

### The Church As The Kingdom



**Matt. 13** *"He presented another parable to them, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to...'"*

### The Eternal Plan

**Eph. 1:3-12** *"...He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world...He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself...He made known to us the mystery of His will...the summing up of all things in Christ... predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will"*

### The Eternal Plan

**Eph. 3:4-11** *"when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit...that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel...the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God...in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord"*

### The Kingdom Prophesied

Old Testament

Throne Of David

**2 Sam. 7:16,17** *"your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.' In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David."*

### The Kingdom Prophesied

Old Testament

Great Statue Of Daniel

**Isa. 2:1-5** *"In the last days, The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it"*

### The Kingdom Prophesied

New Testament

**Matt. 3:2** *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*  
**Matt. 10:5-7** *"These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them..."Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans; but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

### The Kingdom Proclaimed

#### In The Church

**Acts 2:30-36** "...SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS UPON HIS THRONE... Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified."

**Acts 20:25-27** "...I went about preaching the kingdom... declaring to you the whole purpose of God."

### The Kingdom Proclaimed

#### Its Entrance In The Gospel

**Col. 1:13,14** "For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

**Acts 8:12** "But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike."

### The Kingdom Proclaimed

#### Its Conduct Preached In The Church

**1 Thess. 2:11,12** "just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory."

### The Kingdom's Spiritual Citizens

#### Made A New, Holy People

**Rev. 1:6** "and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father..."

**1 Pet. 2:9,10** "But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION... were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY."

### The Kingdom's Spiritual Citizens

#### Engaged In A Spiritual Fight

**Jn. 18:36,37** "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting..."

**Eph. 6:10-12** "be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might... For our struggle is not against flesh and blood... against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."

**2 Cor. 10:3-5** "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh..."

### The Kingdom's Spiritual Citizens

#### Sharing A Heavenly Hope

**Phil. 3:20,21** "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself."