

Your Kingdom Come! - 1

Last time we looked at a sample of Scriptures forecasting how there will be in the coming Kingdom of God on this earth a God-appointed king, a God-appointed nobility, a God-selected population, a God-chosen land, and God-given laws.

This kingdom does not yet exist. The Stone has not yet descended - Jesus Christ has not yet returned from the far country where he has gone, to receive for himself a kingdom - Luke 19:12–27. He is waiting for the time when God will send him back, “whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things” - Acts 3:20.

After his arrival, he will be recognized as “The stone which the builders rejected (and) has become the chief cornerstone...on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder” - Matthew 21:42. As mentioned earlier, prophecy indicates that there will be widespread opposition to Christ when he issues his demand for submission to his authority.

That opposition will be by the great MAN-image, which is now standing on its ten-toed feet in Europe - the independent states which came into being on the ruins of the Roman empire. Warfare will ensue, which will conclude in the fall of these governments, represented by the image being broken to pieces, and “driven away like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors.”

Their territories will be incorporated into Christ’s kingdom, answering to the growing of the Stone into a great mountain. After this he will “make war against the kings of the earth and their armies” - Revelation 19:11, 20, and “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ” - Revelation 11:15.

Then will begin a magnificent reign, surpassing in every way the most perfect government that has ever been conceived by man. One king at the head shall possess the divine wisdom to manage all the problems and demands of world-wide government. His mercy will not be blemished by the selfish corruptibility of mortal man. Unlike the currently ineffective efforts of mortal man to stop international trouble makers, Christ’s power will be omnipotent for the enforcement of his will.

The world will enjoy the reign of an IMMORTAL KING - never will there be any fear of the good times suddenly brought to an end by the death of the king. Instead, the thankful populations of the earth will offer prayer “for Him continually, and daily He shall be praised” - Psalms 72:15. His government will be firm, direct, and absolute - no hesitation or indecision, no evasive talk, no uncertainty, unpredictability or indecision.

“The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. His delight is in the fear of the Lord, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; but with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked” - Isaiah 11:2–4.

Absolute, omnipotent authority, will rule mankind with simplicity and energy. Righteous law, proceeding from its legitimate Source, will be enforced with resistless authority. Innocence will be protected, poverty banished, and the rights of all secured in everything.