

Your Kingdom Come! - 2

At the head of the Kingdom of God will be Jesus. After his ascension he sent one last message to be recorded in the Bible by the apostle John. In it he promised, "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne"- Revelation 3:21.

In other words, those believers who "hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end" - Hebrews 3:14, will become co-rulers with Jesus. To the apostles Jesus has already promised, "In the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel" - Matthew 19:28.

Jesus showed in his parable of the ten minas how other believers will also be rewarded according to their faithfulness in the responsibility which he left them to fulfil in his absence - "He said: 'A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.'" He said to his servants, "Do business till I come." At his return, to a faithful servant he said, "you are to be over five cities." and to an even more diligent servant he said, "Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities'."

Their power over provinces, tribes, cities, etc, will be permanently in their hands, having been appointed by the divine king. They will never be voted out of power, but will remain as rulers for the entire thousand years of Christ's kingdom. No political activity among the mortal subjects will be permitted. Any attempt by mortals to overthrow the divine administration will be suppressed.

For the entire time, "The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever" - Isaiah 32:17. Then will the glory of the Lord cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Then will be fulfilled the words of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

At the beginning of this series was a review of Scripture to show that the Kingdom of God was announced in the gospel which was preached by Jesus and his apostles. In proclaiming that Kingdom, they asked their hearers for belief. "Go," said Jesus, "into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved."

In this way belief was made the first condition of salvation, that is, belief in those elements of teaching by Jesus and his apostles. The doctrine of the kingdom consisted of those elements. From this fact it can be truly stated that no person who is ignorant of the prophetic facts concerning the kingdom of God can be said to "believe the gospel". It should be noted that Paul preached the kingdom of God out of the prophets -

- "He explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets" - Acts 28:23.
- "To this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come" - Acts 26:22.
- "So I (Paul) worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets" - Acts 24:14.