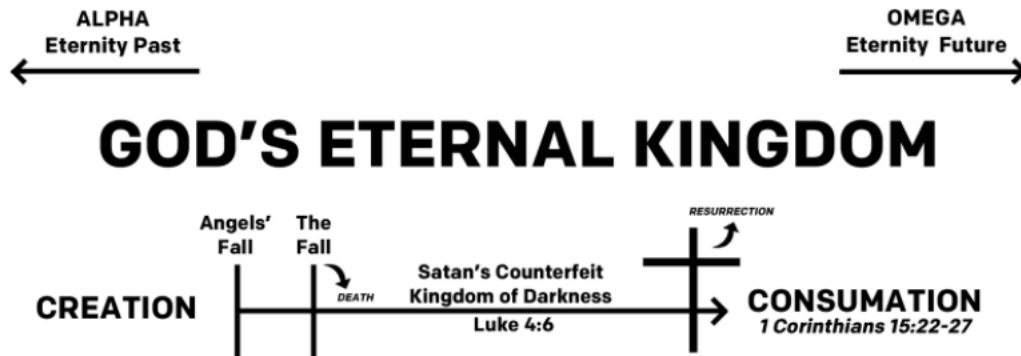




# Doctrine Outline | Week 16 | The Kingdom of God



- Similar to Old Testament Believers trying to understand the New Testament Church
- Forecasts where we are going

## Revelation- *Such a difficult concept we need context*

**Revelation 1:3** - *"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near."*

- Unwarranted Speculation vs. Shoulder Shrugging Cynicism

**Revelation 1:19** - *"Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this."*

- Apocalyptic is Prophecy intensified
- Prophecy like looking at Mountains - Apocalypse is ramped up prophecy
  - Explain clearly
  - Jesus reading scrolls
  - Isaiah 61:1-2
- Father lovingly giving us the big picture, but still God not telling us everything so we trust in Him

## Overarching Metanarrative of Scripture

*"The sole transcendent creator and king is redeeming his rebellious creation,*

*consuming sin and death, in order to build his perfected heavens and earth for blessing, to the praise of His glory.”*

- The Millennial Kingdom will be a consummation of all the promises God made to His people throughout scripture... especially from the OT covenants.
- Need a running start before really studying the Millennial Kingdom,

## **Pt 1 - Literal Millennial Kingdom just like Genesis**

- Just like there was a literal garden, there will be a literal kingdom

### **Genesis 1-3, 4-11, 12 Explained**

- Reflects/Consummates Genesis 1-3
- Need to Think about Genesis 1-3 for a moment
  - Satan destroyed
  - Man was designed for relationship, to be royal priests
  - Chap 3 is a heart issue
    - Noahic Covenant
- **Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic Covenant Promises**
- **The promise given to Abraham thousands of years ago has absolutely come true! No disputing.**
- **We are discussing THE purpose of all history - feel the weight of what we are talking about**

## **Pt 2 - Revelation 20:1-6**

Explanation:

### **Verse 1 - Apocalyptic Literature**

- “I saw” - Not just prophecy but apocalyptic prophecy.

### **Verse 2-3 - Seized the ancient serpent & established Jesus as King**

- Sin, World & Satan
  - Could you imagine a world with no Satan & a christcentric culture?
  - Could the Jews of the OT imagined the church?
- Reminded of Lee’s sermon on Angels & Demons
  - Marriages - lies & confusion inserted into marriages
  - Past Trauma used by Satan - remember Satan isn’t omniscient, but he’s smart & knows how to drudge up past hurts.

### **Isaiah 2:2-4 - Jesus' Reign explained**

*4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.*

### **Isaiah 35:5-6**

*"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert"*

- Questions of how to navigate all of these difficult cultural conversations
  - Racism
  - Gender issues
  - Abortion
  - Political tensions

### **Verse 4-6**

- What about the people in the millennium - what will that be like?

### **Zachariah 14:16-11**

*Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths. 17 And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.*

- All that survive who come against:
  - Celebrating the feast of booths - drought
  - Sacrifices again? - in remembrance of all Jesus did.
- Justice & Honor
  - The passionate concern for justice throughout this book (and for that matter throughout the New Testament) is not to be missed.
  - Christ indirectly affirms there are relative degrees and places of honor in His kingdom, the highest being for those who drink his cup of suffering.
- Leadership Potential
  - Designed to be culture leaders
- Restoration to the Relationship & Status of the Garden of Eden

## **Pt 3 - Already but not yet!**

### **Hebrews 10:12-13**

*But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.*

## **Matthew 25:13**

*Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.*

### **Explanation:**

- Rev 19 - The Marriage supper of the lamb
- 10 Virgins waiting for the Bridegroom to return
- Big Idea - Living with anticipation
  - Don't miss the big idea that it's still an issue of the heart.
    - Vs 7-10 - Sin is still present | Deception & War
- No EXCUSES! | Nothing to hinder the Gospel except your own heart.
  - Issue of the heart
  - All of the other excuses are removed, yet it still ends in rebellion

### **D-Day**

- D-Day (June 6, 1944) invasion of Normandy (The Day) vs VE Day (Victory in Europe) May 8, 1945 - 11 months later
- D-Day at great cost to Allied forces, the Nazis were forced to fight on two fronts
- Liberation of Paris, Battle of the Bulge had yet been won... but victory was certain

**The victory was already accomplished but not yet complete.**

### **Application: How does this affect me personally?**

- Jesus has already won and defeated Satan at the cross
- As you're making difficult decisions in life... It matters.
  - Difficult family decisions
  - Work & life
    - Leadership - being leaders who lead out of a christcentric worldview.
    - People we lead feel safe and cared for.
- Don't make excuses for the brokenness of our hearts!