

Easy Bible meanings

Good News about Jesus' return and God's kingdom

1. The Gospel

The word 'Gospel' means, 'to announce good news'. The Bible also calls this good news, 'the Gospel of the kingdom'. The Gospel is the good news about salvation in Jesus and the time when all nations will be blessed when King Jesus returns to establish God's kingdom of peace on earth.

Matt.4:23, 9:35, 24:14; Luke 4:17-19; Gal.3:8

2. Covenants of promise

This is a promise that God has sworn to keep. Special Covenants of Promise were made with Noah, Abraham and King David. These promises provide us with vital details about our salvation from sin and death and God's coming kingdom on earth when Jesus returns.

Psa.132:11-12; Luke 1:68-79; Eph.2:12 ; 2 Pet.1:4

3. The promise to Noah

God promised Noah that He would never again destroy every living thing but would preserve the earth for future generations. The seasons, day and night and the production of food would continue. This promise guarantees the earth will be preserved for God's coming kingdom.

Gen.8:20 - 9:17 ; Isa.54:9; Heb. 11:7; 2 Pet.2:5

4. The promise to Abraham

God promised Abraham and his descendants the land of Israel as an everlasting possession. He was also promised a future descendant (Seed) who would bless all families of the earth. This descendant is Jesus Christ who will return to earth and bless people of all nations.

Gen.12:1-3, 13:14-17, ch15; Acts 3:24-26; Gal.ch3

5. The promises to David

God made two promises to King David. Firstly, that Israel would eventually dwell safely in their own land with a special King. This special King who is Jesus will also be a special High Priest who will make life better for those who suffer from the many hardships of this present world.

2 Sam.7:8-17; 1 Chron.17:9-15; Psa.72, 110:4; Luke 1:31-33

6. The New Covenant

The New Covenant is the most important covenant between God and man. Jesus represents us as the Mediator of the New Covenant. The New Covenant promises us forgiveness of our sins so that we can be acceptable to God and able to enter God's Kingdom when Jesus returns.

Jer.31:31-34 ; Luke 22:20; Heb.ch8, 9:15, 12:24

7. Jesus' return to this earth

God promises us many times in the Bible that He will send His Son Jesus back to this earth. When Jesus returns He will be the King of the world with His throne in Jerusalem. Jesus told us that conditions will become very bad in the nations of the world just before His return.

Dan.7:13-14; Matt.16:27, 25:31; Luke 21:25-28; Acts 3:20-21

8. The battle of Armageddon

Armageddon is a word from the last book of the Bible which describes a great latter day battle involving evil nations who refuse to serve God. These nations will gather in the not too distant future against God's holy city Jerusalem, but they will be quickly defeated by God's power.

Psa.ch2, ch110; Joel 3:9-16; Zech.14:1-5; Rev.16:12-16

9. The Kingdom of God

God's kingdom will be a time when all the nations will live peacefully together, making the earth a better place to live. All those who accept Jesus when He returns will enjoy a happy and peaceful life. The war and hunger of today will be replaced with peace and times of plenty.

Psa.ch72; Isa.2:1-4; Dan.2:44; Matt.25:31-34

10. Jerusalem world capital

The return of the Jews to Israel is a sure sign that Jesus' return is near. Jerusalem is set to be the capital city of the world. Jerusalem will be called, 'the city of truth' and 'the mountain of the LORD of Hosts'. Jesus makes mention of Jerusalem as, 'the city of the great King'.

Isa.ch62; Jer.3:17, 33:15-16; Zech.2:12, 8:3-8; Matt.5:35

11. Spiritual restoration

Before the nations are blessed in God's kingdom they must first learn about God's way and be prepared to do what He requires. Nations who accept Jesus as king will be blessed with peace and good health. Unfortunately those nations who reject Jesus as king will not be blessed.

Isa.66:22-23; Mic.4:1-5; Zech.14:16-19; Acts 15:16-17

12. Natural restoration

The natural world will also be restored when God's Kingdom has come. Desert areas, particularly in Israel and the Middle East will become green and fruitful again. Areas in the Middle East that were forested in early Biblical times will be restored to their former glory.

Isa.ch35, 41:17-20; Ezek.36:34-36; Amos 9:11-15; Acts 3:20-21

Some key Bible teachings

- ◆ **There is one God, the Father**
Deut.6:4; Mark 12:29; 1 Cor.8:4-6; Gal 3:20; Eph.4:6; 1Tim.2:5
- ◆ **The Holy Spirit is God's power**
Judg.14:6,19, 15:14; Psa.104:30, 139:7; Mic.3:8; Luke 1:35; Gal.3:5
- ◆ **Jesus is God's only begotten Son, our Saviour**
Luke 1:31-33, 2:11; John 3:16-18; 1 John 4:9
- ◆ **Jesus died for the forgiveness of our sins**
Isa.53:5, 12; Rom.5:8; 2 Cor.5:21; Eph.1:6-7; Heb.7:27; 1 Pet.2:24; Rev.1:5
- ◆ **Jesus' Word is the basis of all judgement**
Luke 6:46-49; John 12:48, 14:23, 15:10
- ◆ **Death is sleep in the grave**
Psa.6:5, 30:9, 115:17; Dan.12:2; Acts 13:36; 1Cor.15:20; 1 Thess.4:13-14
- ◆ **The human soul is mortal**
Gen.3:19; Psa.116:8; Isa.38:17, 53:12; Ezek.18:4,20; James 5:20
- ◆ **God's promise of eternal life to His children**
John 3:15, 6:54, 10:28; Rom.2:7, 6:23; Titus 1:2, 3:7; 1 John 2:25
- ◆ **True repentance**
Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38, 17:30, 26:20; 2 Tim.2:25; 2 Pet.3:9
- ◆ **True belief in God's Son and His Kingdom**
Matt.6:33; John 3:16, v36; Acts 8:12
- ◆ **Baptism after belief and repentance**
Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 8:12, v36-38, 9:18, 16:33, 22:16; Rom.6:3-4; Gal.3:27
- ◆ **The Remembrance Feast**
Matt.26:20-30; Luke 22:15-20; 1 Cor.10:16, 11:23-29
- ◆ **Pray for all your needs**
Matt.6:5-15, 21:22, 26:41; Luke 18:1; Eph.5:20; Phil.4:6; James 5:14-18
- ◆ **Jesus is our Mediator in heaven**
Rom.8:34; 1 Tim.2:5; Heb.4:14-16, 7:25, 9:15
- ◆ **Jesus will return bodily to this earth**
Dan.7:13-14; Matt.16:27, 25:31; Acts 1:11, 3:20-21; 2 Thess.1:7-10
- ◆ **The resurrection of the dead**
Isa.26:19; John 5:28-29, 6:39-40; 1 Cor.ch15; 1 Thess.4:16; 2 Tim.4:1
- ◆ **Jesus will gather His elect when He returns**
Matt.24:30-31; Mark 13:26-27; Luke 17:34-36; 2 Thess.2:1
- ◆ **God's Kingdom will be established on earth**
Psa.72; Isa.2:1-4; Dan.2:44, 7:13-14; Acts 3:20-21, 15:15-17
- ◆ **King Jesus will rule from Jerusalem**
Psa.2:6, Jer.3:17, 23:5-6, 33:14-16; Mic.4:1-3; Zech.8:3,22, 14:16
- ◆ **The natural restoration of Israel**
Isa.35:1-2,v6-7, 41:18-20, ch60-62; Ezek.36:34-36; Amos 9:11-15
- ◆ **The world will finally be at peace**
Psa.72; Isa.2:1-4; Dan.7:13-14; Mic.4:1-4; Matt.25:31-32

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