

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



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of glory*

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God's Unfolding Drama of Redemption Luke 4:42-44

God's Kingdom is Promised and Proclaimed in the OT

1. God's reign has been in effect from the very beginning of creation.

Gen. 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

2. With sin in the picture, God's chosen people rejected him as their king.

1 Sam. 8:7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. 8 According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. 9 Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

3. Throughout the OT, God continues to promise a coming eternal kingdom.

2 Sam. 7:12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Dan. 2:44 And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever

God's Kingdom Manifests in the Birth and Ministry of Jesus

1. Even before his birth, Jesus is identified as the eternal King.

Luke 1:32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

2. Jesus initiates the further unfolding of his kingdom through his earthly ministry.

Luke 4:42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, **43** but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." **44** And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

3. When we trust this "good news", we are granted citizenship in Jesus' kingdom.

Col. 1:5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, **6** which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth... **13** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

When Jesus Returns, and Subdues all his Enemies, the Citizens of his Kingdom will Experience the Full Splendor of his Kingdom

1 Cor. 15:24 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.

Rev. 22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb **2** through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. **3** No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. **4** They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. **5** And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reflection & Discussion

1. As citizens of God's kingdom, we serve as ambassadors in this fallen world. Read Colossians 1:1-13 and reflect on the role we now play in the spread of gospel and the "bearing of fruit."
2. Revelation 22 describes the full splendor of God's kingdom that will be ours when Jesus returns. In what ways does this hope influence your perspective in this life? In what ways does it change the way you deal with difficulties?

SONGS

"MY TESTIMONY"

"WAY MAKER"

"KING OF KINGS"

"REIGN ABOVE IT ALL"

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