



Past fulfilled, future Secured. ([if you missed part one you can get it here](#))

In our first part of this study we have looked into some foundational scriptures proving that Jesus came to bring a spiritual reality rather than a physical one. It is a spiritual kingdom rather than a physical one & a spiritual people instead of a natural one.

Now I would like to start by making a statement, we can work through it via scripture as we go.

Statement: Revelation was progressive to the disciples after Jesus ascended.

I hope you saw in our previous study how many times the Jews didn't understand what Jesus said & represented time & again throughout the New Testament. Even His disciples missed what He said only to get the revelation of what He meant later on.

An example we miss:

Acts 1:6-8 ESV

*So when they had come together, they asked him, "**Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?**" He said to them, "**It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**"*

We assume since Jesus taught them on the kingdom, that they would know how the kingdom really works. We assume wrong.

Since we handled many scriptures on Jesus & Paul stating that God included the Gentiles in salvation, I want to remind you that Peter(Acts 10), only by a vision God gave him, realised he could go preach the gospel to Cornelius(a Gentile)!

What was it that made Peter not realise this before he saw the vision? I mean it was said many times by Jesus that He would include the nations.

Answer: The Jewish Culture/Laws

Acts 10:28 ESV

*And he said to them, "You yourselves know how **unlawful** it is for a **Jew to associate** with or to visit **anyone of another nation**, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.*

So what is my point? We have to follow their progressive revelation trail to understand what Christ revealed to them.

We know later in Galatians 3:28 Paul says “there is neither Jew or Gentile...but all are one in Christ” & this makes perfect sense with what Jesus said about including the Gentiles.

These concepts are important to understanding context in the bible. So let's start getting to the good stuff. The kingdom is a main part of the end time's topic. So what did Jesus say about it,

Luke 17:20-21 ESV

*Being asked by the Pharisees when the **kingdom of God would come**, he answered them, "**The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed**, nor will they say, '**Look, here it is!**' or '**There!**' for behold, **the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.**"*

The message Jesus gave to the disciples to preach was the message of the kingdom.

Matthew 10:7 ESV

And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

When last have you heard your pastor or someone preach and say? “The kingdom is here”

Most of the time the kingdom gets taken out of the present & put into the future or afterlife.

Is there a difference between the kingdom of God & the kingdom of heaven?

Matthew³:

² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”⁴

Mark 1:

15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Notes: As you can see it does get used in exactly the same way. Matthew specifically wrote to Jews whereas Mark wrote with the Gentiles in mind, this is why they use different terms here.

What the Kingdom is like.

The writer of Hebrews talks about those in the Old Testament who had faith in God. But we know when talking about OT people faith usually starts with Abraham.

Hebrews 11

*⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a **place** that he was to receive as an **inheritance**. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ **By faith** he went to live in the **land of promise**, as in a foreign land, living in tents with **Isaac and Jacob**, heirs with him of the same **promise**. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the **city** that has **foundations**, whose **designer and builder is God**.*

You would think that this would refer to some physical place, right? To many of the OT people it seemed that way.

Hebrews 11

¹³ These **all died in faith, not having received the things promised**, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and **exiles on the earth**. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are **seeking a homeland**. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that **land** from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a **better country**, that is, a **heavenly** one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has **prepared for them a city**.

The chapter concludes with this.

Hebrews 11

³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did **not receive what was promised**, ⁴⁰ since God had **provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect**.

So this heavenly city/country is provided for us & now they have the same.

Hebrews 12

1 Therefore, since **we are surrounded** by so **great a cloud of witnesses**, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

This topic continues to the next chapter as these “faith heroes” are described to be a cloud that surrounds us. This is a present reality. See these verses also from chapter 12

Hebrews 12

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be **touched**, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast **touches the mountain**, it shall be stoned.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²² **But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.**

How amazing is this? We have come to this heavenly City! Do you know you are in the heavenly city? Paul talks about this reality as well in Ephesians.

Ephesians 2

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ**—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ **and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,**

Go with me on a short rabbit trail from our topic.

We have to see how they missed what Jesus brought.

We have to break out of the trap of thinking like an old testament Israelite.

John 5:39-40 ESV

You search the **Scriptures** because you **think that in them you have eternal life**; and it is **they that bear witness about me**, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

Notes: It is in Christ that we find life. This may remind us of Paul saying “the letter kills but the Spirit gives life”.

He brought fulfilment

Matthew 5:

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to **fulfil them**.”

Notes: Do we know that fulfilment is better than something being abolished? If it gets destroyed or taken away, it could be brought back or rebuilt! But when something is fulfilled, it is complete. As the law speaks for itself, we won't go into details about that in this study. The Prophets speak of what they prophesied. So what they prophesied is fulfilled by & through Jesus.

So if something is fulfilled, there is no requirement for me to fulfil it.

So why this rabbit trail? Because if Jesus says the kingdom is at hand, it means what was promised (prophesied) in the Old Testament is fulfilled in Jesus.

Jesus Transfigured

Matthew 17

1. And after six days Jesus took with him **Peter and James, and John his brother**, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And **he was transfigured before them**, and his **face shone like the sun**, and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them **Moses and Elijah**, talking with him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will **make three tents here**, one for you and one for **Moses and one for Elijah**.” ⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him**.”

Notes: Peter wanted to honour Jesus, Moses (Law) & Elijah (Prophets) by building tents for them, yet God the Father interrupts Him & tells Him to listen to Jesus!

This is just to reaffirm Who we are to pay attention to & follow. Jesus! Not the law, not the prophets. Do the prophets or the law not matter anymore? No, they finally find fulfilment in Jesus! This means, when we read our Old Testament, we need to be looking for the fulfilment of Jesus there.

End of rabbit trail, back to topic

Jesus & Nicodemus

John 3:

³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again he cannot see the kingdom of God**.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot **enter the kingdom of God**.” ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is **born of the Spirit is spirit**. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind

blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. **So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.**"

Notes: This is a great example of someone who was very educated in the Old Testament scripture, yet could not understand the things of the spirit. Note here are two different parts dealing with the kingdom. Seeing & entering into the kingdom. So simply said: Born again is being born of the Spirit. When the scriptures say born "again", again in the Greek means again, from above, anew. I love that it means "above" as well since it speaks of a higher origin we are from.

Side note: Just reference John 3 here above with Col 3 here below

Col 3

1 If then you have been **raised with Christ**, seek the **things that are above**, where **Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.** **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. **3** **For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.**

So we know by Ephesians 2 that Paul said that we are seated in heavenly places with Christ. So it should not be too hard to set our minds on things above (since we are born there) & are seated with Christ there. These are all kingdom realities! Let's look at it practically.

Continuing with John 3

John 3 ESV

9 Nicodemus said to him, "**How can these things be?**" **10** Jesus answered him, "**Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?**" **11** Truly, truly, I say to you, **we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.** **12** **If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?** **13** **No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.** **14** **And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,** **15** **that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.**

Interesting how the NKJV says verse 13.

13 **No one has ascended to heaven** but He who came down from heaven, **that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.** - NKJV

Notes: Jesus makes it clear that He is the Man of heaven on the earth. The King James states it in a way to say "He who descended, is in heaven" yet while He stands in front of Nicodemus on the earth.

This confirms the concept we have seen of being from above, seated with Christ, being of the Spirit.

New and living way.

Hebrews 9

11 **But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation)** **12** he entered **once for all** into the holy places, **not by means of the blood of goats and calves** but by means of **his own blood**, thus securing an **eternal redemption.** **13** **For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh,** **14** **how much more will the blood of**

Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Also

²³ Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the **heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.** ²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, **but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.**

Notes: The Holy Place was the closest idea the Israelites had of humans encountering heaven. Their afterlife was called Sheol or paradise, but when they spoke about where God lives, they spoke of heaven. They didn't have the doctrines & stories we have put together today (not that our popular concepts are accurate either). As Paul states that the Holy Place & things in it were copies of the true, whereas the true was the heavenlies. This is why the Old Holy of Holies is an example of heaven to us. But now Jesus goes into heaven itself for us on our behalf.

Why would He do this?

Hebrews 10

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers¹ since **we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,** ²⁰ by the **new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,** ²¹ and since we have a **great priest over the house of God,**

Notes: He made a way for us to enter! He did this by becoming the Way. What is opened for us? The kingdom, also called the heavens or the Father. These are used interchangeably. Also Jesus is a Priest over us, the house of God.

Prepare a place

John 14

¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. **Believe in God; believe also in me.** ² **In my Father's house are many rooms.** If it were not so, would I have told you that **I go to prepare a place for you?** ³ **And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.** ⁴ **And you know the way to where I am going.**” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, **we do not know where you are going.** How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the **Father except through me.** ⁷ **If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.**”

Notes: This is a famous passage that constantly gets misused to refer to the future & afterlife. Even at funerals priests are known for saying “the last brick has been laid” indicating their recently deceased persons room/dwelling place/mansion in the Fathers house is now finished in heaven, so Jesus came to take him/her. This is how ridiculously creative we get when we try make everything literal future from symbolical language in the bible.

Much of the confusion started with the word “mansion” from the KJV bible’s translation of the rooms or dwelling place(Greek word is “monh”), because through songs & sermons the concept was cemented into people’s mind of a physical house instead of a reality Jesus spoke of.

First, Jesus says it is the Fathers house. The Fathers house is people. Not just certain or specific people only but rather a group that could consist of anyone that believes in Jesus.

Second. He goes to prepare a place for us & says He will come again. Quick question, does Jesus say this before He ascends to heaven & everyone awaits His second coming? No. Jesus says this before His death & resurrection. So He died (left) & rose again (came back).

Third, He says He comes again to take us to Himself. Did you notice, He did not say He would to take us to heaven? There is a great reason for saying it this way. Someone might say: but yes it means heaven since Jesus is in heaven, so He has to take us to heaven! Yet we already covered parts of scripture saying “we have already come to the heavenly Jerusalem” & “we are seated in heavenly places”. We are not physically in heaven, but in the spirit we stand in a different place.

Jesus goes on to say that they know the Way, He is the Way. When they see Him they see the Father! Yet they could not understand what is spiritually meant & the realities therein.

John 14 goes on:

¹⁰ Do you not believe that **I am in the Father** and the **Father is in me**? The words that I say to you **I do not speak on my own authority**, but the **Father who dwells in me does his works**. ¹¹ Believe me that **I am in the Father and the Father is in me**, or else believe on account of the **works themselves**.

¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, **whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do**, because **I am going to the Father**. ¹³ Whatever you ask in **my name**, this **I will do**, that the **Father may be glorified in the Son**. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, **I will do it**.

Notes: Jesus refers to having unity with the Father, yet says He is going to the Father. Why would Jesus need to go to the Father? To create a space for us to enter into via the spirit so we can be where He is.

More confirmation from John 14

¹⁸ “**I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you**. ¹⁹ **Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live**. ²⁰ **In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you**.

Notes: Jesus gives the disciples a time statement “yet a little while” the world won’t see Him but they will. We know Jesus appeared to many after He rose from the dead, so this makes sense with these statements. Jesus also confirms the unity with us, Him & the Father.

Last part from John 14

²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “**Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?**” ²³ Jesus answered him, “**If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home (Greek word “monh”)** with him. ²⁴ **Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me**. ²⁵ “**These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you**. ²⁶ **But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you**.

When He manifested Himself after He had risen, they knew it is true what He said. But now we need to get this, His manifestation spiritually is His Spirit becoming one with ours so that we become part of the house of God where we have a room/dwelling place with Him & He with us.

Did you know this Greek word “monh” only gets used twice in the New Testament; both places I quoted from John 14! The word doesn’t get used when referring to buildings or any physical places. The place is created in the spirit for you to unite with the Father & Son while the Holy Spirit helps us realise & grasp these realities.

The Way to the Father is now open. So this is not an end time nor an afterlife passage.

We need to grasp kingdom realities like these if we are to understand biblical symbolic language or end time doctrines.

I hope you see through what I shared so far that these spiritual realities & the fulfilment of them have little to do with literal Jerusalem or Jews. In moving on from here biblical context will become clearer.

Heaven & Earth

This phrase “heaven and earth” gets mentioned many times throughout the bible. We quoted from Matthew 5 earlier. There is this verse & the following.

Matthew 5:

*¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the **Law or the Prophets**; I have **not come to abolish them but to fulfil them**. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until **heaven and earth** pass away, **not an iota, not a dot**, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.*

Notes: Jesus says here that “until” heaven & earth passes away, not one bit of the law will pass away. But what does this heaven & earth mean? I mean our literal heaven & earth is still standing! Does this mean we actually still have to keep the whole law since the literal heaven & earth is still standing?

Again we come to the statement that Jesus said; He came to fulfil not just the law, but also the prophets. So what was prophesied by them must be fulfilled by or through Jesus.

So Isaiah the prophet prophesied:

Isaiah 65

*¹⁷ “For behold, **I create new heavens***

and a new earth,

*and the **former things shall not be remembered***

or come into mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever

in that which I create;

*for behold, **I create Jerusalem to be a joy,***

and her people to be a gladness.

*¹⁹ **I will rejoice in Jerusalem***

and be glad in my people;

*no more shall be heard in it the **sound of weeping***

and the cry of distress.

²⁰ *No more shall there be in it*

*an **infant who lives but a few days,***

*or an **old man who does not fill out his days,***

for the young man shall die a hundred years old,

*and the **sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.***

Notes: So this speaks of creating a new heaven & earth, by which I think it is fair to say, the old one would have passed away then since the former things would not play a part in our lives anymore. But once again this scripture gets used to refer to our future instead of Isaiah's future & those of the Old Testament. Popularly this passage is used to describe heaven after the final return of Jesus. But the problem is that in this passage there are people still dying & sinners being around. People don't die in heaven, neither are sinners there. The reason this is thought of as heaven in the afterlife is because people skip verse 20 & rather read these.

²⁵ *The **wolf and the lamb shall graze together;***

*the **lion shall eat straw like the ox,***

*and **dust shall be the serpent's food.***

They shall not hurt or destroy

*in all my **holy mountain,**"*

says the LORD.

The problem with this is that Paul said in Hebrews 12 that we have (past tense) come to Mount Zion (Holy Mountain) & to the heavenly Jerusalem (New).

In contrast, let us look at scripture actually talking about the afterlife. These people were debating whether there was a rising of the dead or not.

1 Cor 15:

¹² *Now if **Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead,** how can some of you say that there is **no resurrection of the dead?** ¹³ *But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.**

Then speaking of the actual second coming of Jesus.

1 Cor 15

²³ But each in his own order: **Christ the first fruits**, then at **his coming those who belong to Christ**. ²⁴ **Then comes the end**, when **he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power**. ²⁵ **For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet**. ²⁶ **The last enemy to be destroyed is death**. ²⁷ For “**God has put all things in subjection under his feet**.” But when it says, “**all things are put in subjection**,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Notes: We see that Jesus is not coming back until all things are in subjection under His feet. It is God the Father who works through Jesus since they are one. But Jesus has now made a way for us to be one with them. So we have work to do on the earth as God's ambassadors here. There is no surprise coming of Jesus. We will deal with the scriptures that lean in that direction in the next study. This following scripture deals with the physical manifestation of the kingdom unlike how Jesus answered the Pharisees: The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed.

1 Cor 15

⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable**.

Notes: Paul makes it clear that when the spiritual reality of His kingdom becomes physical, it cannot stay the same, but becomes something new. He explains it with these next verses.

1 Cor 15

⁵¹ **Behold! I tell 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 trumpet**. For the **trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed**. ⁵³ For this **perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality**. ⁵⁴ When the **perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality**, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“**Death is swallowed up in victory**.”

⁵⁵ “**O death, where is your victory?**

O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory through our Lord Jesus Christ**.

Notes: He says he is telling a mystery! It means, this is a new revelation. This was not the way it was expected. God is going to make our spiritual reality into the physical reality. This is the spiritual reality that the Jews missed, but the apostles caught up with the revelation of the spirit as they ministered. But until the day of His coming, we can live from our spiritual reality, from the heavenly Jerusalem, as the Fathers house, in His Holy city surrounded by those who have gone before us that have been made perfect. It will not be like the Old Testament stories regarding the kingdoms & wars. It is now a kingdom that is heavenly, so we know our Source & our placement. With this we pray: Let your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven. We pray this as we want to see our spiritual reality touch the world.

What creation is waiting for

Rom 8

¹⁹ For the **creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.** ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, **in hope** ²¹ that the **creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.** ²² For we know that the whole creation has been **groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.** ²³ And **not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,** groan inwardly as we **wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.** ²⁴ For in **this hope we were saved.** Now **hope that is seen is not hope.** For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ **But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.**

Notes: Did you see that creation waits for the sons? It doesn't say creation waits for Jesus to come back? We have this hope because of Holy Spirit that our bodies will also be transformed like we referenced earlier in 1 Cor 15. So there is a full physical manifestation coming of what we carry, but in the meantime we get to manifest what we carry in the spirit.

Rom 8

¹⁴ For all who are **led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.** ¹⁵ For you **did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,** but you have received the **Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"**

Since we are in Rom 8 it is good to mention.

¹¹ If the **Spirit of him who raised Jesus** from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.**

Notes: His kingdom, His Spirit is not just dormant or passively waiting for Jesus to return one day. We have an active Person of Holy Spirit & authority of the kingdom to exercise here on earth.

Kingdom authority

Mat 18:

¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever **you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,** and whatever **you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**

Peter also gets the revelation that Jesus is the Christ that they have been waiting for.

Mat 16:

¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**" ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood **has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.** ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on **this rock I will build my church,** and the **gates of hell shall not prevail against it.** ¹⁹ I will **give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,** and whatever **you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,** and whatever you **loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**"

Notes: This is why He gave us the kingdom, so that we could manifest it through His Spirit in us. As He said, He gives us the keys to not permit on the earth what doesn't look like heaven. It is just the easiest way to explain that scripture. Did you see that it says the gates of hell will not prevail against the church? Gates do not attack, they defend. So we should be offensive with the kingdom of God. More popular end time teaching today sure gives us the false idea that hell's gates don't just prevail, but even takes over the earth.

The Jews idea of kingdom

Mat 11:

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² From the **days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence¹ and the violent take it by force.**

John 6:

¹⁵ Perceiving then that they were about to come and **take him by force to make him king**, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Notes: It is a common mistake made by pastors using this scripture “to take the kingdom by force” as a positive spin on this verse. But even spiritually it does not make sense as we already have the kingdom. But to the Jews it meant having a physical king, so that they could rule much like Old Testament kings where God would help them as a nation & conquer the land.

Lastly I will add the words of Jesus.

John 18:

³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “**Are you the King of the Jews?**” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate answered, “**Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?**” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “**My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.**” ³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “**You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.**” ³⁸ Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

End notes: We are now of His kingdom, therefore we fight with Him by our side. We are servants & sons of His kingdom now. Do you see that His kingdom here had nothing to do with being a Jew? In fact, the Jews at this stage were rejecting the kingdom Jesus brought.

Hope you enjoyed this study.



Blessings

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