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 JESUS preached the gospel concerning the 'kingdom of God'.

Luke 8:1 (KJV)... (Jesus) went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God...

 It is sometimes referred to as the 'kingdom of heaven'.

Matthew 4:17 (KJV) From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

- It is sometimes referred to as the 'kingdom'.
   Matthew 4:23 (KJV)... Jesus went about all Galilee... preaching the gospel of the kingdom...
- When Jesus sent out his disciples to preach, it was with the same message.

Luke 9:2 (KJV)... he sent them to preach the kingdom of God...

 When Philip preached to the Samaritans he spoke of the things concerning the kingdom of God. Acts 8:12 (KJV)... when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

The Gospel is concerned with the Kingdom of God. We are required to believe the gospel in order to be saved.

 Jesus and his apostles taught that the difference between believing and not believing the gospel is the difference between life and death.

Mark 16:16 (KJV) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned (condemned)

Romans 1:16 (KJV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

We cannot believe what we do not know; and the only source of knowledge about the kingdom of God is the Bible.

We read about the Kingdom of God in both the Old and New Testaments - for the teaching of the New Testament is based on the Old.

• Daniel prophesies concerning the latter days -

Daniel 2:44 (KJV)... in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

• The Kingdom will be upon earth, and will take possession of all the kingdoms of the World.

Zechariah 14:9 (KJV)... the Lord shall be king over all the earth...

Revelation 11:15 (KJV)... The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

• The Kingdom to be established will be the ancient kingdom of Israel restored.

Acts 1:6 (KJV)... wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

Amos 9:11 (KJV) In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen...

Micah 4:8 (KJV)... the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

Luke 22:29-30 (KJV)... I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; 30 That ye may eat and drink

at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

 In the setting up of the Kingdom, the Jews will be gathered from their present dispersion in all the earth, and restored to their own land.

Jeremiah 31:10 (KJV)... He that scattered Israel will gather him...

Isaiah 11:12 (KJV)... he shall... assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Ezekiel 37:21 (KJV)... I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone... and bring them into their own land:

Jerusalem will become the capital city of the whole earth.

Jeremiah 3:17 (KJV) At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord...

Isaiah 24:23 (KJV)... the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem...

 The throne of the kingdom will be the restored throne of David.

Luke 1:32-33 (KJV) He (Jesus) shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give

unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

 Those who believe and obey the Gospel will reign with Christ, and inherit the kingdom.

2 Timothy 2:12 (KJV) If we suffer, we shall also reign with him...

Revelation 2:26-27 (KJV)... he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them...

Daniel 7:18 (KJV)... the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever... 27... the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Matthew 25:34 (KJV)... Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom...

 The law will go forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Isaiah 2:3-4 (KJV)... many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we

will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

- This phase of the kingdom will last 1000 years.
  - Revelation 20:4... they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
- At the end of this time there will be a final judgment; after which all who live on will be made immortal and God will be all in all.

## Paul says

1 Corinthians 15:24 (KJV) Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

This agrees with Revelation.

Revelation 21:3 (KJV) ... the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

The Kingdom of God will be established when Christ returns to the earth. It will be the restored throne of David in Israel and Christ will rule from Jerusalem over all the earth. Christ will reign over the mortal population until the final judgment when death will be done away. After that the kingdom will continue forever with an immortal population and full fellowship with God will be restored.