

Bereans Bible Institute

Module X – The Kingdom of God

Lesson 7 – The Kingdom in the Prophets (Part 3)

I. The Messiah in Isaiah 9:6-7

A. The NAMES of the child born:

1. “Wonderful” – (Judges 13:16-18) the “Messenger of the LORD” says His name is “Wonderful”
2. “Counselor” – the Septuagint has “Messenger of Great Counsel”
3. “Mighty God” – shows His familial relation to the Father, as “the only-begotten Son” (Psalm 2)
4. “Everlasting Father” – lit. “Father of the coming age” (LXX)
5. “Prince of Peace” – “Prince” implies subordinate role to His Father, “peace” describes His reign

B. The clause “judgment and justice” is quoted verbatim from David’s reign as King (2 Sam. 8:15-16).

II. The Messiah in Micah 5

A. Micah gives the actual birth place of the Messiah (vs. 2).

B. English may suggest an origin from eternity, but not the Hebrew or Greek. (The NRSV translates the Hebrew as: “whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.”)

1. The LXX reads “His exits are from ancient times out of days of the age”
2. The noun “goings forth” is plural in both Hebrew and the LXX and literally means to empty the bowels. In the LXX it is the word “exodus” and in the plural, would mean “exits.” These “exits” in the LXX may refer to the Messiah’s human genealogical origins which go all the way back to that promised “seed” of the woman from Genesis 3:15. That is, the promised “Seed of the woman” being transmitted throughout Jesus’ human ancestry.

C. Vss. 3-4 “Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time that ***she who is in labor has given birth***; Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel. And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth.” Jerusalem is in labor and gives birth to the Kingdom (cf. Isaiah 66).

D. Vss. 12-13 Time of tribulation (labor pains) predicted & place of safety, as “sheepfold” metaphor.

III. The Kingdom in Jeremiah

A. Jehoiakim’s sons banned from the Throne of David (Jehoiakim’s heir known as: Jehoiachin, Jeconiah, Coniah)

B. Jer. 23:1-4 God pronounces “woes” on the “Shepherds” of His people (kings & priests)

1. Whole book of Malachi directed against the Levitical priesthood
2. Similar to Isaiah 56 & Ezekiel 34
3. In contrast, Jesus is the “Good Shepherd” (John 10) who will lead the “sheep” from the “sheepfold” (Micah 5:12-13) into the pastures of His Kingdom (Abrahamic Inheritance).

C. Jer. 23:5-8 The “Righteous Branch” of David’s seed will be called “The LORD (YHVH) our Righteousness.”

1. Same phrase from Isaiah 9 about this King executing “Judgement and Justice” and also connected with David because of the covenant God made with him.
2. Notice “in HIS days” Judah will be saved and Israel will dwell safely. This is the “glories” that Peter referred to (1 Pet. 1:10-11), and we will also partake in (Heb. 11:39-40).

III. The Kingdom in Daniel

A. Dan. 2: Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, the sequence of world empires until the Kingdom of God (Dan. 2:44-45)

1. The clause, “the God OF heaven will set up a Kingdom” is why “the Kingdom of God” is also referred to by Matthew as “the Kingdom of Heaven” – implies the source of authority from heaven

B. Dan. 7: Daniel’s visions of successive kingdoms. Verses 13-14 describe the transfer of the kingdoms of the world to Christ by the Father. This heavenly court is described in greater detail in Revelation 4-19.

1. The “court was seated” (thrones put in place) in Dan. 7:9-10 is the 24 elders seated in Rev. 4:4.
2. The opening of the “books” (Dan. 7:10) includes the opening of the 7 seals (Rev. 5:1).
3. The saints inherit the Kingdom (vss. 13-14,18,27-28)
4. The “Son of Man” coming in the clouds is referenced in Matt. 24:29-31.

IV. The Kingdom Temple & Worship

A. Micah quoted verbatim Isaiah’s prophecy (Isa. 2) in Micah 4:1-7 about the Temple in Jerusalem

B. Jeremiah 3:14-17 The Throne of the Lord will replace the Ark of the Covenant

C. Isaiah 56:1-8 The "House of Prayer for ALL Nations"

D. Haggai 2:1-9 The Kingdom Temple will be greater than Solomon's Temple

1. Paul quoted this passage and applied it to us (Heb. 12:25-13:1)