

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GLORY

INTRODUCTION: Most SDA's are aware of the establishment of the kingdom of glory but believe it begins with Christ 2nd advent and continues to the New Earth. Although God's kingdom of glory includes the millennium and the New Earth, the Scriptures clearly reveal that it will begin partially before the 2nd advent. The object of this study is to establish this and show how, why, and where this kingdom will be established.

THE OLD TESTAMENT CHURCH EXPECTED THE KINGDOM OF GLORY

1. **Isa. 9:6, 7** The Jews expected the Messiah to establish the kingdom of glory in their day. With the promise of the birth of the Messiah (Christ) also came the promise of the establishment of His kingdom.

THE APOSTLES EXPECTED THE KINGDOM IN THEIR DAY

1. **Acts 1:6, 7** The 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. The Jews and the Apostles had studied this promise and were expecting Christ to set up His kingdom at that time.

THE KINGDOM TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE LATTER DAYS

1. **Daniel 2: 44** Here we see that the Kingdom is to be established in the days of the ten toe kings (Our present world **1T 361**). We must therefore be looking for the establishment of the kingdom not before our present world, not after our present world, but **in--during our present world**.
2. We also note that the stone is the same as the kingdom because they both smite the image. The stone is the 144,000
3. The stone was a kingdom before it smote the image (**verse 44**) "and it (the kingdom) shall destroy all these kingdoms..." This proves that the kingdom is established before the finishing of the gospel.

GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE FOR ISRAEL TO BE FULFILLED WITH THE SDA CHURCH.

1. **PK 19** The people of God were to extend the borders of their kingdom to embrace the whole world. God intended that the earth was to be filled with righteousness from border to border.
2. **PK 713, 714** Even though ancient Israel did not fulfill this commission, God's word cannot return to Him void. Thus we see that what ancient Israel failed to do, it will be accomplished through the Israel of today. **PK 22, 299**
3. **Ps. 105:8-11** This verse describes what the covenant is and definitely reveals that God will remember it forever. The covenant says, "unto thee will I give the land of Canaan." The kingdom established in Palestine.

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1. **Jer. 30:3, 4** This promise of restoration is **unconditional**, and that it includes the

- return of **Israel** and **Judah** (all 12 tribes) to the land of their fathers (Canaan/Palestine). This will be fulfilled in the latter days.
2. When Jeremiah was writing, only two tribes existed as a nation. The ten tribes had been scattered many years before in 721 B.C.
 3. **Jer. 23:5-8** This promise also is **unconditional** and refers to all 12 tribes in the Latter days.
 4. **Hosea 3:4, 5** Here we see that after many days of obscure wondering, without their own government (king or prince), and without the temple and its services (sacrifice, ephod, teraphim), all the tribes (children of Israel) will return (to the land of their fathers) and establish a kingdom.

WHAT WILL THE PRE-MILLENNIAL KINGDOM BE LIKE?

1. **Isa. 11:1-12** This passage could not be referring to Heaven during the millennium or to the New Earth because:
 - a. There will be no Gentiles to seek the kingdom
 - b. No such gathering described in verses 11, 12 will take place in Heaven or the New Earth.
 - c. There will be no births in the New Earth. Hence, there will be no children.
ISM 172, 173; Luke 20:27-36
2. Therefore Isaiah here must be speaking of a time when there will be Gentiles seeking to join God's kingdom, and a great gathering from various nations, and when sucking, weaned, and little children exist.

THE KINGDOM AND THE NEW HEART EXPERIENCE

1. **Ezekiel 36:16-37** Here we see that God is to cleanse His people from their sins. Hence only those who have embraced the righteousness of Christ will inherit the land. The kingdom is to be a witness to the heathen. This is the grandest object of the kingdom being established here on earth prior to the coming of our Lord.

FURTHER TEXTS OF PROOF:

1. **Zech. 8:1-8** There will be no old men and women, or little children in the New Jerusalem.
2. **Ezekiel 37:15-28** Israel and Judah have not as yet been a kingdom together
3. **Ezekiel 48:1-16** This passage describes a new and unfulfilled set-up of Palestine.

SUMMARY: We have seen that the Kingdom of God has a very small beginning. However, it is to grow and extend its borders, just as God has intended for ancient Israel. We have also found that internal conditions are to be different from those of any previous earthly kingdom, because it is based upon the reign of Christ's righteousness in the hearts of His people. It is to be a kingdom of believers.