

## The Gospel of the Kingdom-What is it?

The term “the Gospel of the Kingdom” has for many people an elusiveness to it. It is however important for us as believers to get a handle on it because it is *so* important to God. If we do not understand it, how can we as believers tell those around us what the gospel of the kingdom (G o K) is about. The G o K includes many gospels, such as the gospel of grace, of salvation, of peace, of prosperity and the social gospel. You can also include the gospel of God, of the Messiah, of our Lord Jesus Christ. This gives us a clue that the G o K is more comprehensive than just the gospel of salvation.

The Gospel of the Kingdom of God is the “good news” of the Kingdom. The Kingdom is what Jesus came to establish here on earth. “Your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven” is what God always intended for the whole of His creation. At Jesus’ birth a new order was established, a new kingdom, an everlasting kingdom was proclaimed to have broken into earth time. Isaiah 9:6-7 prophesied “and the government will be on his shoulder...of the increase of His government there will be no end”. The “good news” of the kingdom is: that in every sphere or mountain of influence, in every city and in every nation and all of God’s created order, His sovereign rule and reign will be established. This will release His glory in the nations of the earth and everything else that has the capacity to glorify Him.

The crossing of the Red Sea (the gospel of salvation) by the Israelites speaks prophetically of how the blood of Jesus makes way for us to be saved from sin and the devil. However, the crossing of the Jordon (the Gospel of the Kingdom) by the Israelites can be seen as another type of crossing that believers need to enter into, and as such, get an understanding of what the G o K is about. In fact the whole book of Joshua is a picture of the Bride of Christ entering her destiny. Crossing the Red Sea was only the beginning for Israel, but the crossing of the Jordon still had to happen for her to enter into the Promised Land. The church has grown over 2000 years to about 1 billion believers alive today. While the church has been successful in multiplying, it has however failed to understand her mandate to take the nations for Jesus inheritance. God now wants her to cross over her Jordon, enter her destiny and complete this most important task. The Jordon represents a second application of the cross that we must embrace, not for our sake, but for the whole of creation. Jesus did not die just for us, He died for His creation. Jesus is not satisfied with just souls, He hears His creation groaning for redemption and He wants us to complete the mission with Him in command of the assault. Psalm 2:8, “Ask of me, and I will give You the nations for your inheritance.”

If we go back to Genesis there are many verses that tell us how God feels about His planet earth. He said He was the creator and He made it very good. He then gave mankind dominion over it. He also gave us the task of subduing His creation. Creation carries the DNA of God.

There is a real promised land for us as well but it is up to us to do our part in order to enter in. God is not willing to give up any part of His creation. He is so committed to the earth that He told Moses “as surely as He lives” the earth will be filled with His glory. We must get rid of the erroneous concept that the earth is disposable. The church is not going to be raptured until she has completed her task in the G o K. This will have to happen for the end-time harvest to occur.

Jesus said in Mat. 28:19, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations”. He did not say “Go and make disciples of all souls.” When we have a better theology of earth, we can begin to have a better understanding of our commission which relates specifically to the nations of the earth. God is interested in *nations* a word mentioned over 300 times in the scriptures. Most of the Old Testament prophets prophesied to nations and cities. Each nation has its own destiny in the eyes of the Lord. He loves nations and He loves cities. More than knowing *why* He cares so much for the earth and nations, it’s important to simply know that He does! God’s relentless quest for the nations climaxes in Revelation 11:15 when the seventh angel sounded the trumpet saying, “the kingdoms of this

world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ”.

Our entrance into heaven (which is eventually back here on this earth for the Millennium) is personal and eternal but nations are separated as sheep and goat nations and are judged in time. The history of this age will not conclude until Mat. 24:14 is fulfilled, which says “this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world *as a witness* to all the nations, and then the end will come.” The gospel of saving souls simply will not do the job. Also note it is only “*a witness*” in all nations, not a complete discipling by any means, this full discipling will occur in the Millennium.

This “discipling of nations” leads us into a complete and separate topic defined as “The 7 Mountain Mandate”, which put simply is how we, the church, are to depose the enemy from the 7 mind moulders in our societies and nations. These demonic entities occupy the high places of the mountains of religion, education, government, media, business, family and arts. Joshua had to subdue the 7 nations who occupied the Promised Land, and so must we if we are to have our inheritance, which is Jesus inheritance, which is the nations that the Father promised his Son.

Remember “He who gets the kingdoms gets the harvest.”

For other references see: Mat 4:23, Mat. 9:35, Mk. 1:1, Acts 20:24, Rom. 15:16, Rom. 15:19, 1 Col. 9:12, 2 Col. 2:12, 2 Col. 10:14, 2 Col. 11:7, Eph. 1:13, Eph. 6:15, Phil. 1:27, 1 Thes. 2:8, 1 Thes. 2:9, 1 Thes. 3:2, 2Thes. 1:8, 1 Pet. 4:17, 3 Jn. 1:2

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