

THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

INTRODUCTION

- I. Woven through the scripture is its theme of "the kingdom of God."
- A. The theme of the old testament was the kingdom of Israel, with David and his descendants tying it all together, and the theme of the new testament being the kingdom of heaven with Christ as its king for the gospel age, as recorded in Matthew through Revelation.
1. As the Jews of old had a misconception of the coming kingdom of Christ in expecting the Messiah to "restore" or bring back the old kingdom of Israel that had been lost when the Jews were taken captive, so do many today have a misconception of the nature of the kingdom of God in the New Testament age
 - a. Some early disciples looked for that kingdom to be restored. Acts 1:6.
 - b. Some even today look for the kingdom to come with it being *somewhat* spiritual in nature, such as the Watchtower Society.
 2. Keep in mind the PLACE for the beginning of God's kingdom to GOD'S kingdom to **begin**, as such is clearly revealed in the Bible, and ANY so-called movement or "kingdom" that began at a different place than where God's kingdom began, cannot BE His kingdom.
- B. Beginning in Matthew 3, the announcement was made of the coming kingdom, with the Lord urging some to pray for its arrival, and NEVER is it taught in scripture that anyone this side of the cross should pray for its arrival, any more than anyone today should pray for the creation of the earth.
- II. In this study, we shall bulk of our study will be from the books of Luke and Acts, both written by the same writer, Luke, about matter relating to the "coming kingdom."

DISCUSSION

I, 1st, The Place of the Coming Kingdom was WRITTEN IN THE SCRIPTURE

WRITTEN

- A. *Luke:24:44*. And he said unto them, These are the **words** which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that **all things must be fulfilled** which were **written** in the law of Moses and in the prophets, and in the psalms concerning me.
- 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might **understand** the **scriptures**,
- 46 And said unto them, Thus it is **written**, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from from the dead the third day:
- 47 And that repentance and **remission of sins** should be preached in his name among all nations, **beginning at Jerusalem**.
- 48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

SCRIPTURE

- B. The kingdom of God was foretold in SCRIPTURE .

II.2nd, The Things PERTAINING TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

BAPTISM OF HOLY SPIRIT FORETOLD

- A. *Acts 1:4* 1 "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus of **all** that Jesus began both to do to **teach** and **teach**,
- 2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given **commandments** unto the apostles whom he had chosen:
- 3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and **speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God**.
- 4 And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should **not depart from Jerusalem**, but wait for the **promise of the Father**, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.'

POWER---SALVATION

A. Acts 2:1, “And when the **day of Pentecost** was fully come.....”

Acts 2: 4 “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost....”

Acts 2:16 “But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel....

B. SALVATION

Acts 2:21; “And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call **on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**”

Acts 2:38: “Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins.....**”

BEGINNING OF THE KINGDOM

A. SAVED ADDED TO THE CHURCH. Acts 2:47: “Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the **Lord added to the church daily** such as should be **saved.**”

1 Cor. 12:13: “For by one Spirit are we all **baptized into one body.....**”

John 3:5: “Jesus answered, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of **water**, and of the **Spirit**, he cannot **enter into the kingdom of God.**’

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(This material is arranged for a study about the “coming of the kingdom”, as to when and where, with attention called to the arrangement of the significant passages of scriptures from the New Testament, that can be used in a table study with sincere students.