

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOD'S KINGDOM WHEN, WHERE AND HOW

Introduction: It is common belief that the establishment of God's Kingdom of Glory begins with Christ's Second Advent and continues to the New Earth. However, the Scriptures clearly reveal that it will begin prior to the Second Advent. The object of this study is to establish this and to show how and where this kingdom will be established.

Prayer Thought: 5BC 1079

"The time had now come when Satan's empire over the world was to be contested, his right disputed, and he feared that his power would be broken. He knew, through prophecy, that a Saviour was predicted, and that His kingdom would not be established in earthly triumph and with worldly honor and display. *He knew that the prophecies foretold a kingdom to be established by the Prince of heaven upon the earth which he claimed as his dominion. This kingdom would embrace all the kingdoms of the world, and then the power and glory of Satan would cease, and he would receive his retribution for the sins he had introduced into the world, and for the misery he had brought upon the human race...* (ST Aug. 4, 1887)." {5BC 1079.1}

1. The Old testament Church expected the Kingdom

Isaiah 9: 6, 7

9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

9:7 **Of the increase of [his] government and peace [there shall be] no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice** from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

With the promise of the birth of the Messiah (Christ) also came the promise of the establishment of His kingdom. Thus *the Jews expected Christ at His first advent to establish the kingdom.*

DA 34 "The dying words of Jacob filled them with hope: "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come." Gen. 49:10. The waning power of Israel testified that the Messiah's coming was at hand. *The prophecy of Daniel pictured the glory of His reign over an empire which should succeed all earthly kingdoms; and, said the prophet, "It shall stand forever."* Dan. 2:44. While few understood the nature of Christ's mission, there was a widespread expectation of a mighty prince who should establish his kingdom in Israel, and who should come as a deliverer to the nations." {DA 34.3}

2. The Apostles expected the kingdom in their day

Acts 1: 6, 7

1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, **wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?**

1:7 And he said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons**, which the Father hath put in his own power.

The Apostles expected the kingdom, and Lord did not say that the kingdom was not to be established, but that it was not for them to know the times or the seasons. This indicates that the kingdom will be established subsequent to the time of the Apostles.

MB 107, 108 “God is our Father, who loves and cares for us as His children; He is also the great King of the universe. The interests of His kingdom are our interests, and we are to work for its upbuilding. {MB 107.2}

“The disciples of Christ were looking for the immediate coming of the kingdom of His glory, but in giving them this prayer Jesus taught that the kingdom was not then to be established. They were to pray for its coming as an event yet future. But this petition was also an assurance to them. **While they were not to behold the coming of the kingdom in their day, the fact that Jesus bade them pray for it is evidence that in God's own time it will surely come.**” {MB 107.3}

- **AA 30.1**
- **Just before leaving His disciples, Christ once more plainly stated the nature of His kingdom. He recalled to their remembrance things He had previously told them regarding it. He declared that it was not His purpose to establish in this world a temporal kingdom. He was not appointed to reign as an earthly monarch on David's throne. When the disciples asked Him, "Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" He answered, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power." Acts 1:6, 7. It was not necessary for them to see farther into the future than the revelations He had made enabled them to see. Their work was to proclaim the gospel message. {AA 30.1}**

3. When will the kingdom be established?

Daniel 2: 44

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.

In the days of these (ten toe) kings, our time (**1T 361**). Not before, not after but *during our present world*. **Note** that the stone (144,000), mentioned in verses 34, 35 and 45 is called the kingdom in verse 44. Thus *the kingdom is established before the finishing of*

the gospel (destruction of the image) and the Second Advent since it came into existence before it smote the image.

Jeremiah 23: 5-8, 20

23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that **I will** raise unto David a righteous Branch, and **a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.**

23:6 **In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely:** and this [is] his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

23:7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, **that they shall no more say,** The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel **out of the land of Egypt;**

23:8 **But, The LORD liveth,** which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel **out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them;** and they shall dwell in their own land.

23:20 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: **in the latter days** ye shall consider it perfectly.

This promise is unconditional and refers to all 12 tribes (Israel and Judah) *in the latter days*. Notice too, that the exodus from Egypt will be insignificant in comparison to this latter days exodus from all countries to their own land. (Palestine).

Jeremiah 30: 3, 24

30:3 For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that **I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah,** saith the LORD: and I will cause them to **return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.**

30:24 The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done [it], and until he have performed the intents of his heart: **in the latter days** ye shall consider it.

This promise also is unconditional and it too includes the return of Israel and Judah (all 12 tribes) to the land of their fathers (Palestine) *in the latter days*.

Hosea 3: 4, 5

3:4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and [without] teraphim:

3:5 **Afterward shall the children of Israel return,** and seek the LORD their God, **and David their king;** and shall fear the LORD and his goodness **in the latter days.**

After many days of obscure wandering, without their own government (king or prince), and without the temple and its services (sacrifice, ephod, teraphim, etc.), all the 12 tribes (children of Israel) will return to Palestine and establish a kingdom *in the latter days*.

For further references read **Mic. 3: 12; 4: 1, 2; Isa. 2: 2, 3** – in the last days; **Matt. 17: 11; Mal. 3: 1; 4: 5, 6** – ‘at the time of restoration’; **Luke 21: 24** – after ‘the times of the Gentiles’ is fulfilled; **Zech. 14: 1, 2, 11, 16, 17; Zeph. 2: 4-7, 9** – after a war at Jerusalem; **Ps. 102: 13, 16** – before the Lord appears in His glory.

4. Where will the Kingdom be located?

Ezekiel 36: 17- 37

36:17 Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman.

36:18 Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols [wherewith] they had polluted it:

36:19 And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.

36:20 And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These [are] the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land.

36:21 **But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went.**

36:22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **I do not [this] for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.**

36:23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I [am] the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

36:24 **For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.**

36:25 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.

36:26 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.

36:27 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].

36:28 **And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers;** and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

36:29 **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.

36:30 And **I will** multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

36:31 Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that [were] not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

36:32 **Not for your sakes do I [this],** saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.

36:33 Thus saith the Lord 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.

36:34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

36:35 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.

36:36 Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined [places, and] plant that that was desolate: **I the LORD have spoken [it], and I will do [it].**

36:37 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet [for] this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do [it] for them; **I will increase them with men like a flock.**

In the land that 'I gave to your fathers' (verse 28).

God explains the reason for driving the house of Israel from the land He gave to their fathers and scattering them among the heathen. He declares that because of pity for His holy name which they profaned among the heathen where they went, He will take them from among the heathen and gather them out of all countries and bring them into their own land. He will then remove their sin cursed hearts and give them hearts that will naturally delight to do His will.

Zechariah 2: 10-12; 8: 2-8, 20-23

2:10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

2:11 And **many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day**, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

2:12 And the LORD shall **inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.**

8:2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

8:3 Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

8:4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; **There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem**, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

8:5 **And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.**

8:6 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; **If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts.**

8:7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;

8:8 And I will bring them, and **they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem**: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

8:20 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; [It shall] yet [come to pass], that there shall come **people, and the inhabitants of many cities:**

8:21 And the inhabitants of one [city] shall go to another, saying, **Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD**, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also.

8:22 Yea, **many people and strong nations** shall come to seek the LORD of hosts **in Jerusalem**, and to pray before the LORD.

In Jerusalem.

In verses 4 and 5 of Zechariah 8, old men and women, boys and girls will be in the kingdom. This will not be in the New Earth. See

Luke 20: 34-36

20:34 And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage:

20:35 **But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:**

20:36 Neither can they die any more: **for they are equal unto the angels;** and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

1SM 172, 173.

There are men today who express their belief that there will be marriages and births in the new earth; but those who believe the Scriptures cannot accept such doctrines. The doctrine that children will be born in the new earth is not a part of the "sure word of prophecy" (2 Peter 1:19). The words of Christ are too plain to be misunderstood. They should forever settle the question of marriages and births in the new earth. **Neither those who shall be raised from the dead, nor those who shall be translated without seeing death, will marry or be given in marriage. They will be as the angels of God, members of the royal family.** {1SM 172.3}

For further references read **Zech. 2:12** – “in the holy land.” **Jer. 30:2, 3, 10, 18** – “the land that I gave to *their* fathers.” **Eze. 37:22, 25** – “wherein your fathers have dwell.” **Zech. 8:20, 22** – “in Jerusalem.” **Micah 4:1, 2, 7, 8** – “in Zion and Jerusalem.” **Zech. 12:2, 6; 14:11** – “even in Jerusalem.” **Eze. 34:13** – “upon the mountains of Israel.” **Eze. 20:40-44** – “into the land of Israel.”

5. *How will the land be acquires for the Kingdom?*

Zephaniah 2: 1-7

2:1 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, **O nation not desired;**

2:2 **Before the decree bring forth,** [before] the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD'S anger come upon you.

2:3 Seek ye the LORD, **all ye meek of the earth,** which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: **it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.**

2:4 For **Gaza** shall be forsaken, and **Ashkelon** a desolation: they shall drive out **Ashdod** at the noon day, and **Ekron** shall be rooted up.

2:5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD [is] against you; **O Canaan,** the land of the Philistines, **I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.**

2:6 And the sea coast shall be dwellings [and] cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks.

2:7 **And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah;** they shall feed thereupon: **in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down** in the evening: for the LORD their God shall visit them, and turn away their captivity.

The fierce anger of the Lord will fall upon the current occupants

Zechariah 14: 1-3, 11-13

14:1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

14:2 For **I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle;** and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

14:3 **Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.**

14:11 And [men] shall dwell in it, and **there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.**

14:12 And **this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem;** Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

14:13 And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] **a great tumult from the LORD** shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

A world war, plagues and tumult will end Gentile occupation and allow God's people safely to occupy it.

Zechariah 1: 18-21

1:18 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold **four horns.**

1:19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What [be] these? And he answered me, **These [are] the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.**

1:20 And the LORD showed me **four carpenters.**

1:21 Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These [are] the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but **these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up [their] horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.**

Luke 21: 24

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Gentile nations will drive out the current Gentile occupants and then build up the land for God's people.

Isaiah 14: 29-32

14:29 Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit [shall be] a fiery flying serpent.

14:30 And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.

14:31 **Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, [art] dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke,** and none [shall be] alone in his appointed times.

14:32 What shall [one] then answer the messengers of the nation? That **the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.**

Aerial attack from the north will defeat and drive out its current occupants

6. What conditions will be obtained in the Kingdom?

Isaiah 11: 6-11

11:6 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.

11:7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

11:8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

11:9 **They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain:** for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; **to it shall the Gentiles seek:** and his rest shall be glorious.

11:11 And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the Lord 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.

Peaceful conditions.

This scripture does not refer to heaven during the millennium or the New Earth because there will be no gentiles to seek the kingdom in heaven or on the New Earth; no such gathering described in verses 11 and 12 will take place in Heaven or in the New Earth; there will be no births in the New Earth, hence there will be no children. See **Luke 20: 34-36; 1SM 172, 173**

Ezekiel 37: 26-28

37:26 Moreover **I will make a covenant of peace with them;** it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, **and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them** for evermore.

37:27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

37:28 **And the heathen shall know** that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

Peaceful conditions

Isaiah 33: 24; 35: 5, 6

33:24 **And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick:** the people that dwell therein [shall be] forgiven [their] iniquity.

35:5 Then **the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.**

35:6 Then shall **the lame [man] leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing:** for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

Healing and health

Jeremiah 31: 10-14

31:10 Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare [it] in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd [doth] his flock.

31:11 For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of [him that was] stronger than he.

31:12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

31:13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

31:14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

Joy and gladness

7. *What type of Government will the Kingdom have?*

Jeremiah 30: 9

But they shall serve **the LORD their God, and David their king**, whom I will raise up unto them.

Ezekiel 34: 24; 37: 22, 24, 25

34:24 **And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them;** I the LORD have spoken [it].

37:22 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:

37:24 **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.

37:25 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**.

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3:4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and [without] teraphim:

3:5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, **and seek the LORD their God, and David their king**; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

A theocratic government with antitypical David being the visible king and Christ the invisible king of kings.

8. God's eternal purpose for Israel

Psalm 89: 28-37

89:28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and **my covenant shall stand fast with him**.

89:29 His seed also will I make [to endure] for ever, and **his throne as the days of heaven**.

89:30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

89:31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

89:32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

89:33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

89:34 **My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips**.

89:35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.

89:36 His seed shall endure for ever, and **his throne as the sun before me**.

89:37 **It shall be established for ever as the moon, and [as] a faithful witness in heaven**.
Selah.

To keep His covenant with the seed of Israel

Psalm 105: 6-11

105:8 **He hath remembered his covenant for ever**, the word [which] he commanded to a thousand generations.

105:9 Which [covenant] he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac;

105:10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, [and] to Israel [for] an everlasting covenant:

105:11 Saying, **Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance**:

To give Israel the Land of Canaan

PK 19 “The children of Israel were to occupy all the territory which God appointed them. Those nations that rejected the worship and service of the true God were to be dispossessed. But it was God's purpose that by the revelation of His character through Israel men should be drawn unto Him. To all the world the gospel invitation was to be given. Through the teaching of the sacrificial service, Christ was to be uplifted before the nations, and all who would look unto Him should live. All who, like Rahab the Canaanite and Ruth the Moabitess, turned from idolatry to the worship of the true God were to unite themselves with His chosen people. *As the numbers of Israel increased, they were to enlarge their borders until their kingdom should embrace the world.* {PK 19.1}

PK 22 “Of special value to God's church on earth today--the keepers of His vineyard--are the messages of counsel and admonition given through the prophets who have made plain His eternal purpose in behalf of mankind. In the teachings of the prophets, His love for the lost race and His plan for their salvation are clearly revealed. The story of Israel's call, of their successes and failures, of their restoration to divine favor, of their rejection of the Master of the vineyard, and *of the carrying out of the plan of the ages by a goodly remnant to whom are to be fulfilled all the covenant promises*--this has been the theme of God's messengers to His church throughout the centuries that have passed. And today God's message to His church--to those who are occupying His vineyard as faithful husbandmen--is none other than that spoken through the prophet of old:..” {PK 22.1}

PK 713, 714 “That which God purposed to do for the world through Israel, the chosen nation, He will finally accomplish through His church on earth today. He has "let out His vineyard unto other husbandmen," even to His covenant-keeping people, who faithfully "render Him the fruits in their seasons." Never has the Lord been without true representatives on this earth who have made His interests their own. These witnesses for God are numbered among the spiritual Israel, *and to them will be fulfilled all the covenant promises made by Jehovah to His ancient people.* {PK 713.1}

Luke 12: 32

Fear not, little flock; for *it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

COL 69.1 “When *the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people,* then He will come to claim them as His own.”

Thus the Kingdom, being made up of those who embrace the righteousness of Christ, will be a witness to the heathen in fulfillment of the grandest object for which it is being established here on earth prior to the coming of our Lord.

9. Optional:

What other prophecies predict the Kingdom?

Micah 4: 8; Joel 2: 32; 3:17; Amos 9: 11, 14; Isa. 14: 1, 2; Zech. 12: 2, 3, 5; Zech. 13: 1

Will the Kingdom be made up of both saints and sinners?

Eze. 20:38 - rebels 'shall not enter into the land of Israel'
Joel 3:16, 17 - 'there shall no strangers pass through her anymore'
Isa. 60:21 - 'thy people shall be all righteous'
Isa. 62:4, 12 - the land shall be married, and the people holy'
Isa. 66:20 - 'an offering in a clean vessel'
Zech. 14:20, 21 - 'holiness unto the Lord'
Isa. 52:1; Nah. 1:15 - 'the wicked shall no more pass through thee'
Isa. 1:25-27 - 'thou shalt be called, the city of righteousness'

Are the prophecies of the Kingdom conditional?

Eze. 36:22-24, 28,32,36,37 - 'not for your sakes'
Eze. 20:40-44 - 'not according to your wicked ways'
Jer. 31:5-10, 27, 35-37 - 'if heaven above can be measured'
Jer. 33:20-25 - 'if there be not a day and night'
Psa.105:8-11 - 'will I'; **Eze. 20:37** - 'I will'
Mic. 7:20 - 'He will perform the Truth'
Jer. 30:2, 3, 18, 23, 24 - 'they shall possess it';
Dan. 2:44, 45 - 'the dream is certain, the interpretation sure.'
Eze. 36:36 - 'I will do it'
Num. 23:19 - God will bring to pass what He has spoken

Summary: The kingdom of God has a very small beginning but it will grow and extend its borders just as God had intended for ancient Israel. All God's covenant promises to ancient Israel will be fulfilled in the Israel of today. This kingdom will be governed by totally different principles (**John 18:36; Luke 17:20**).