

Understanding the WORDS of JESUS

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3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.
4 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.
5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.
6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.
7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.
8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever, Selah.
9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame: and goest not forth with our armies.
10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.
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1 My heart is inditing a good matter: I open my tongue, as the pen of a ready writer.
2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: thy mouth is full of grace, therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.
3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.
4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously: by right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
5 Thine arrows are sharp in the hand of thy right arm: whereby the people fall under the sceptre of thy kingdom. O God, is for ever.
6 Thy throne, O God, is established of old: thou lovest righteousness, and hatest unrighteousness: therefore shalt thou anoint with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
7 All thy garments are of ivory, and the ivory palaces, whereby thou shalt be glorified.
8 Kings' daughters were among thy women: upon thy right hand did stand gold of Ophir.
9 Hearken, O daughter, and incline thine ear: and thy mouth shall be open, and thou shalt say, My king is the most beautiful among men.

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The terms kingdom, kingdom of Heaven and kingdom of Yahweh are found scores of times throughout the New Testament. Yet, it is absolutely astonishing how nearly everyone has lost the knowledge and true meaning of what this kingdom is!

Paul spoke always, as did Yahshua,
of “Elohim’s Gospel” (Rom. 1:1;
Rom. 15:16-29; 2 Cor. 11:4-7;
1Thess. 2:1-13).

Luke 4:43

And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of Yahweh to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.

Romans 1:1

Paul, a servant of Yahshua Messiah,
called to be an apostle, separated
unto the good news of Elohim,

Romans 15:16-29

16 That I should be the minister of
Yahshua Messiah to the Gentiles,
ministering the good news of Elohim,
that the offering up of the Gentiles
might be acceptable, being sanctified
by the Holy Spirit.

17 I have therefore whereof I may
glory through Yahshua Messiah in
those things which pertain to Elohim.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any
of those things which Messiah hath
not wrought by me, to make the
Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,
19 Through mighty signs and wonders,
by the power of the Spirit of Elohim;
so that from Jerusalem, and round
about unto Illyricum, I have fully
preached the good news of Messiah.

20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the good news, not where Messiah was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:

21 But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.

22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.

23 But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you;

24 Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company.

25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.

26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.

27 It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

28 When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain.

29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the good news of Messiah.

2 corinthians 11:4-7

4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Yahshua, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another **good news**, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

5 For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles.

**6 But though I be rude in speech,
yet not in knowledge; but we have
been thoroughly made manifest
among you in all things.**

**7 Have I committed an offence in
abasing myself that ye might be
exalted, because I have preached to
you the good news of Elohim freely?**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

1 For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:

2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know at Philippi, we were bold in our Elohim to speak unto you the good news of Elohim with much contention.

3 For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

4 But as we were allowed of Elohim to be put in trust with the good news, even so we speak not as pleasing men, but Elohim, which trieth our hearts.

**5 For neither at any time used we
flattering words, as ye know, nor a
cloak of covetousness; Elohim is
witness:**

**6 Nor of men sought we glory,
neither of you, nor yet of others,
when we might have been
burdensome, as the apostles of
Messiah.**

**7 But we were gentle among you,
even as a nurse cherisheth her
children:**

**8 So being affectionately desirous of
you, we were willing to have
imparted unto you, not the good
news of Elohim only, but also our
own souls, because ye were dear
unto us.**

9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the good news of Elohim.

10 Ye are witnesses, and Elohim also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,

12 That ye would walk worthy of Elohim, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

**13 For this cause also thank we
Elohim without ceasing, because,
when ye received the word of
Elohim which ye heard of us, ye
received it not as the word of men,
but as it is in truth, the word of
Elohim, which effectually worketh
also in you that believe.**

**All the Apostles preached the
same saving Gospel as Yahshua had
(1 Peter 4:15-19).**

1 Peter 4:15-19

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

16 Yet if any man suffer as a follower of Messiah, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify Elohim on this behalf.

17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of Elohim: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not **the good news of Elohim?**

18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the unrighteous and the sinner appear?

19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of Elohim commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

Open a Bible to Mark 1:14-15. Here the career of Yahshua is launched with his preaching of the Gospel about the Kingdom of Yahweh. He came into Galilee and summoned his compatriots to a complete change of mind and lifestyle — repentance — and to belief in the Good News, or Gospel about the KINGDOM OF Yahweh.

This is where all true faith and all true repentance must begin.

The command to “repent and believe in the Gospel about the Kingdom” is Yahshua’s’ first command and a summary of the faith which he presented.

Mark 1:14-15

14 Now after that John was put in prison, Yahshua came into Galilee, preaching the good news of the kingdom of Elohim,

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of Elohim is at hand: repent ye and believe the good news.

I think there can be no doubt where Yahshua found and nourished his doctrine of the Kingdom. He found it in the book of Daniel, and especially in Daniel 7.

There are many evidences that the book of Daniel was one of the favorite books of Yahshua, one of the books which he diligently and deeply studied during the years of peaceful obscurity in Nazareth before his stormy public ministry.

...wicked shall be destroyed
...their strength in the time of trouble.
And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them, because they trust in him.

He makes several references to Daniel, and when the book of Daniel is once understood, it throws quite a flood of light upon the numerous parables in which our Lord described the Kingdom...

He declared again and again that the Kingdom was the first object of his life to establish, and, he asserted, it ought to be the first object of our lives to promote. He summed up all our duties in the ever- memorable command to “seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Matt. 6:33).

...the salvation of the righteous is of
...their strength in the time of trouble.
...And the Lord shall help them, and del-
...be shall deliver them from the wi-
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Taking our cue from the book of Daniel, we may easily establish the fact that the Kingdom of Yahweh (or Kingdom of Heaven) is a real, external empire.

Not only this, it is to be an empire which will seize power suddenly and dramatically from the world's governments which precede it; and it will be administered by "the Son of Man" (Dan. 7:13-14) and "the saints" (Dan. 7:27).

Daniel 7:13-14

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And there was given him
dominion, and glory, and a kingdom,
that all people, nations, and
languages, should serve him: his
dominion *is* an everlasting
dominion, which shall not pass
away, and his kingdom *that* which
shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:27

And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

On no account, from the evidence of Daniel, could it be an invisible reign established only in the hearts of believers. Its political dimension as well as its location on earth is unmistakably clear. It is equally obvious that the Kingdom of Yahweh described by Daniel has not yet appeared.

Yahshua's Announcement of a Coming Crisis

In the light of this background information, Jesus' public proclamation of the nearness of the Kingdom of God must be understood as a warning about a great future crisis in history. The stupendous event foreseen not only by Daniel, but by the other Hebrew prophets, demanded an immediate repentance and reformation of lifestyle.

The point of the call for repentance, “for the Kingdom of Elohim is at hand” (Mark 1:14-15), was simply that a place in the Kingdom would be granted only to those found living in faithful obedience to Elohim.

Repent- met-an-o-eh'-o

to change one's mind, i.e. to repent

**to change one's mind for better,
heartily to amend with abhorrence
of one's past sins**

The threatening element in the proclamation of the Gospel can be seen from John the Baptist's appeal for a "U-turn" in conduct, private and national, because the Kingdom of Elohim was "at hand" (Matt. 3:2).

Matthew 3:1-2

1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

"Repentance (metanoia, 'change of mind') involves a turning with contrition from sin to Elohim; the repentant sinner is in the proper condition to accept the divine forgiveness."

Underlying the call for repentance was the well-known concept of the “Day of the Lord” predicted by the Old Testament prophets. This day of terrible divine wrath is equated in the New Testament with the Second Coming of Yahshua to establish the promised Kingdom.

In order to enter the Kingdom of God, Christians must be summoned from death at the last trumpet and be changed, in the twinkling of an eye, into immortal persons (1 Corinthians 15:51-52). These verses confirm, once again, the fact that the Kingdom of God comes into power at the Second Coming.

1 corinthians 15:51-52

**51 Behold, I shew you a mystery;
We shall not all sleep, but we shall
all be changed,**

**52 In a moment, in the twinkling of
an eye, at the last trump: for the
trumpet shall sound, and the dead
shall be raised incorruptible, and we
shall be changed.**

The Kingdom of Yahweh is evidently an empire, exercising sway over all nations. It will come to power on the earth ("under the whole heaven") and its establishment will be by a catastrophe, an international upheaval resulting in a complete political reorganization. The administration of the Kingdom will be in the hands of "the Son of Man" and "the saints."

Yahshua thus urges us to believe what he taught as the saving Gospel. Our response to Yahshua's Gospel is the criterion of judgment. We are going to be judged by his words (John 5:24; 12:44-50; Mark 8:35-38).

...the end of the wicked shall be destroyed.
...but the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord.
...And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them,
...because they trust in him.

John 5:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 12:44-50

44 Yahshua cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

Mark 8:35-38

35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the evangel's, the same shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

The Gospel of the Kingdom is the gracious Message of Elohim telling us what He expects of us. We are to obey that Gospel (2 Thess. 1:6-9; 1 Pet. 4:17).

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9

6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with Elohim to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Master Yahshua shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

**8 In flaming fire taking vengeance
on them that know not Yahweh, and
that obey not the good news of our
Master Yahshua Messiah:**

**9 Who shall be punished with
everlasting destruction from the
presence of the Master, and from
the glory of his power;**

1 Peter 4:17

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of Elohim: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the good news of Elohim?

John 3:36

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of Elohim abideth on him.

Yahshua was particularly indignant at those who claimed to follow him but disregarded his teachings. “Why do you call me Lord, and yet you will not do what I say?” (Luke 6:46).

THE GOSPEL HOPE

Understanding the WORDS of JESUS

John 6:63b

The loss of the Kingdom of Elohim from the Christian Gospel stems from the loss of the biblical view about the future which formed so vital a part of original Christianity.

...and behold
...the wicked shall be destroyed
...the salvation of the righteous is of
...their strength in the time of trouble.
...And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them,
...because they trust in him.

For centuries churchgoers have been persuaded that the ultimate goal of their commitment to Christ is to “go to heaven” when they die. This notion is fundamentally unbiblical.

It undermines the need for the coming of the Kingdom of Elohim on earth at the return of YAHSHUA. In the New Testament, hope (the second of the trio of Christian virtues, faith, hope and love) is directed towards the glorious Messianic future.

“Hope may be defined as desire of future good, accompanied by faith in its realization...Faith has regard equally to past, present and future, while no doubt in Scripture referring mainly to the future. Hope is directed only to the future.”

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...and the Lord shall help them, and deliver them, because they trust in him.*

A clear hope was instilled into the mind of the believer when they heard the Gospel message about the Kingdom:(Col. 1:4-7).

Colossians 1:4-7

4 Since we heard of your faith in
Messiah Yahshua, and of the love
which ye have to all the saints,
5 For the hope which is laid up for
you in heaven, whereof ye heard
before in the word of the truth of
the good news;

6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of Elohim in truth:

7 As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Messiah;

Ephesians 1:13-18

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the good news of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

**15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of
your faith in the Master Yahshua,
and love unto all the saints,**

**16 Cease not to give thanks for you,
making mention of you in my
prayers;**

**17 That the El of our Master Yahshua
Messiah, the Father of glory, may give
unto you the spirit of wisdom and
revelation in the knowledge of him:**

**18 The eyes of your understanding
being enlightened; that ye may know
what is the hope of his calling, and
what the riches of the glory of his
inheritance in the saints,**

It is critically important for believers to know that they are invited to rule with Messiah on earth in the coming New Order.

In these verses it becomes clear that the future hope was part of Paul's Gospel. Apostolic evangelism went beyond the promise of the forgiveness of sins and faith in Yahshua' death and resurrection. It put before the convert the promise of inheriting the Kingdom of Elohim at the return of Messiah.

A Gospel message, therefore, which is not pledged to the future fact of Elohim coming intervention to overthrow all human government and grant the Kingdom to the Church, is not the Gospel of the New Testament.

The hope which the Colossians learned when they heard the Gospel is of such significance that Paul speaks of their love and faith which “spring from the hope” .

It is “because of the hope”
prepared for them in heaven
that believers are to develop
faith and love in the spirit. We
should note that their hope of
inheriting the Kingdom of
Elohim is “laid up in heaven.”

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1 Peter 1:3-5

**Blessed be the Elohim and Father of
our Master Yahshua Messiah, which
according to his abundant mercy
hath begotten us again unto a lively
hope by the resurrection of Yahshua
Messiah from the dead,**

**4 To an inheritance incorruptible,
and undefiled, and that fadeth not
away, reserved in heaven for you,**

**5 Who are kept by the power of
Elohim through faith unto salvation
ready to be revealed in the last
time.**

It remains, therefore, a fact that Christian hope is directed, not towards “going to heaven” at death, but “inheriting the earth” (Matt. 5:5), and ruling in it (Rev. 5:10) when Messiah returns. The Kingdom is prepared in heaven. But it will appear on the earth when Yahshua returns.

...shall be destroyed
...their strength in the time of trouble.
...And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them, because they trust in him.

Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Revelations 5:10

**And hast made us unto our Elohim
kings and priests: and we shall reign
on the earth.**