PROPHESIES ON THE KINGDOM & THE KING

"The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all." Psalm 103:19

CHRISTatTheHelm.org

(Message 1 of 5)

The basic notion about a kingdom is there must be a king to rule over the kingdom. God's King, Christ Jesus, was prophesied thousands of years before He became known and revealed.

Isaiah announced the birth of Christ some 700 years before He came in these words: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. (Is 9:6-7)

Here's what Zechariah added; "The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only Name." (Zec 14:9)

Then in Luke 1:31-33, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and said "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Is Christ reigning in our hearts right now?

THE KINGDOM OF GOD DEFINED

"For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power." 1cor 4:20

CHRISTatTheHelm.org

(Message 2 of 5)

Jesus defined the Kingdom of God in simple terms using images of life to reach out to our hearts, rather than our intelligence.

In Luke 13:18-21 He said: "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches. And again He said, "To what shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

In essence, Jesus was teaching us that the Kingdom of God is an ever growing Kingdom in the heart of believers, telling us clearly that we must continually feed our spirit through His Word, so as to grow into spiritual adults and strengthen our faith.

To His disciples who were trying to send children away from the Lord, Jesus said in Mat 19:14, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Obviously, we're not to come to the Kingdom with pride, but rather with the humility and the innocence of a child.

Paul added in Rom 14:17, "The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

How's our joy and peace right now?

JESUS DEFINES THE KINGDOM

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." Philip 3:20

CHRISTatTheHelm.org

(Message 3 of 5)

Jesus, after John the Baptist was put in prison, declared this in Mark 1:15: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Many questions linger into people's minds such as, when, where and how will the Kingdom of God be manifested? Here's what Jesus said on this:

John 18:36: "Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world."

Luke 17:20-21: To the Pharisees he said "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

Mat 12:28: "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you."

Mat 5:10: "Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

If we simply bring these scriptures down to a common denominator, we can say that the physical Kingdom of God is definitely not of this world, but awaiting true believers in Christ in heaven.

Then, as well, Jesus said that His Kingdom resides in our hearts, as we live day by day to honor and serve God in Christ, in awaiting the fullness of His eternal Kingdom in heaven.

Which kingdom do we harbor in our hearts, the Kingdom of God, or the kingdoms of this world?

HOW TO ENTER THE KINGDOM

"Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption." 1Cor 15:50

CHRISTatTheHelm.org

(Message 4 of 5)

How does one inherit the Kingdom of God?

This is what Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3:3, "Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." In plain words, to be born again is to be reborn spiritually, enter a new life through the repentance of our sins, and to surrender our lives to Christ in following His teachings found in the Word of God.

Then in Mat 18:3 He clarified, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." In essence, this new spiritual life makes us children of God, and true and faithful children always desire to please and obey their Father wholeheartedly.

That's why as well Jesus said in Mat 7:21, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."

The reason also Paul said in 1Cor 6:9-10, "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."

Are we spiritually active, faithful and steadfast in our walk with the Lord?

WHAT WE MUST DO FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." Mat 6:33

CHRISTatTheHelm.org

(Message 5 of 5)

In addressing His disciples, Jesus cautioned them about worrying about the things of this world, whether we'll have food or whatever else we need, as God knows our needs and will always provide, as a true father does.

What else did Jesus command us regarding the Kingdom of God? When Peter declared that Christ was the Son of the living God, Jesus said in Mat 16:17-18, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock (Christ) I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

In John 15:10 He added, "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love."

Then in Mark 16:15-16 "He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

Finally, in Mat 24:14 He added, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

Are we an active member of the Kingdom, in being His witnesses to the world around us?