THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM

In this study you will see the continuity of the Old and New Testaments.

Questions: What is the Kingdom of God?

When did it come?

OLD TESTAMENT PREDICTIONS OF THE KINGDOM

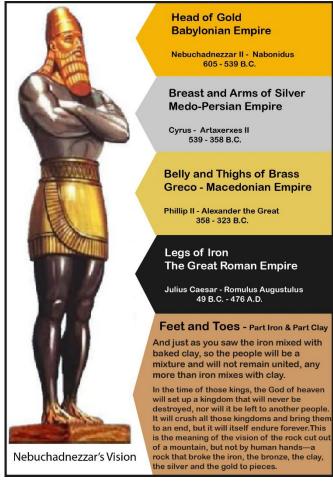
(The height of Israel's glory was under the kingship of David approximately 1000 B.C.)

Timeline:

- 1. **Isaiah 2:1-4** (750 B.C.)
 - A. Last days
 - B. Mountains (Symbolizes kingdoms):
 - a. Mountain of the Lord,
 - b. chief of the mountains
 - C. All Nations
 - D. Jerusalem
- 2. **Daniel 2:31-45** (550 B.C.)
 - A. Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream
 - B. Empires
 - i. *Gold*—Babylonian:
 - ii. *Silver*—Medo-Persian:
 - iii. **Bronze**—Alexander the Great:
 - iv. *Iron* (iron and clay)—Roman:
 - C. Rock—cut out not by human hands (God)
 - D. Rock becomes huge mountain
 - a. filled the whole earth
 - E. Kingdom that will never be destroyed (v. 44)

New Testament Predictions of the Kingdom

- 1. John the Baptist (25 A.D.)
 - A. Kingdom is near (Matthew 3:1-6)
- 2. Jesus preached
 - A. Kingdom is near (Matthew 4:17)
 - B. Jesus started preaching (26 A.D.)



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3. Kingdom will come in the lifetime of some of the disciples
       (Mark 9:1)
4. After Jesus was raised, the Kingdom had still not come
       (Acts 1:6-8)
5. Kingdom will come with power (Mark 9:1)
6. Kingdom entered by new birth (John 3:1-7)
       A. Can't see the kingdom
       B. Can't enter the kingdom
7. Kingdom is within you—or among you. (Luke 17:20-21)
8. Peter has the keys. (Matthew 16:13-19)
       a. Church and the Kingdom are the same
       b. and will be built on the truth
       c. That Jesus is the Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:11)
9. Repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached
       a. first in Jerusalem
       b. to all nations. (Luke 24:44-49)
Fulfillment of the Old and New Testament Predictions—Acts 1-2 (33 A.D.)
1. Last days—
       Isaiah 2:2
       a. (Acts 2:17)
2. All nations—Isaiah 2:2
       a. (Acts 2:5)
3. Jerusalem—Isaiah 2:3
       a. (Luke 24:47, Acts 2:5)
4. Eternal kingdom—Daniel 2:31-45
       a. (Luke 24:44-49, Acts 2:37-42)
5. Date of coming approximately
       a. 1. Old Testament prophecy
       b. 2. John the Baptist—"is near" (Matthew 3:1-2)
       c. 3. Jesus— "is near" (Matthew 4:17)
       d. 33 A.D. (Acts 1-2)
6. Lifetime—Mark 9:1
       a. (Acts 2:14)
       b. 2. "Some" – Judas died (Acts 1:18-19)
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- 7. Power—**Mark 9:1**
 - a. (Acts 1:8, Acts 2:1-4)
- 8. New birth—Water and Spirit (John 3:1-7)
 - a. (Acts 2:38)
- 9. Kingdom within—Luke 17:20-21
 - a. (Acts 2:37)
- 10. Peter with the keys—Matthew 16:19
 - a. (Acts 2:14, 38)
- 11. Repentance and forgiveness of sin—Luke 24:44-49
 - a. (Acts 2:38)

CONCLUSION

- 1. The church is the kingdom of God
 - a. on earth established
 - b. in approximately 33 A.D.
- 2. Acts 2:42—As citizens of the kingdom and members of the body (the church),
- 3. We must be devoted to:
 - a. Doctrine
 - b. Fellowship
 - c. Breaking Bread
 - d. Prayer
- 4. **Matthew 6:33**—We must seek His kingdom first.
 - a. Ask them to commit themselves to at least a Sunday church service.
 - b. Soul Talk
 - c. Any other future church activity that may arise