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'... and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.'

2 Kings ch.11 v.12

THE KINGDOM

by John Trotter



My starting point is defining the word 'Kingdom'. This word is made up of two parts: 'King' and 'dom'. The second part is a shortened part of the word 'dominion'. One dictionary defines the word 'dominion' as follows : '... sovereignty. A territory or sphere of influence or control, a realm or a domain. A term formerly applied to any of the larger self-governing nations within the British Commonwealth, such as Canada or Australia'. In the light of views about Israel's Kingdom this is most interesting.

The first part of this word certainly relates to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, or to be more specific Jesus Christ, especially when He returns to earth.

'And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.'

Luke ch.1 v.33

(See also Micah ch.4 v.7, Hebrews ch.1 v.8 and Revelation ch.11 v.15.)

In Luke ch.22 v.30 it states that this Kingdom belongs to Christ and in John ch.18 v.36 it says that this Kingdom is not of this world.

Whilst it is true that the name of Christ and His Kingship are mentioned frequently in the churches, they are rarely put into the context of an earthly Kingdom. Invariably the churches have not taken on the meaning of the elect or ecclesia, that is separation, but rather see themselves mingling with the world in the hope of attracting the crowds. In so doing they have compromised the reason for their existence. The message of God's sovereignty has been mostly replaced by the message of false Christs.

'For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.'

Matthew ch.24 v.24

For the elect within the lukewarm churches there is still work to be done. Due to an incorrect understanding of the word 'world' in the Gospel of John, most have come to the conclusion that the Kingdom is in Heaven and not of the earth.

‘Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.’

John ch.18 v.36

The word ‘world’ mostly means, orderly arrangement, or constitution. The Bible says there are two world orders, one that is designed by God and the other world in opposition, namely the Babylonian order. This order is to be totally destroyed see Revelation ch.18. It is interesting that the number 18 is 3 times 6 i.e. 6 + 6 + 6. Every civilisation throughout history has reflected in different forms the ideology and philosophy of Babylon. There is one word that describes the money power of Babylon and that is ‘mortgage’ which means ‘death grip’. Even the British Empire was caught up in the affairs of the money power and resulting debt. The religion of Babylon is ‘theocracy’ (note ‘sy’ not ‘cy’), that is many gods or the ‘lords’ of Baal.

On the other hand the economy of God’s Kingdom expresses life and truth which will set you free not only from financial debt but also from spiritual debt, for Christ has paid the price.

‘For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.’

1 Corinthians ch.6 v.20

The word ‘world’ in John ch.3 v.16 is the Kingdom that God loved and sent His Son to die for. He died and loved also, the people of that world. I believe there is a connection between the following text

‘I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:’

Deuteronomy ch.30 v.19

and the freedom of knowing the Truth of Christ’s Kingdom which will have no more ‘death grip’ over the people. For example,

‘And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free’.

John ch.8 v.32

Every man will sit under his own fig tree and none shall make him afraid (Micah ch.4 v.4). In the book of Deuteronomy, Israel was given the opportunity of choosing life or death. When the stone that is made without hands, in the image foreseen by the prophet Daniel (ch.2 vv 34-35), smashes not just the feet of iron and clay, but the whole image, it becomes obvious that all previous kingdoms back to

Babylon, are expressed in today's world. The gods of all these kingdoms are with us today.

We shall now return to the second part of the word 'Kingdom', namely 'dom' or dominion. This dominion is made up of four parts.

1. Government
2. Law
3. Land
4. People

Before commenting on these four points there are two questions that need to be answered. Is this Kingdom now on earth? Secondly, is it perfect? The answer to question one is 'yes' but not only that, it has been on the earth since the time that Israel committed herself to God as stated in Exodus ch.19 v.8 & ch.24 v.3. The answer to question two is a resounding 'No'. The story of Israel in the Old Testament is a sad story of disobedience. The tares have been in the Kingdom from the beginning. The devil sowed the tares amongst the wheat (Matthew ch.13 v.39). We are told that,

'But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth'.

Matthew ch.8 v.12

The Kingdom will be cleansed.

A few comments on the four parts that make up the word 'dominion'.

1. The government or dominion (Isaiah chs 9 vv 6-7 & 22 v.21) is to be made up of the elect. Those who are drawn up first into the heavens and return with Christ will be the ones who rule with Christ. They will constitute the New Jerusalem or the Kingdom that is mentioned in the Lord's Prayer,

'Thy kingdom come. ...'.

Matthew ch.6 v.10

2. The Law that will be administered throughout the land will be that which was not done away with at the Cross. The Sacrificial Laws were concluded (Ephesians ch.2 v.15 & Colossians ch.2 v.14). Christ is now our High Priest after the order of Melchisedec. There will be no legislation as we know it today for,

'The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple'.

Psalm 19 v.7

3. Jerusalem and the land appointed unto Abraham will be returned to its rightful owners for it has been in the hand of usurpers. Jerusalem will become the centre of His Kingdom out of which will flow the Law from Zion.
4. The people making up the remaining population of the Kingdom are those who are not the elect. They are the citizens and I am sure that many are also Christian, but they are not of His Government. They will still play a vital part in the Kingdom. Micah ch.4 vv 1-3 refers to those who are not necessarily of Israel but will request to go up unto the mountain (Israel) of the Lord and to the House of the God of Jacob. They will be taught His Ways and walk in His Paths for the Law of the Lord will go forth from Zion and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem. There will be a process of eventually having the earth covered with the knowledge of the Lord's Glory.

'For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.'

Habakkuk ch.2 v.14

It will take some time with the Grace and Mercy of God extending into the Millennium and is not a second chance as some suppose, but rather an opportunity to receive the Word in an unadulterated state. Shepherds and pastors will be appointed to take the Kingdom Message to the four corners of the earth so it will go far and wide by those who were in the first resurrection. The real understanding of the New Covenant will take effect, firstly with Israel the wife, and the flow will spread throughout God's creation. Once these four parts come together the real understanding of the Gospel of the Kingdom will become a reality. May our hope for that day be sure.
