

Review

Lessons

- 1. The Bible teaches all we need to know so that we can do everything God wants us to do.**
- 2. We follow Christ's Testament and do not add laws from the Old Testament.**
- 3. True obedience is doing exactly what God says without changes.**

Lesson 4 - God's Kingdom Is the Church

Isaiah 2:2-3

2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Definitions

Establish: set up

Exalt: lift up

1. It will come to pass when?
 - A. In the beginning
 - B. In the last days
2. The mountain of whose house will be established?
 - A. The Lord's
 - B. Isaiah's
3. The law will go forth from where?
 - A. Zion
 - B. Bethlehem
4. The word of the Lord would go out of where?
 - A. Jericho
 - B. Jerusalem



JERUSALEM is a city on MOUNT ZION.

The Lord's house would be established in the last days. The word of God, the law would come out of Jerusalem and Zion.

1. B 2. A 3. A 4. B

Daniel 2:28, 44

28 But there is a God in heaven that reveals secrets, and makes known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, are these;

44 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.

Definitions

Consume: to destroy

In Daniel 2:28-44, Daniel is describing the dream King Nebuchadnezzar had and the interpretation.

- 5. God made known to the King what will happen when?
 - A. In Nebuchadnezzar's life time
 - B. Latter Days
- 6. Will that kingdom be destroyed?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
- 7. How long will this kingdom stand?
 - A. Forever
 - B. Until the king died

1st Babylonians

2nd Persians

3rd Greeks

4th Romans



Isaiah and Daniel are prophesying about the Last Days. Isaiah says that the Lord's house would be built, and here in Daniel, God said he would set up a Kingdom that would last forever.

History shows that the **Babylonians** were conquered by the **Persians** who were conquered by the **Greeks** who were conquered by the **Romans**.

5. B 6. B 7. A

Mark 9:1

And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

Definitions:

Verily: In truth

Taste: figuratively - to experience

8. Jesus said that some of them would not die until what?
 - A. The kingdom of God came
 - B. The Romans were defeated

9. The kingdom would come with what?
 - A. A parade
 - B. Power



While Christ was preaching on earth, He told people that some of them would still be alive when the Kingdom of God came with power. Since we know that Jesus always told the truth, we also know that the Kingdom came in the first century while some of those people were still living.

8. A 9. B

Colossians 1:13

Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Definitions:

Translated: to move from one place to another

10. From what were they delivered?

- A. Power of darkness
- B. Kingdom of Christ

11. They were moved into what?

- A. Power of Darkness
- B. Kingdom of Christ



We know Christ's prophecy came true because in order for these people to be in Christ's kingdom, the kingdom had to be in existence. The question now is when did it come?

10. A 11. B

Acts 1: 6-9

6 When they therefore were together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, will you at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in his own power. 8 But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come on you: and you shall be witnesses to me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. 9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Definitions:

Restore: to be in its previous state

Beheld: to look at

12. The apostles asked if Jesus was going to restore what?
A. The Army
B. The Kingdom
13. From the apostles' question, had the kingdom come at that time?
A. Yes
B. No
14. Did Jesus ascend into heaven before the kingdom came?
A. Yes
B. No



40 days after He rose from the dead, Jesus ascended into heaven. The Kingdom of God had not come yet.

12. B 13. B 14. A

Acts 2:5-6a; 16-17a; 30-33;

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: ...

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; 31 He seeing this before spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hades, neither did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus has God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this, which you now see and hear.

Definitions:

Fruit of his loin:
children

Resurrection: raised
from the dead

Corruption: rotting of
the body

15. In what city were they?

- A. Jericho
- B. Jerusalem

16. Joel identifies these as what days?

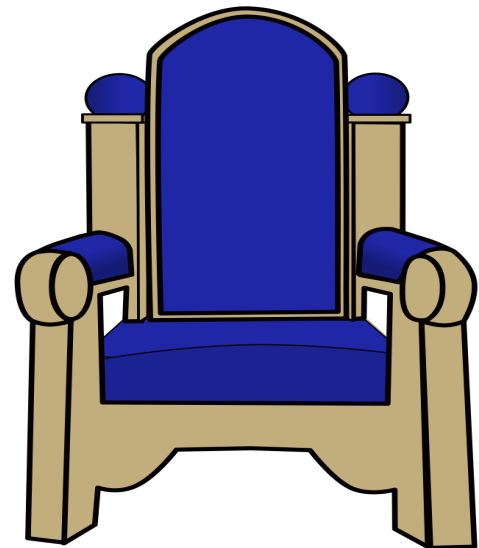
- A. Last days
- B. Great days

17. vs 30 Christ is sitting on His what?

- A. His throne
- B. A rock

18. vs 33 Where is Christ now?

- A. In heaven
- B. On earth



The kingdom was not here in Acts 1, but in Acts 2, it identifies this time as the beginning of the Last Days when God said that He would set up His kingdom, and Christ the king is now sitting at the right hand of God on His throne which indicates that He is ready to rule His kingdom.

15. B 16. A 17. A 18. A

Acts 2:36-38, 41, 47

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has made that same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ. 37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said to Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said to them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added to them about three thousand souls.

47 Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Definitions:

Assuredly: without fail

Pricked: to bring pain to the mind

Remission: removal

19. What did they ask?
 - A. Why are you preaching Jesus?
 - B. What shall we do?
20. What was Peter's answer?
 - A. Repent and be baptized
 - B. Believe and pray
21. What did these people do?
 - A. Argued
 - B. Were baptized
22. To what were they added?
 - A. The church
 - B. The Romans
23. Who added them?
 - A. Peter
 - B. Lord
24. Is the church now in existence since these people were added to it?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No



19. B 20. A 21. B

22. A 23. B 24. A

In Acts 2, God added those who were being saved to the church. This is the first place in the Bible that the church is mentioned as being in existence. The church started here, but what about the kingdom?

The Church is the kingdom. Here are some ways that we can know this is true.

1 Timothy 3:15

But if I tarry long, that you may know how you ought to behave yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

The Church is the house of God. God said in Isaiah that He would build His house in the last days, and in Daniel He said He would build His kingdom at this same time.

Matthew 16:18-19

18 And I say also unto you, That you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and what ever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and what ever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

25. Who is speaking in the Matthew passage?

- A. Jesus
- B. Paul

26. Who is going to build His church?

- A. Jesus
- B. Peter

27. What is Jesus going to give Peter?

- A. Keys to the kingdom
- B. A throne

Definitions:

Tarry: wait to come

Prevail against: to overpower

Loose: to unbind

25. A 26. A 27. A



Jesus said He was going to build His church, and also give the keys of the kingdom to Peter.

We use keys to get into things. In Acts 2, Peter is the one to tell the people how to get into the church. This is one way we are able to see that the church and the kingdom are the same thing.

These are a few more examples of connecting the church as the kingdom.

Matthew 25:1

Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.



In describing the kingdom, Christ is compared to a bridegroom and the church is referred to as the bride of Christ.

Definitions:

Espoused: to unite in marriage

Chaste: to be pure from every fault

2 Corinthians 11:2

For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

John 3:5

Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Baptism is when we are born again to enter the kingdom and for God to add you to the church.



Acts 2:41, 47

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47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

God promised a kingdom that would last forever. Those prophecies were fulfilled in Jerusalem the same year Jesus died when the church began. God's kingdom is the church that Jesus built.

Prophecies of the Church Connected to Their Fulfillment

Prophecies:

Isaiah 2:2-3 Last Days Lord's House - House of God Jerusalem, Mount Zion	Joel 2:28-32 Latter Days Pour Out My Spirit Jerusalem, Mount Zion	Daniel 2:28-33, 36-40, 44 Latter Days - Romans Establish a Kingdom Jerusalem, Mount Zion	Mark 9:1 Kingdom in their life-time	Matthew 16:18-19 Build My Church Peter - keys to Kingdom Church = Kingdom
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Prophecies fulfilled:

Acts 2:2-4 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. **4** And they were all **FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:16-17a But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 'And it shall come to pass in the **LAST DAYS** says God, that I will **POUR OUT OF MY SPIRIT** ...

Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in **JERUSALEM**, let this be known to you, and heed my words....

Acts 2:38, 41, 47 Then **PETER** said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins ...

41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. **47** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the **LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH** daily those who were being saved

(Peter told the people what they needed to do to be added to the kingdom, the Lord's Church.)

God promised a Kingdom that would come at the time of the Romans that would last forever. It happened as He said.

The church that Christ built which is the Kingdom of God began in Jerusalem, 50 days after Christ was resurrected (33AD).

That Kingdom, the Church that belongs to Christ, is here today.

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