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“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Mat. 6:33)



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# Chapter 1

## *The Gospel of the Kingdom of God*

### Part 1 – The Gospel Yeshua Taught

We read “Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach **Christ's gospel**, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord” (2 Cor. 2:12). And we read “Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the **gospel of Christ**” (Rom. 15:19). What was “Christ’s gospel”, the message that He preached?

“Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the **gospel of the kingdom of God**” (Mar. 1:14). All throughout the Four Gospels we are told that this was Yeshua’s message. “And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the **gospel of the kingdom**, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people” (Mat. 9:35). “but he said to them, “**I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God** to the other towns as well; **for I was sent for this purpose**” (Lu.4:43) ESV.

Yeshua was sent with this message from the Father. “For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak” (Joh. 12:49). Also it is called the gospel of God because the Father sent it. “That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God” (Rom. 15:16a).

Yeshua continued to teach about the Kingdom of God after His resurrection. “Until the day in which He was taken up, after that He through the holy spirit had given commandments unto the apostles whom He had chosen: To whom also He shewed himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things **pertaining to the kingdom of God**”

And He commanded the apostles to preach this gospel. “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mar. 16:15). And after the gospel of the Kingdom went to the whole world the end would come. “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come” (Mat. 24:14).

### Part 2 – The Kingdom of Heaven is coming to Earth

The word “gospel” means “good news”. So what is this good news of the Kingdom of God? First, what is a kingdom? A kingdom is a government ruled by a monarchy, a royal family, which rules over a territory. And a kingdom that has rulers must have laws to rule by. The Kingdom of God is the kingdom ruled by the Family of God. The good news is that although right now it rules in heaven it is coming to this Earth to rule over men and make the Earth a paradise. And, that we can become part of that ruling Family of God. The Kingdom of God includes God’s commandments by which he will rule. “But they have not all **obeyed the gospel**. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?” (Rom. 10:16).

In the book of Daniel we read of how God gave king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon a dream, which the prophet Daniel was given the interpretation of by God. He saw the image of a man of which king Nebuchadnezzar was represented by the head of gold. “Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory... Thou art this head of gold” (Dan. 2:37,38b). He then described how that kingdom would be succeeded by the Persians, the

Greeks, the Romans and finally at the end-times by ten kings represented by ten toes. “And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken” (Dan. 2:42). It is in the days of these kings that the Kingdom of God will be set up on Earth. “And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure” (Dan. 2:44-45). This is the first part of the gospel, that God’s rule is coming to the Earth.

Yeshua sent the disciples out preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God. “Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick” (Luk. 9:1-2). Even though He had not yet revealed Himself as the Messiah, which He did after that. “And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am? They answering said, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others say, that one of the old prophets is risen again. He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God. And he straightly charged them, and commanded them to tell no man that thing” (Luk. 9:18-21). They were forbidden to teach He was the Messiah at that time. The first part of the gospel of the Kingdom of God is about God’s rule coming to the Earth, like Daniel prophesied about. It was not even necessary to know that Yeshua was the Messiah to preach about that part of the gospel of the Kingdom of God.

In the Book of Matthew God’s Kingdom is often referred to as “the Kingdom of Heaven”, the Kingdom which now rules in heaven, and which rulership is coming to the Earth. “After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven” (Mat. 6:9-10). When God’s Kingdom comes then His will, will be carried out on Earth like it now is in heaven. Currently Satan is the god and ruler of this world. “In whom the **god of this world** hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (2 Cor. 4:4). “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world” (Rev. 12:9a).

### **Part 3 – The Gospel the Apostle Paul Taught**

Paul referred to it as “my gospel” or “our gospel” as it was the one he and the apostles taught. “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel” (Rom. 2:16). “But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost” (2 Cor. 4:3).

Because this first part of the Gospel can be taught without knowledge of Yeshua we are told that Paul taught the gospel of the Kingdom of God and about Yeshua. “But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning **the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ**, they were baptized, both men and women” (Act. 8:12). “And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and **testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus**, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening... **Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ**, with all confidence, no man forbidding him. (Act. 28:23,31).

The Apostle Paul pronounced a curse on all the “gospels” than the one taught by Yeshua and His Apostles. “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed” (Gal. 1:8-9).

## **Part 4 – Yeshua’s Teachings on the Kingdom**

John the Baptist also preached the gospel of the Kingdom of God. The law and the prophets, the Old Testament, were the primary source of teachings until the time of John the Baptist, after which he began to teach the Kingdom of God. “In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Mat. 3:1-2). “The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail” (Luk. 16:16-17).

Yeshua often spoke of the Kingdom of God as being at hand. That is because He, the King of that Kingdom was there among them, in person at that time. “From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Mat. 4:17). He also told His disciples to tell others that the Kingdom of God had come near them though the message about it, whether they received it or not. “And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you” (Luk. 10:8-11).

“And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you” (Luk. 17:20-21). The Greek for “within” is *entos*, Strong’s #1787 meaning “within, among”. Here Yeshua was pointing out that He the King of the Kingdom was standing right there among them. He was not saying these Pharisees had God’s Kingdom inside them, but rather He condemned them as being full of wickedness. “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men’s bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity” (Mat. 23:27-28). Speaking to the Pharisees Yeshua said, “But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you” (Joh. 5:42).

Yeshua allowed Peter, John, and James to see a vision of Him, Moses and Elijah in their glory in the Kingdom of God. “But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God. And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening. And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem” (Luk. 9:27-31).

Yeshua taught the Kingdom of God was not of this age. “Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to



the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence” (John. 18:36). When He returns it will be with an army. “And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war... And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean” (Rev. 19:11,14). “And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him” (Jud. 14,15).

## Part 5 – Being Born into the Kingdom of God

The second part of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is that we can become part this divine ruling family of spirit beings. “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the spirit” (Joh. 3:3-8). Here Yeshua explains to enter into God's ruling Family you first must become a spirit being. This will happen at the resurrection of the dead. “Behold, I shew you a **mystery**; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality” (1 Cor. 15:51-53).

That we can be born into God's Family by a resurrection from the dead is the mystery of the gospel revealed. “And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the **mystery of the kingdom of God**: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables” (Mar. 4:11). “And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the **mystery of the gospel**” (Eph. 6:19).

This is the mystery of the ages, since the world began. “Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints” (Col. 1:26). “Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began” (Rom.16:25). “But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory” (1 Cor. 2:7). And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ” (Eph. 3:9).

When the dead are raised at the seventh trumpet the mystery will be finished. “But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets” (Rev. 10:7).

## Part 6 – The Everlasting Gospel

God's Kingdom now rules in heaven and is soon coming to Earth. But will be expanded out into Universe, always growing. “And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.” (Luk. 1:33). Thus the Gospel will always continue to be preach. “And I saw

another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the **everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people” (Rev. 14:6).

## Chapter 2

### ***The Kingdom of God on Earth***

The Scriptures reveal what the Kingdom of God will be like.

#### **Part 1 – Israel will be Freed from Captivity**

Modern Israel ( the United States and Britain ) and Modern Judea ( the State of Israel ) will be freed from captivity. “And it shall come to pass in that day, that Yehovah shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth...And Yehovah shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with His mighty wind shall He shake His hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod. And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt” (Isa. 11:11-12,1516).

“And the ransomed of Yehovah shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (Isa. 35:10). ” Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side” (Isa. 60:4). “The Spirit of Yehovah God is upon me; because Yehovah hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of Yehovah, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of Yehovah, that he might be glorified (Isa. 61:1-3).

“For, lo, the days come, saith Yehovah, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith Yehovah: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it...Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it...For it shall come to pass in that day, saith Yehovah of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him...Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith Yehovah; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid” ... Thus saith Yehovah; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwellingplaces” (Jer.30:3,7-8,10,18).

“And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith Yehovah thy God” (Amo. 9:14-15). “Thus saith Yehovah God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their

shoulders. And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am Yehovah: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me. Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? But thus saith Yehovah, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children. And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I Yehovah am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob” (Isa. 49:22-26).

Israel will once again be one united kingdom. “And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all” (Eze. 37:22).

## Part 2 – The Holy Spirit will be given

The spiritual veil that blinds men from the truth will be removed. “And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations” (Isa. 25:7). “For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.” (Rom. 11:25). “But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament, which veil is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away” (2 Cor. 3:14-16).

Israel will finally repent. “Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations” (Eze. 36:31). “I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early” (Hos. 5:15). “Come, and let us return unto Yehovah: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight (Hos. 6:1-2). “And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddo. And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart” (Zec. 12:10-14).

The holy spirit be put in their hearts to enable them to keep God’s law. “And it shall come to pass afterward, **that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh**; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit (Joe. 2:28-29). “Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. **And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them**” (Eze. 36:25-27). “Behold, the days come, saith Yehovah, that I will make a new covenant with

the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith Yehovah: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith Yehovah, **I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts**; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know Yehovah: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Yehovah: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more” (Jer. 31:31-34).

All Israel will then keep God’s feasts. “Thus saith Yehovah God; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am Yehovah” (Eze. 36:37-38).

### **Part 3 – The Resurrected Church will Rule the World**

All nations will be forced to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. “And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, Yehovah of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, Yehovah of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith Yehovah will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles” (Zec. 14:16-19).

The resurrected Church will rule the world with Yeshua. “And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth” (Rev. 5:10). “But ye shall be named the Priests of Yehovah: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves” (Isa. 61:6). “And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father” (Rev. 2:26). “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne” (Rev. 3:21). “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years” (Rev. 20:6). “Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?” (1Cor. 6:2-3).

David shall rule over all of Israel, and the twelve Apostles over each of the twelve tribes. “But they shall serve Yehovah their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them” (Jer. 30:9). “And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever” (Eze. 37:24-25). “Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel” (Mat. 19:27-28).

Yehovah's temple will be rebuilt. "In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old" (Amo. 9:11). A detailed description of this temple is revealed in Ezekiel chapters 40 through 47.

Animal sacrifices will be given at the temple. "And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel" (Eze. 45:17). "They shall eat the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs. And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house" (Eze. 44:29-30).

#### **Part 4 – All the Earth will be Taught by God**

The knowledge of God will fill the Earth. "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yehovah, as the waters cover the sea" (Hab. 2:14). "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yehovah, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9). Teachers will appear when needed. "And though Yehovah give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. (Isa. 30:20-21).

All nations will turn to Israel to be taught. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of Yehovah's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Yehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yehovah from Jerusalem" (Isa. 2:2-3). "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of Yehovah shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yehovah, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of Yehovah from Jerusalem. (Mic. 4:1-2). "Thus saith Yehovah of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you" (Zec. 8:23)

#### **Part 5 – The Earth will be filled with Abundance**

The Earth will be filled with a great abundance during this time. "Behold, the days come, saith Yehovah, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt" (Amo. 9:13). "I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more of famine among the heathen" (Eze. 36:29-30). "Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee" (Isa. 60:5). ). "Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for Yehovah will do great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield

their strength. Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in Yehovah your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of Yehovah your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am Yehovah your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed” (Joe. 2:21-27).

## **Part 6 – The Waters and Land will be Healed, and Cities Rebuilt**

The deserts will bloom. “The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing” (Isa. 35:1-2a). “For Yehovah shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of Yehovah; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody” (Isa. 51:3).

Healing waters will flow from Jerusalem. “And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be” (Zec. 14:8). Water will break out in the desert. “...for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes” (Isa. 35:6b-7).

The ruined cities will be rebuilt. ‘In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: Whom Yehovah of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance” (Isa. 58:12). “And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.” (Isa. 61:4). “Thus saith Yehovah; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwellingplaces; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof” (Jer. 30:18). “Thus saith Yehovah God; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I Yehovah build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I Yehovah have spoken it, and I will do it” (Eze. 36:33-36).

## **Part 7 – There will be no more War and there will be Divine Healings**

War will no longer be allowed to occur. “And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more” (Isa. 2:4). And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig

tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of Yehovah of hosts hath spoken it” (Mic. 3-4). No violence will be permitted. “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain” (Isa. 11:9a). “Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise” (Isa. 60:18).

Wild animals will become harmless. “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den” (Isa. 11:6-8).

Divine healing will be given to the people, “Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing” (Isa. 35:5-6b).

Jerusalem will be illuminated with a divine light at night, “And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to Yehovah, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light” (Zec. 14:6-7). “The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but Yehovah shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for Yehovah shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended” (Isa. 60:19-20).

## **Part 8 – The Gentiles will serve Israel**

There will be holy highway from Assyria to Egypt. “And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there” (Isa. 35:8-9). “In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: Whom Yehovah of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance” (Isa. 23-25). At this time, other than Israel, Egypt and Assyria (modern Germany ) will be the leading nations.

All people will worship Yehovah. “And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith Yehovah” (Isa. 66:23). “And Yehovah shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one” (Zec. 14:9).

All the gentile nations will serve Israel. “And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers... ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves” (Isa. 61:5,6b). “Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee;



and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of Yehovah, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I Yehovah am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness" (Isa. 60:11-17). "That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith Yehovah that doeth this" (Amo. 9:12). "Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey" (Jer. 30:16).

## Chapter 3

### Born into the Kingdom of God

#### Part 1 – The Church will be born into God’s Family

When one is begotten of God, one is a new creature and has taken on the Divine Nature. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Cor. 5:17). “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (2 Pet. 1:4).

The Church is to be born into God’s Family as spirit-beings.

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man **be born of water and of the spirit**, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the **spirit is spirit**. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is **born of the spirit**” (Joh. 3:3-8). “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever” (1 Pet. 1:23). “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption” (1 Cor. 15:50).

The Church is to become fully the Sons of God. “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name” (Joh. 1:12). “For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption (sonship), whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God...For the earnest expectation of the creature (creation) waiteth for the manifestation of the Sons of God...Because the creature (creation) itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the Children of God...For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren” (Rom. 8:14-16, 19, 21, 29). “For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named” (Eph. 3:14-15). “For it became Him, for Whom are all things, and by Whom are all things, in bringing many Sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren” (Heb. 2:10-11).

The Sons of God will be recognized as God-Beings. It is unlawful to worship at the feet of anyone but God. “And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Rev. 19:10). “And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God” (Rev. 22:8-9). Others will worship at the feet of the Sons of God. “Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before

thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee” (Rev. 3:9). In the Kingdom of God, people will follow the Sons of God, and the Sons of God will follow Yeshua. “But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of Yehovah shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it... For all people will walk every one in the name of his God, and we will walk in the name of Yehovah our God for ever and ever” (Micah 4:1, 5).

This will happen at the resurrection of the dead.

“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory” (1 Cor. 15:51-54).

“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (precede) them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord” (1 The. 4:13-17).

“For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom He will... Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live... Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation” (Joh. 5:21, 25, 28-29).

## Part 2 – The Early Church Fathers on becoming God-Beings

Here are some excerpts from the writing of the Church fathers, proving that the early Church understood that they were to become God-Beings.

Irenaeus states, “For we cast blame upon Him, because we have not been made gods from the beginning, **but at first merely men, then at length gods**... He declares, ‘I have said, Ye are gods; and ye are all sons of the Highest’” (*The Anti-Nicene Fathers* Book 3, p. 522). “For it must be that thou, at the outset, shouldst hold the rank of a man, and then afterwards partake of the Glory of God. For thou dost make God, but God thee, if, then, thou are God’s workmanship, await the hand of thy maker which creates everything in due time; in due time as far as thou art concerned, whose creation is being carried out” (*ibid.*).

Clement of Alexandria, 153-217 A.D., wrote, “For there is one good, the Father, and to be ignorant of the Father is death, and to know Him is eternal life, through participation in the power of the incorrupt One. And to be incorruptible is to **participate in divinity**” (*The Stromata*, Vol. v, p. 10).

Hippolytus states, “**But if thou art desirous of also becoming a god, obey Him that has created thee**, and resist not now, in order that, being found faithful in that which is small, may you be able to have entrusted to you also that which is great” (*The Anti-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. 4, pp. 150-151).

“And thou shalt receive the Kingdom of Heaven, thou who, whilst thou didst sojourn in this life, didst know the Celestial King. And thou shalt be a companion of the Deity, and a co-heir with Christ, no longer enslaved by lusts or passions, and never again wasted by disease. **For thou hast become God...because thou hast been deified**, and begotten unto immortality...Thou shalt resemble Him, in as much as thou shalt have honor conferred upon thee by Him. For the Deity, (by condescension,) dost not domination ought of the dignity of His divine perfection, having made thee even God to His glory” (*The Anti-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. 5, p. 153).

Theophilus of Antioch, 115-181 A.D., testified in his treatise written to Autolytus, “But someone will say to us, was man made by nature mortal? ... Neither, then, immortal nor yet mortal did he make him, but, as we have said above, capable of both, so that if he should incline to the things of immortality, keeping he commandments of God, **he should receive as reward from Him immortality, and should become God**” (‘Theophilus to Autolytus’, Book 2, Chap. 27, *The Anti-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. 2 p. 105).

Origen records, “But both Jesus himself and his disciples desired that his followers should believe not merely in his God-Head and miracles...when they see that from him there began the union of the divine with the human nature, in order that the human, by communion with the divine, **might rise to be divine**, not in Jesus alone, but in all those who not only believe, but... who lives according to the precepts of Jesus” (‘Origen against Celsus’, Book 3, Chap. 23, *The Anti-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. 4, p. 475).

### Part 3 – The Sons of God will be Glorified

The living bodies of the righteous, and the remains of the righteous dead, will be changed into eternal spirit bodies at Yeshua’s return. “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed, in a moment**, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the **dead shall be raised incorruptible**, and **we shall be changed**. For this **corruptible must put on incorruption**, and this **mortal must put on immortality**. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?” (1 Cor. 15:51-55). “But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, **will transform our lowly bodies** so that they will be like His glorious body” (Phi. 3:20-21) NIV. “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Cor. 3:18) NKJV. “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is” (1 Joh. 3:2). “But if the spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also **quicken your mortal bodies** by His spirit that dwelleth in you” (Rom. 8:11). “And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body” (Rom. 8:23). “As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness” (Psa. 17:15).

The righteous will receive glorified bodies. “Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father (Mat. 13:43a). “And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one” (Joh. 17:22). “The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit,

that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” (Rom. 8:16-18). “For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified” (Rom. 8:29-30). “and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had afore prepared unto glory, even us, whom He hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?” (Rom. 9:23-24). “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints” (Eph. 1:18). “When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory” (Col. 3:4). “that ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto His kingdom and glory” (1 The. 2:12). “whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 The. 2:14). “Therefore I endure all things for the elect’s sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory” (2 Tim. 2:10). “For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings” (Heb. 2:10). “The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed...And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away” (1 Pet. 5:1,4). “But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you” (1 Pet. 5:10). “according as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue” (2 Pet. 1:3).

The Children of God will be glorified as both male and female. “And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (2 Cor. 6:18).

The Children of God will manifest different amounts of glory. “But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? ... There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead” (1 Cor.15: 35, 40-42a).

The Children of God will be like angels in the sense that they will be immortal as best expressed in the New Living Translation. “And they will never die again. **In this respect** they will be like angels. They are children of God and children of the resurrection” (Luk. 20:36).

#### **Part 4 – The Great Reward in the Kingdom of God**

The Church will be Co-Inheritors with Yeshua. “God ... hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things” (Heb. 1:1a- 2a). “And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ” (Gal. 4:6-7). “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together” (Rom. 8:17). “But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the Son of Man, that Thou visitest him...Thou hast put all things in subjection

under his feet. For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him” (Heb. 2:6, 8).

The reward will be great. “The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints” (Eph. 1:18). “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him” (1 Cor. 2:9). “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (Rom. 8:18).

The Sons of God will bear His name, Yehovah. Yeshua inherited the name of God. “Being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they” (Heb. 1:4). The Church will also receive God’s name. “Him that overcometh ...I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new name” (Rev. 3:12). “For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named” (Eph. 3:14-15).

The Church is to become the Temple of God. “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are” (1 Cor. 3:16-17). “Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out” (Rev. 3:12a). Only those of the God Family will be part of the Temple. “And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it” (Rev. 21:22).

The resurrected Sons of God will be righteous and unable to sin. “If ye know that He is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of Him” (1 Joh. 2:29). “Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God” (1 Joh. 3:9).

The Saints will rule with Christ. “And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth” (Rev. 5:10). “And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen” (Rev. 1:6). “And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel” (Mat. 19:28). “And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the Kingdom of God should immediately appear. He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come... Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities” (Luk. 19:11-13, 16-17). “And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord” (Mat. 25:20-21).

## **Chapter 4**

### ***Who will enter the Kingdom of God?***

#### **Part 1 – Race or Nationality is unrelated to entry**

“And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Mat. 8:11-12).

“Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof” (Mat. 21:43).

“There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God” (Luk. 13:28-29).

#### **Part 2 – The Wicked will not enter**

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Cor. 6:9-10).

“For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God” (Eph. 5:5).

#### **Part 3 – Following False Teachers will keep you out**

“But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in” (Mat. 23:13).

“For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven” (Mat. 5:20).

#### **Part 4 – We must keep God’s Law to enter the Kingdom**

Who is the least or greatest is tied to keeping even the least of God’s laws. “Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Mat. 5:19).

We must not break God’s law to enter the Kingdom. “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity [lawless]” (Mat. 7:21-23).

You must repent of sinning to enter. “Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him” (Mat, 21:31-32). Sin is the breaking of God’s law “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law” (1 Joh. 3:4).

## **Part 5 – We must have a Child-like Humility**

One who has the humility of a child will be greatest in the Kingdom. “At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Mat. 18:1-4). “Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest. And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him, And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great’ (Luk. 9:46-48). “And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Mat. 18:3-4). “But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Mat. 19:14). “But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God” (Mar. 10:14). “But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein” (Luk. 18:16-17).

We must be humble to serve. “And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth” (Luk. 22:24-27).

## **Part 6 – We must be Accounted Worthy to enter the Kingdom**

We must be accounted worthy through our Christian living. “That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory” (1 The. 2:12).

We must also be accounted worthy through our tribulations. “So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer” (2 The. 1:4-5). “Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God” (Act. 14:22).



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## **Part 7 – Our Chief Goal**

Our number one goal in life should be to attain the Kingdom of God. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mat. 6:33). "But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luk.12:31-32).

We must rid ourselves of anything that will prevent our entry. "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched... And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched...And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire" (Mar. 9:43-47).

It is a spiritually violent war that we must win. "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force" (Mat. 11:12). "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57).





