

Life in the Kingdom of God

Session II:

God's Plan for Redeeming Life out of Death & Establishing a New Kingdom

(A Look to the Future)

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I. A Review of the Story

- A. The fall brought...
 - 1. Death
 - 2. A Curse
 - 3. A multitude of wicked nations
- B. God made His own nation and gave them a choice of life over death (Deut 30:15-20).
 - 1. They consistently chose death (Judges 17:6).
 - 2. They wanted another king than God (1 Sam 8).
- C. They were repeatedly conquered and finally exiled.
- D. His people began to hope and long for redemption and an everlasting kingdom, and this is what God promised.
 - 1. 2 Sa 7:12-13, 16 (Promise of an Everlasting Kingdom)
 - 2. Ps 103:4 (Redemption from the Pit)
 - 3. Is 9:2-7 (Promise of a King)
 - 4. Dan 12:1-3 (First Promise of Resurrection to Life)
 - 5. Zech 14:8-11 (Brief Description of the Kingdom)
 - 6. Lk 1:26-33 (Annunciation)
 - 7. Mt 3:2 (Forerunning)
- E. When the King arrived, the Jews misunderstood and wanted to make Him king by force.

II. Jesus' Teachings on the Resurrection and His Kingdom

- 1. Kingdom of God Parables¹
 - i. Wheat and Tares: Mt 13:24-30; 36-43²
 - ii. The Wedding Feast: Mt 22:1-14
 - iii. The Ten Maidens: Mt 25:1-13
 - iv. Sheep and Goats: Mt 25:31-46
 - v. A Couple More To Read on Your Own:
 - a. The Net: Mt 13:47-50
 - b. The Talents: Mt 25:14-30
- 2. Two Resurrections: Jn 5:24-29
- 3. "I AM" Passages
 - i. Jn 11:24-26
 - ii. Jn 14:6

III. Paul's Teachings on the Resurrection and God's Kingdom³ — 1 Co 15:20-26, 35-57

IV. John's Vision of the Resurrection and God's Kingdom

- A. Rev 11:15-18
- B. Rev 20:11 – 21:8
- C. Rev 22:1-5, 14-15

¹ Note that in these passages, the Second Coming, Resurrection, and Kingdom of God are all equated.

² Note the reference to Daniel 12.

³The Church in Acts and beyond taught about the Good News of the Kingdom of God, which for Paul also included the Resurrection (2 Tim 4:18).