

The Kingdom of God
Lesson 14: The Establishment of the Prophetic Kingdom

I. Prophetic Terminology

- a. The tremendous events and circumstance attending the _____ of the Mediatorial Kingdom on earth are numerous and complex and for that reason it is useful to organize our thinking about the way Scripture portrays it.
- b. A particular name by which the Kingdom establishment is identified appears in the writing of the prophets. This is what the prophets call the _____.
- c. That “Day” denotes the consummation of the Kingdom of God and the absolute _____ of all attacks upon it hence, the kingdom can not be said to be established until such time as all its enemies are brought under its control. Ps 110:1 *The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. KJV* Isa 2:12 *For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low: Isa 2:17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. KJV* Isa 13:6-7 *Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. 7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: KJV; Ezek 13:5; 30:3; Joel 1:15; 2:11; Amos 5:18; Zech 14:1*

 1. It is a "day of _____" Isa 10:3 *And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory? KJV*
 2. A day "of the _____ of Yahweh" Ezek 7:19 *They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity. KJV*
 3. A "_____ of Yahweh" Zeph 1:14-15 *The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. 15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, KJV*

- d. The entire tenor of the Day of the Lord as it is used in the Old Testament is _____ and foreboding, speaking of a time of judgment and wrath poured out upon the earth.
- e. Although this “Day” is of _____ length, the descriptions of its general character suggest that it may be in some respects analogous to an ordinary day in the Jewish calendar.
 1. This was a solar day beginning at _____ and extending to the next sunset; and consisting of a period of darkness and a period of light.
 2. In the prophets that “Day” always begins with the _____ of divine wrath and moves on to the light of divine blessing.

II. The Time of Its Coming

- a. The chronological question that was often on the lips of the prophets and the people of God was “_____?” This was not a cry of despair but an expression of the unyielding hope on the part of those who expected the Kingdom on earth. Isa 6:11 *Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, KJV*
- b. The _____ time of the coming of the Kingdom is variously found to be “near at hand” or in a “little while” or in other places it is indicated that the Kingdom is a far distant hope after a lapse of many days. Hos 3:4-5 *For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: 5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days. KJV*
- c. The reconciliation of these forecasts may be found in the difference in the conceptions of _____ between the divine Mind and man’s notions of it. Ps 90:4 *For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. KJV*
- d. Scripture is clear on the point that the arrival of the Kingdom on earth would _____ in God’s own appointed time. Hab 2:2-3 *And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. KJV*
- e. In looking forward to the establishment of the coming kingdom, the prophets agree that this grand event will follow certain preliminary _____ events. Isa 6:11-12 *11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, 12 And the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. KJV*
- f. Following the darkness of the period of judgment, the prophetic record reveals that the King will come like the dawning of the _____. Ps 30:5 *For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. KJV*
- g. It is generally conceded that the King’s _____ can be calculated by the 70 weeks of years of Daniel’s prophecy and the command to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. Dan 9:24-25 *Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. 25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. KJV*

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- h. While there may be disagreement between scholars as to the precise starting date for the calculation of those years, by any reckoning they fall somewhere within the earthly ministry of _____.
- i. Therefore arrival of the King is fixed, the Kingdom's establishment is left _____ and obscure but it must follow both the cutting off of the King and the destruction of Jerusalem before the 70th week of Daniel. Dan 9:26 *And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. KJV*

III. The Manner of the Kingdom's Coming

- a. We can know that the arrival of the Kingdom will be sudden and catastrophic and not some long, _____ that grows imperceptibly on the earth. Mal 3:5 *And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts. KJV*
- b. In the day of the Lord's wrath, there will be a speedy riddance of all those in Jerusalem who, because of God's long delay have lapsed into an _____ life, content with their riches. Zeph 1:18 *Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land. KJV*
- c. That "Day" will be a visible supernatural intervention of God directly upon the affairs of man in which God is said to "_____." His holy arm on behalf of Israel. Isa 52:10 *The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. KJV*
- d. What is done on that day will be the work of God alone in which human effort will have _____. Ezek 20:33 *As I live, saith the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you: KJV*
- e. It will be tangible and there will be _____ in the minds of men that it has taken place. While it will hold spiritual implications it can not be said to be a wholly spiritual event. Isa 52:8-9 *Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion. 9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. KJV*

IV. Four Preparatory Elements

- a. Before the Kingdom is established on the earth a judicial _____ will be convened in heaven.
 - 1. This scene in heaven is set at the _____ of the reign of the ten kings which follow the four successive world empires of Gentile dominion.
 - 2. The day of God's Kingdom on earth will initially be a day of judgment and the thrones of those kings will be _____. Dan 7:9-10 *I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. KJV*
- b. Warfare and chaos will sweep the world in spite of all the efforts of men to bring about a condition of world _____. God will use world-wide war as the instrument of His wrath to cleanse the earth. Isa 33:7-10 *Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly. 8 The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth: he hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man. 9 The earth mourneth and languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed and hewn down: Sharon is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruits. 10 Now will I rise, saith the Lord; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself. KJV*
- c. In the days just prior to the coming of the Kingdom, when chaos and warfare, famine and death are at their peak of destruction one will emerge whose _____ for deliverance from the chaos are embraced in the world. Dan 7:8 *I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. KJV*
- d. Numerous and catastrophic geological and _____ disturbances will convulse the world which will be indisputably supernatural in their origin. Joel 2:30-31 *And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come. KJV*

V. Application

- a. The coming Kingdom will be real and Christ's reign will be effectual in every person. But until that time, there is a limited sense in which the Kingdom of God is operational "spiritually" in the lives of all true believers.
- b. The degree to which Christ reigns in one's heart today can be measured by ones authenticity with God and yieldedness to His word.
 - 1. To what extent are you authentic with God?
 - 2. To what extent are you yielded to His word?
 - 3. To what extent are you believing His Truth about who you already are in Christ?