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The Kingdom People: How the church/people of God become the people of the future kingdom now.



Ezekiel 37:21-28 - Future promises described. This is a great section, highlighting the Kingdom elements we have seen (David, Abraham [Jacob], Relationship). Greatest part: “I will be their God, and they will be my people”

Ezekiel 37:21-28 (NASB)

21 Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;

22 and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations and no longer be divided into two kingdoms.

23 They will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And they will be My people, and I will be their God.

24 “My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them.

25 They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant will be their prince forever.

26 I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them.

And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever.

27 My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people. 28 And the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever.”””

The kingdom of God is a
primarily a future event.
However, a big piece of the
Kingdom has already happened
as the king of the
Kingdom has been identified
and has come!

In addition, the spirit/power of the Kingdom has come. We wait for the rest to be completed, but we are currently in a unique time in history.



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King Jesus has been raised from the dead. King Jesus has been exalted to the right hand of God King Jesus has been given all authority. King Jesus has sent the spirit.

Though the king is not here physically present, he is here spiritually present. And as a result, the future promises of the age to come are “splashing” over into this age.



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The Church ≠ The Kingdom Of God

- In light of that, it's helpful to understand that the Scriptures do not equate "the church" with the Kingdom of God.



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We will see some present realities of the Kingdom of God that effect the church, but the church did not replace the Kingdom hope and plan after Jesus came.



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- It seems that there is some confusion about this today because of a lack of understanding of the Old Testament promises of the kingdom.

As a result, some have redefined “the kingdom of God” when we arrive at the New Testament loosely to encompass “wherever God rules”, thus making the church of God a good candidate for “the kingdom of God”. But from our study of the Old (and New) Testament promises, we understand that the Kingdom is much bigger than that.

- We don't build God's kingdom for him. We submit to his authority and invite others to be a part of it through the gospel. It is not a Christian's job to take over the nations (especially forcefully) but to "build God's kingdom."

- But, the church is filled with the people/citizens of the kingdom of God. We live by the ways of the king. As a result, our interactions, our mannerisms, our standards, priorities and all the rest are influenced by the fact that we wait for this Kingdom promise to come.



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**Future Kingdom Things God
Has Done In Part Now:**





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Restoration In Relationship With Him:

Future Promise:

Isaiah 65:24 (NASB)

24 It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.

Present Reality: Ephesians 2:12-19 (NASB)

12 remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

13 But now in Christ Jesus you
who formerly were far off have
been brought near by the blood
of Christ.

14 For He Himself is our peace,
who made both groups into one
and broke down the barrier of
the dividing wall,

15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,

16 and might reconcile them
both in one body to God
through the cross, by it having
put to death the enmity. 17 And
He came and preached peace
to you who were far away, and
peace to those who were near;

18 for through Him we both
have our access in one Spirit to
the Father. 19 So then you are
no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are fellow citizens with
the saints, and are of God's
household,



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Newness:

Future Promise:

Isaiah 65:17(NASB)

17 “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.

Present Reality: **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)**

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.