

## THE GLORY OF THE COMING KINGDOM

### **God's Kingdom is over all at all times:**

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. (Ps. 103:19)  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.  
(Ps. 145:13)

### **Man was created in God's image and intended to rule over creation under God:**

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'" (Gen. 1:26)

**Satan challenged God's rule:** "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God" (Is. 14:12-14)

**The fall brought in sin, death and the bondage of creation to corruption:** Rom. 5:12; 8:18-21

### **Deliverance of man and creation through Christ and His obedience:**

- Christ brought judgment upon Satan at the cross and destroyed the works of the devil (Jn. 16:11; Col. 2:15; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 Jn. 3:8). God's execution of His sentence upon this rebel will take place at the end of this age and in the age to come (Rev. 20:1-3, 7-10). See also Rom. 5:18-19 where Christ's obedience brings in justification of life to fallen man.
- Christ has been exalted in authority over all others because of His obedience (Phil. 2:6-11). He will openly rule over the earth in the next age because of His obedience (Heb. 1:8-9, 2:5).

**Preview of the coming Kingdom on the Mount of Transfiguration:** Lk.9:27-36; 2 Pet. 1:19.

**Prayer for the coming Kingdom:** "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." (Matt. 6:10)

**The 1,000 year Kingdom of Christ** (Rev. 20:4-6):

- **Christ reigns** on His throne in glory in Jerusalem (Matt. 19:28; 25:31; Is. 24:23; Mic. 4:7).
- **Christ rules with a "rod of iron"** to keep all evil in check (Ps. 2:9; Rev. 2:27; 19:15).
- **Satan bound** for the 1,000 years (Rev. 20:1-3).
- **Creation is greatly restored** and the curse mostly lifted (Matt. 19:28; Acts 3:21; Rom. 8:21; Is. 11:6-9). This restoration displays Christ's triumph over evil.
- **God's covenants with Israel** reach fulfillment (Rom. 11:1, 11, 25-29).
- **Health** for the redeemed (Is. 33:24; 35:5-6).
- **Peace** (Is. 2:4).
- **Joy** (Is. 51:11).
- **Righteousness and justice** (Is. 11:4; 32:1).
- **Truth will prevail** (Jer. 33:6; Zech. 8:3).
- **Material prosperity** (Jer. 31:12).
- **The knowledge of the Lord and holiness** (Is. 11:9).
- **Jews and Gentiles** who are saved at the end of the age will go into this Kingdom as its subjects (Ps. 2:7-9; Zech. 12:9-10; Rom. 11:26-27; Matt. 19:27-28; 25:32-34).
- **Overcoming Christians are joint-heirs with Christ** in His Kingdom, sharing the Kingdom reign and priesthood (Lk. 19:11-19; Rom. 8:17; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21; 5:10; 20:4-6).
- **A special portion of eternal life** (an intimate knowing of God - Jn. 17:3) is rewarded to the overcomers (Lk. 18:30; Jn. 12:25; Rom. 2:7; 6:22; Gal. 6:8; Rev. 2:7, 17; 3:4, 12).
- **God's plan for man** in Gen. 1:26 thus finds fulfillment as the overcomers enjoy Christ as life to the fullest, expressing His glory and ruling with Him (Heb. 2:5-8; Rev. 20:4-6).