

The Church in the Kingdom

The Promised Kingdom - Part 4

Citizens now — Kingdom Future

- ◆ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Philippians 3:20-21

- ◆ strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom

of God. Acts 14:22

- ◆ I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 Timothy 4:1

'and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.'

Romans 8:17-19

'that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.'

Romans 8:21-23

'The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.'

2 Timothy 2:11-13

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign." Revelation 11:15-17

'The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.'

Revelation 11:18

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REV 20:5

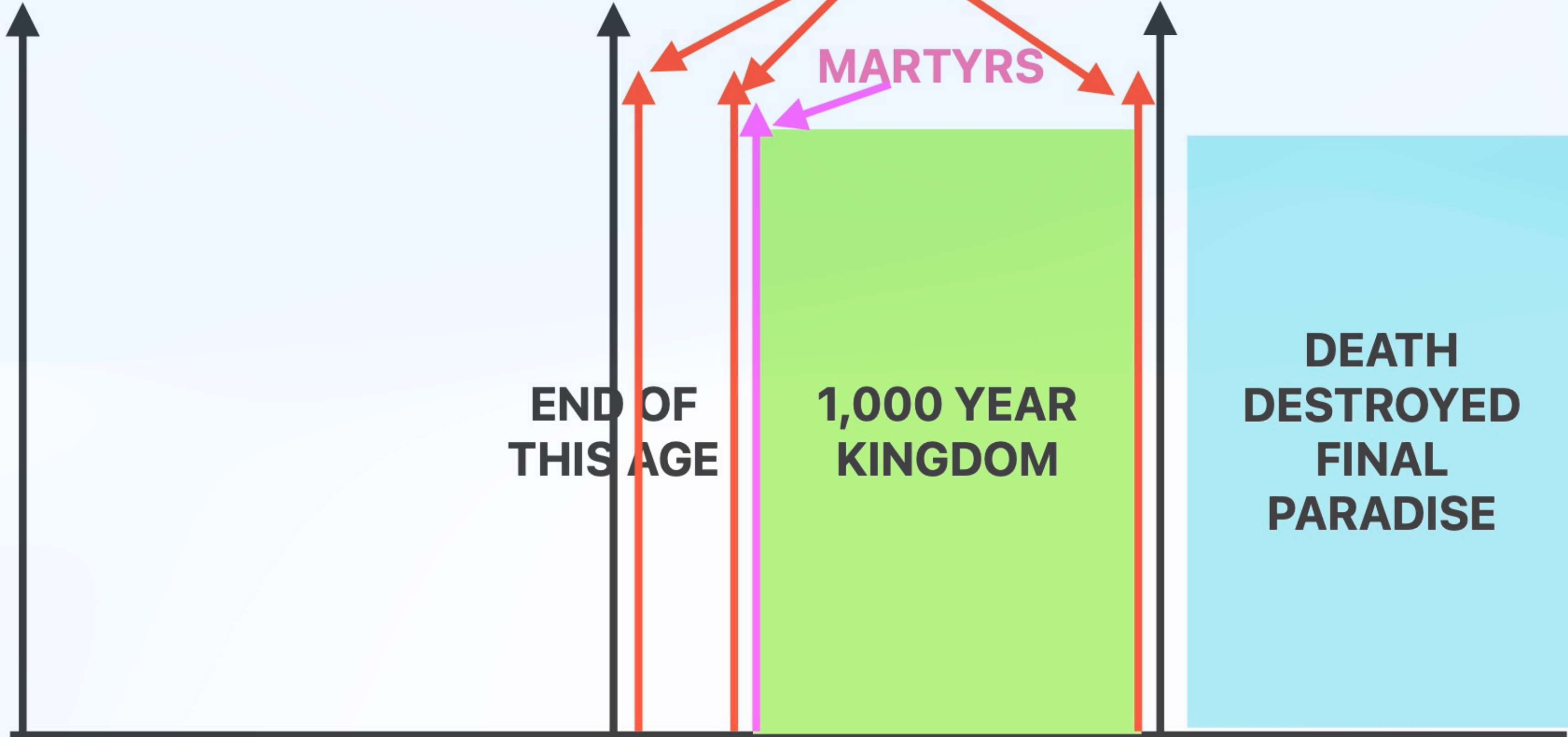
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RESURRECTIONS



Rapture Gathering and 1st Resurrection

- ◆ Are they separated or all one?
- ◆ Will some die righteously after the gathering together and be raised? Probably yes.
- ◆ Are the OT saints raised at the gathering together or after that, before the millennial kingdom. Yes.
- ◆ Will the resurrected NT saints be different than OT?

'But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.'

1 Corinthians 15:35-38

There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 1 Corinthians 15:40-43

Would you like a satisfying, prestigious
career in Jesus Christ's kingdom?

As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.'

Luke 19:11-13

But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business.

Luke 19:14-15

The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.' And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.' And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.' And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.'

Luke 19:16-19

Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? Luke 19:20-22

And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!'

'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.'

Luke 19:24-27

What is the Kingdom of God?



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What is the Gospel of the Kingdom?

- ◆ First, the good news is that God will restore His creation to His original plan of man having dominion in a paradise kingdom.
- ◆ Second, you get to be in it with eternal life!
- ◆ Third, there are rewards are for the faithful.

Kingdom Understanding

- ◆ The OT prophets come to life!
- ◆ The sermon on the mountain reveals its standards.
- ◆ Matthew 13 reveals some of its mysteries.
- ◆ It is the unified plot of the whole Bible from OT, gospels, through the mystery period of epistles and through Revelation.

Concepts to Remember

- ◆ What did it mean to the original audience?
- ◆ Israel's national destiny foretells another invasion and captivity.
- ◆ Then delivers Israel and judges enemy nations and people
- ◆ Gap between 1st & 2nd Coming - now the mystery Church Age
- ◆ God's eternal plan for man to live on a restored earth that is a combination of Kingdom and Paradise under God

Jerusalem and Israel at the Center

Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of staggering to all the surrounding peoples. The siege of Jerusalem will also be against Judah. On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will surely hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth will gather against it.

Zechariah 12:2-3

Time of trouble then deliverance

Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD ;
neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar,
and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall
return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him
afraid. For I am with thee, saith the LORD , to save thee: though I
make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will
I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and
will not leave thee altogether unpunished. Jeremiah 30:10-11 (KJV)

Endure in Hope as they did

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

'But seek first the kingdom of God and his
righteousness, and all these things will be
added to you.'

Matthew 6:33