**” Rev.5:10 N.I.V.

God's Kingdom is portrayed as being subject to suffering in its present nucleus (Matt.11:12; 2 Thess.1:5). This is because the inheritors of the future Kingdom otherwise known as “the saints of the Most High” (Dan. 7:18,22,27), do not have any present authority. You could liken disciples of Jesus to “rulers in waiting”, who suffer for their present beliefs now, but will inherit “**the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world**” (Matt.25:34), when Jesus comes. We will then **reign with Jesus on earth.**

All Scripture quoted on this sheet is from the N.K.J.V. unless indicated

## Coming soon on earth

- “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, that I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgement and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; Now this is the name by which He will be called; **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**” Jer.23:5-6

God's Kingdom with the advantage of authority will be established when Jesus returns, “**For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet**” (1 Cor.15:25).

## Events after Jesus' returns

Bible Prophecy about events already happening today are described on sheet nine. The following is a list of events that will happen after Jesus returns. It should be noted that this list may not be in consecutive order as some of these events may happen concurrently.

### After Jesus returns

<b>Jesus returns with His personal angels</b> Matt.24:31; Mark 13:26-27; Acts 1:11, ch3:20-21; 1 Thess.1:10
<b>The resurrection of the sleeping dead</b> Isa.26:19; Dan.12:2; John 5:28-29, 6:39-40,44,54; 1 Cor.ch15
<b>Judgement of God's household</b> John 5:29; 2 Cor.5:10; Rom.14:10; 1 Pet.4:17
<b>All nations gathered against Jerusalem</b> Zech.12:1-9, 14:2; Joel ch3
<b>“Armageddon” period of war and great earthquake</b> Isa.2:10-22,ch33; Ezek.ch38-ch39; Zech.ch14; Rev.ch16, ch19
<b>Punishments on an ungodly world</b> Jer.25:30-33; Mal.4:1; 2 Thess.1:7-8; Jude v14-15; Rev.2:26-27

### God's Kingdom established

<b>Jesus establishes His authority over the nations</b> Psa.2:6-9, ch110; Jer.23:5-6; Rev.2:26-27, ch19:15-16
<b>The natural restoration of Israel</b> Isa.ch35:1-2,v6-7, ch41:18-20, ch51:3; Ezek.36:34-35, ch47 Joel 3:18; Amos 9:11-15
<b>Israel's national identity revived</b> Isa.60:10-16, ch61:5-6,v9; Zech.8:13,v23
<b>The saints given rulership of the Kingdom</b> Dan.7:18,22,27; 1Cor.6:2; 2Thess.1:10; Jude v14-15 Rev.2:26,ch5:10
<b>The converted natural Jews educate the nations</b> Isa.66:19; Mic.5:7
<b>Nations come to worship at Jerusalem</b> Isa.2:2-3, ch66:23; Mic.4:1-4; Zech.14:16-17
<b>Nations who refuse Jesus' rule to be punished</b> Psa.ch2; Zech.14:17-19; Isa.60:12; 1 Cor.15:25
<b>The world is at peace and safety</b> Psa.72:7; Isa.2:1-4; Mic.4:1-5; Zech.9:10