

THE COMING KINGDOM



What Is the Kingdom and
How Is Kingdom Now Theology
Changing the Focus of the Church?

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Foreword by Thomas Ice

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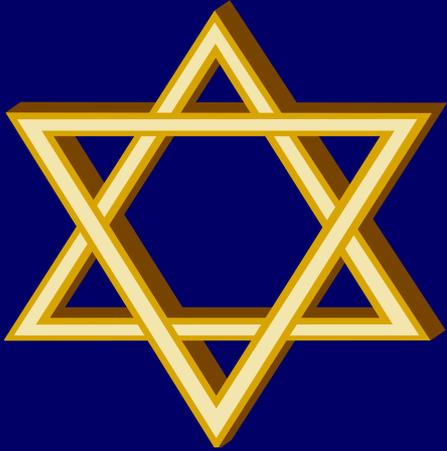
Chapter 18



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Kingdom Study Outline



1. What does the Bible Say About the Kingdom?
2. The Main Problem with Kingdom Now NT interpretations
3. Why do some believe that we are in the kingdom now?
4. Why does it matter?



Response to Kingdom Now Problem Passages

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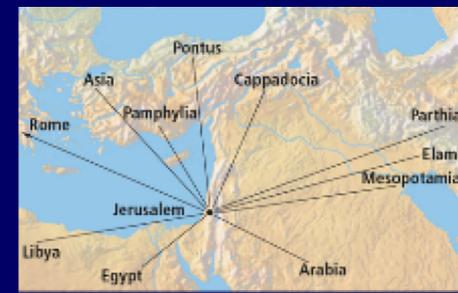
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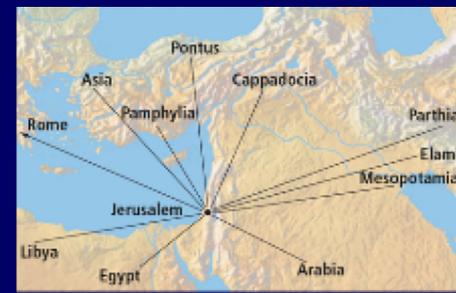
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VI. 2:22-35 – Christ as the source of the manifestations

- ◆ 2:22 – Miracle worker
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- ◆ 2:24-29 – Resurrected (Ps 16:8-11)
- ◆ 2:30-32 – Davidic descendant (Ps 132:11)
- ◆ 2:33-35 – At God's right hand (Ps 110:1)

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VII. 2:36 – Conclusion

VIII. 2:37 – Conviction

IX. 2:38-41 – Exhortation

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“However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.”

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Acts 2:13, 15

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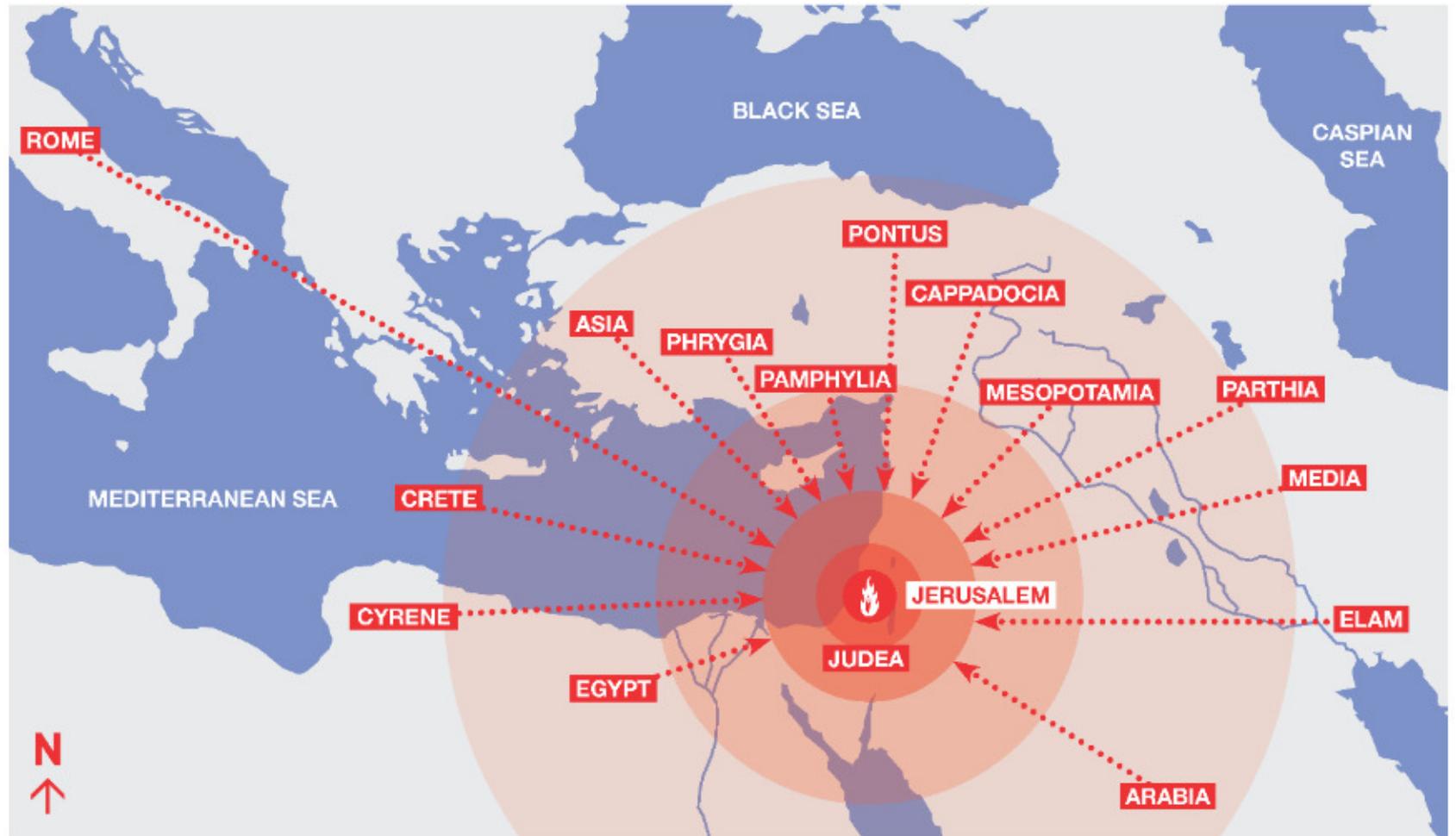
Acts 2:41

“So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.”



THE NATIONS OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:9-11

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Matthew 23:37-39

³⁷ “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. ³⁸ Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! ³⁹ For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’”



Romans 10:9-10

“That if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.”



Romans Outline

- Salutation (1:1-17)
- Sin (1:18–3:20)
- Salvation (3:21–5:21)
- Sanctification (6–8)
- **Sovereignty (9–11)**
- Service (12:1–15:13)
- Summation (15:14–16:27)

Sovereignty (Rom 9–11)

- Israel in the past: elected (Rom 9)
- Israel in the present: rejecte(d) (Rom 10)
- Israel in the future: accepte(d) (Rom 11)

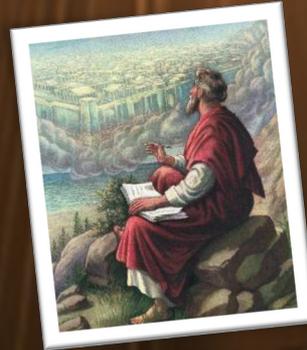
John 12:42

“Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue.”



John 20:30-31

³⁰ “Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”



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Joel 2:32

“And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord Will be delivered; For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem There will be those who escape, As the LORD has said, Even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.”



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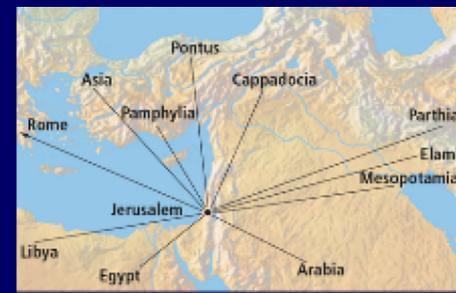
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Acts 1:16

“Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled (*plēroō*), which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.”



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Ephesians 2:14-16

¹⁴ “For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, ¹⁵ by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.”



Ephesians 3:3-6

³ “that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. ⁴ By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; ⁶ to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel”.



Ephesians 3:9

“and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things.”



“Mystery” Defined

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Romans 16:25-26

²⁵ “Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, ²⁶ but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to obedience of faith



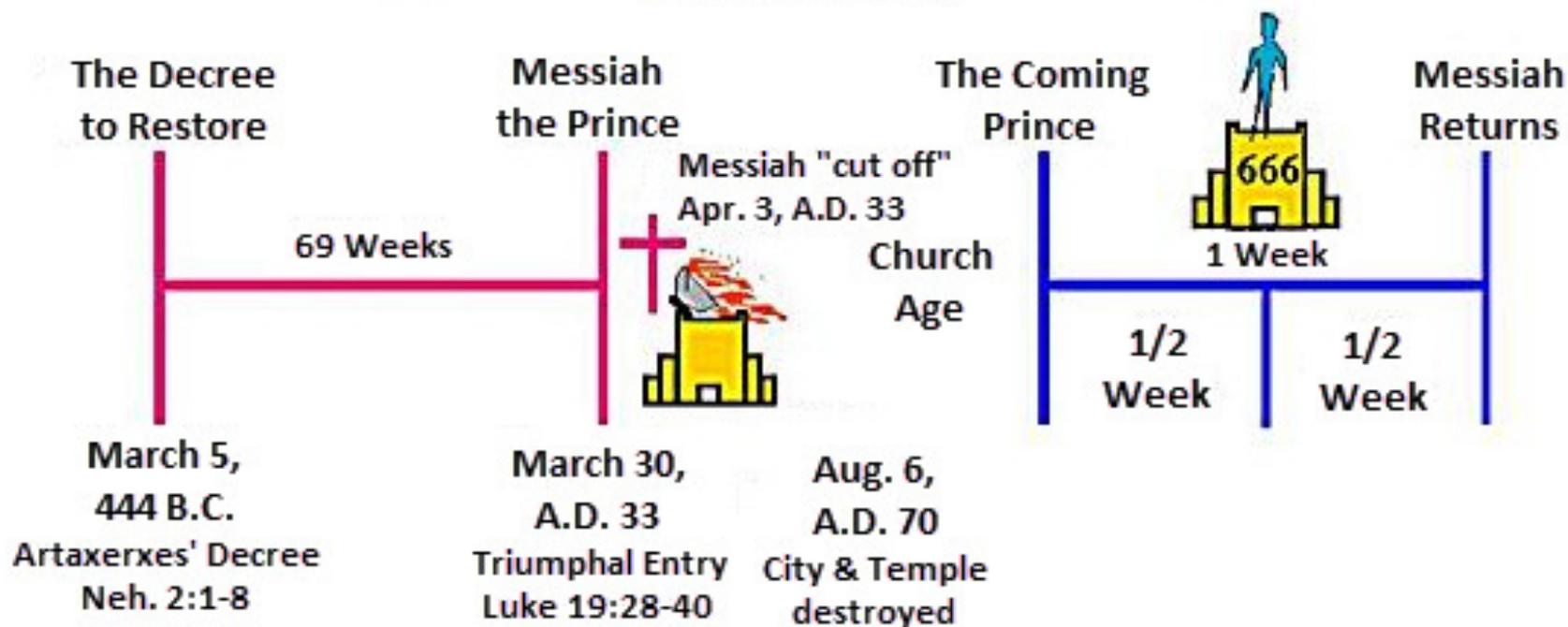
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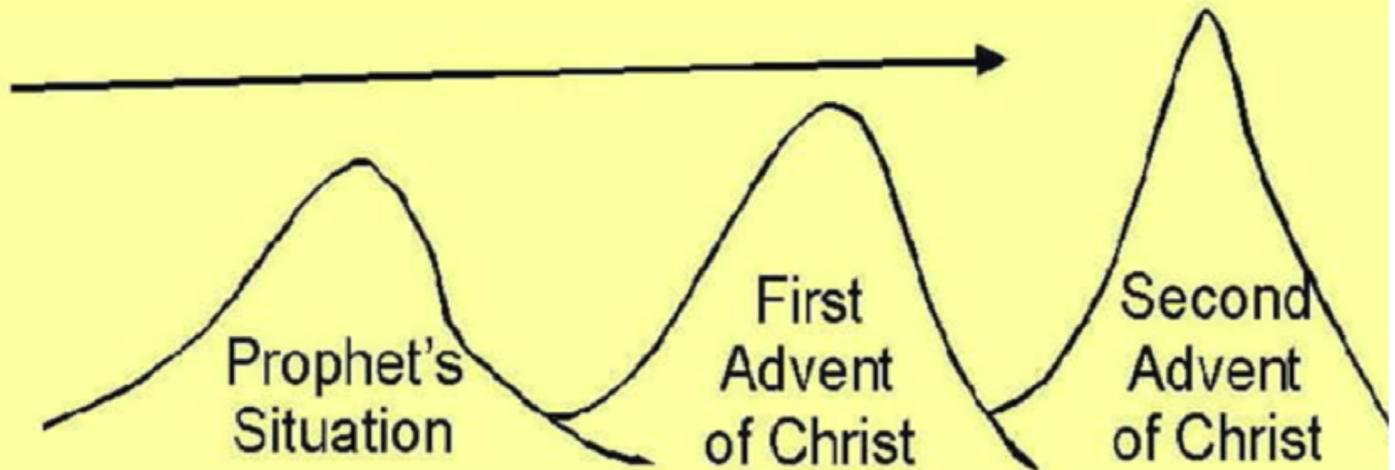
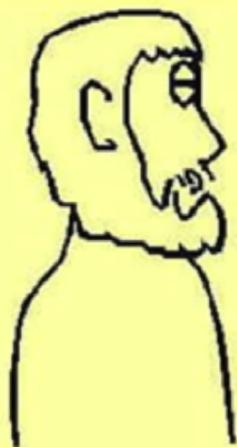
Daniel's Seventy Weeks

(Daniel 9:24-27)



Mountain Peaks of Prophecy

Multiple fulfilments in one prophecy





Statue & Stone

2. A Statue and a Stone



Statue is destroyed by a great stone, which represents Jesus Christ



HEAD
GOLD

WORLD POWER
BABYLON
606-539

CHEST AND ARMS
SILVER

WORLD POWER
PERSIA
539-331

STOMACH AND THIGHS
BRASS

WORLD POWER
GREECE
331-323

LEGS AND FEET
IRON & CLAY

WORLD POWER
ROME
322 B.C. - A.D. 476
FUTURE

1 Peter 1:10-11

¹⁰ As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you made careful searches and inquiries, ¹¹ seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.



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1 Corinthians 11:24-26

²⁴ “and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is (*touto estin to*) My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁵ In the same way *He took* the cup also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”





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