

Prophecies Relating to God's Kingdom  
(Isaiah 2:2-4)

Introduction:

1. Last Sunday we studied a dream of Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 2).
2. Daniel first revealed the dream, and then he gave the interpretation.
3. Several important prophecies that related to God's kingdom were made.
  - a. It would be established when the kings of the 4<sup>th</sup> world empire ruled.
  - b. It would last forever -- it will never be destroyed.
  - c. It would be like a stone that became a great mountain and filled the earth.
4. Today we are examining a number of other prophecies from the Old and New Testaments that relate to God's kingdom.

Discussion:

I. OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES

A. Isaiah 2:2-4

1. Isaiah did not specifically use the word "kingdom."
2. However, he did mention:
  - a. something that would occur *"in the last days"*
  - b. the mountain of the Lord's house being established
  - c. the Lord's Word going forth from Jerusalem.

B. Micah 4:1-3

1. Notice how similar this prophecy is to Isaiah's.
2. What was this prophecy about? (see Micah 4:6-8)

C. Joel 2:28-32

1. Joel did not specifically use the word "kingdom."
2. However, he did mention:
  - a. something that would occur at a later time
  - b. God's Spirit being poured out upon all flesh
  - c. deliverance being found in Jerusalem by those who would call on the Lord's name.

II. NEW TESTAMENT PROPHECIES

A. Matthew 3:1-2

1. John announced that the kingdom was near.
2. According to Luke 3:1-2, Tiberius Caesar was ruling as the head of the Roman Empire (the 4<sup>th</sup> world empire).

B. Matthew 4:17

1. Jesus preached the same message that John preached.
2. As Jesus sent His apostles out on the limited commission, He instructed them to preach the same message (Matthew 10:7).

C. Matthew 16:13-19

1. (vs.18) Jesus said:
  - a. that He would build His church on a *"rock"* [the fact the He is the Christ, the Son of the living God]
  - b. that the gates of Hades would not prevent His church from being built.
2. (vs.19) Jesus:
  - a. spoke about His church and the kingdom of heaven interchangeably
  - b. said that the keys of the kingdom would be given to Peter.

D. Matthew 16:28

1. The Lord's kingdom would come during the lifetimes of some of the people present on that occasion.
2. (Mark 9:1) God's kingdom would also come with *"power."*

Conclusion:

1. Lord willing, next Sunday we will show when these prophecies were fulfilled.
2. By doing so, we will know when and where God's kingdom was established.
3. (Joel 2:32) Those who call on the name of the Lord will be delivered (see Acts 22:16).