



KINGDOM
— SCHOOL —
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Why is this important for us who live today?

Truth:

It is the truth that will set us free. If we don't have the right foundation, we will not stand when the storm comes.





Acts 14:21-22

21 They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch,
22 strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,"

In 1 Samuel, Saul tried to kill David many times out of jealousy, which opened him up to an evil spirit.

In 2 Samuel, David is anointed king over Judah, and in chapter 5, he conquers Jerusalem, which becomes known as Zion or the City of David.





2 Samuel 5:7

"Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion—which is the City of David."

Zion, the City of David, later called Jerusalem, is where:

- The Ark of the Covenant was brought.**
- The Temple of Solomon was built.**
- Jesus died.**
- The Holy Spirit was poured out.**
- The New Testament church was born.**
- One day, Jesus will return.**
- The heavenly Jerusalem will come down from heaven.**



The Covenant with David





2 Samuel 7:1-4

- 1** "After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him,
- 2** he said to Nathan the prophet, 'Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.'
- 3** Nathan replied to the king, 'Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you.'"
- 4** But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:



2 Samuel 7:5-7

5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?'

6 I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling.

7 Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"



2 Samuel 7:8-10

8 "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel.

9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth.

10 And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed.

Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning



2 Samuel 7:11-13

11 and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. 'The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:

12 When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.



2 Samuel 7:14-16

14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands.

15 But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.'

God's promises to David:

- God will provide a place for His people—a place of rest from their enemies.
- God will raise up an offspring of David, one of his own flesh and blood, and establish his kingdom forever.
- God will be his Father, and he will be God's Son.





Acts 7:47-49

47 But it was Solomon who built a house for him.

48 "However, the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands. As the prophet says:

49 "'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me? says the Lord. Or where will my resting place be?



Isaiah 9:6-7

6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and **the government will be on his shoulders.** And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. **He will reign on David's throne** and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this."

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Prophecy from Isaiah:

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This is important:

They were fed this from the time they were born.
Week after week. They know it like we know the alphabet -
ABCDEFGH...

God will one day give rest from our enemies. **But how?**
Raise up an offspring from David? **But when?**
A child will be born, and he will reign on David's throne?
Is it this child?





Luke 1:29-33

29 "Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

30 But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.

31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. **The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,**

33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; **his kingdom will never end.**"



Daniel 2:44

"In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever."



Daniel 7:13-14

13 "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven.** He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.

14 He was given authority, glory, and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."

The Jews have read this again and again. It was their longing, their hope—what they spoke about, how this day would come, and who this man would be.





Matthew 1:1

"This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, **the son of David,**
the son of Abraham."

I suddenly understood the big picture. Before, when I read Matthew 1:1, which starts with, “This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham” (NKJV), I did not put much into it.

But now, when I read that our Lord is the son of Abraham and David, it just exploded in me. Jesus is the son. Jesus is the son of David who will sit on the throne forever and ever, and we will, therefore, reign with Him. Yes, He is the son of Abraham, the heir to the promise, and when we are in Jesus, we are, therefore, also heirs to that same promise.

Before, when I read those verses, I did not understand them, but now, they just make the Bible come alive in a new way.





Revelation 22:20

"He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."



Revelation 22:12-14

12 "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

14 **"Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.**



Revelation 22:15-16

15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. **I am the Root and the Offspring of David**, and the bright Morning Star."

"I am the Root and the Offspring of David."

He is the source of David, the reason He is alive.

But at the same time, He is the Son of David.

How can that be?

Everything was created by Jesus, but in the flesh, as a child.

As the Son of Man, He is the Son of David.





Matthew 21:9

"The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, **'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'**"

Time for a break!



PETER'S SERMON AT PENTECOST





Acts 2:22-24

22 "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

23 This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.



Acts 2:25-28

25 David said about him: 'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at **my right hand**, I will not be shaken.

26 Therefore **my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices**; my body also will rest in hope,

27 because **you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay.**

28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'



Psalm 16:9-10

9 "Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

10 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay."



Acts 2:29-32

29 "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the **patriarch David died and was buried**, and his tomb is here to this day.

30 But he was a **prophet and knew** that God had promised him on oath that he would **place one of his descendants on his throne**.

31 Seeing what was to come, **he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah**, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay.

32 **God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it."**



Acts 2:33-36

33 "Exalted to the **right hand of God**, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

34 For **David did not ascend to heaven**, and yet he said, 'The Lord said to my Lord: "**Sit at my right hand**

35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."'

36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

**Sit at My Right Hand until I make your
enemies a footstool for your feet.**





Psalm 110:1-2

1 "Of David. A psalm. The LORD says to my lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'

2 The LORD will **extend your mighty scepter from Zion**, saying, **'Rule in the midst of your enemies!'**



Psalm 110:4-6

4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: 'You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.'

5 The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.

6 He will **judge the nations**, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.



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THIS IS WHY THEY WERE CUT TO THE HEART...

Jesus, the Rock of David, crushes all kingdoms and sets up the Kingdom of God. And we need to be born again, or we cannot first see and later enter into that kingdom...

This is the gospel of the Kingdom...



I cried to God, “God, we need it so much—we need it—we need it all. God, we need the Gospel to come back to the church. People need to be born again to be free from their sins. Many are deceived; they are still in their sins. They are not free. They need the Gospel.”

And then, amid my prayer for the church and that the Gospel would come back to it, **suddenly, like lightning, it came to me.**

God spoke to me: “**Torben, this is the Gospel.** I want you to help restore it back to the church, and **THIS IS WHY I NEEDED TO BRING YOU HERE, TO REVEAL THIS GOSPEL TO YOU**



—THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM.”

I will never forget it when He said, “This is the Gospel,” the **“Gospel of the Kingdom.”** This is what I have been learning the last few weeks and months, this is what I’ve been sharing with the inmates—this is the Gospel that has been lost in the church.

Repentance, baptism in water, and receiving the Holy Spirit is the proper response and what we must do to enter His Kingdom. I saw that I often preach the Gospel (Good News) without preaching the Kingdom.



And I saw so clearly in that moment that God wanted me to help restore this Gospel of the Kingdom back to the church.

The Gospel of His Kingdom, that one day will come. This is what He promised to Abraham and David and throughout the whole Bible.



So why repent? Because the kingdom is near.

Why be born again of water and spirit? To one day enter into this Kingdom.

Why live holy? One day Christ will return for His bride, us—the Church.

Why lead others to righteousness? He has His reward with Him.





Daniel 12:2-3

2 "Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and **those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."**



1 Corinthians 15: 39-44

Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another.

There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another.

The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;

it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

WE ARE PEOPLE, CALLED OUT

A holy nation, in this world but not of this world.

Longing for a country we can call our own, like those here in
Hebrews:





Hebrews 11:13-14

13 "All these people were still living by faith when they died. **They did not receive the things promised**; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

14 People who say such things show that they are **looking for a country of their own**.



Hebrews 11:15-16

15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.

16 Instead, they were longing for a **better country**—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has **prepared a city for them.**"



Matthew 5:20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not **enter** the **kingdom** of heaven.

Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will **enter** the **kingdom** of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 18:3 "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never **enter** the **kingdom** of heaven.

Matthew 19:23 "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to **enter** the **kingdom** of heaven.

The Davidic Covenant:

To David and his son (Son of David) – Not Solomon.

- Provide a place and rest from our enemies.
- Establish an everlasting kingdom.
- Raise up an offspring and put all enemies under his feet.
- God will be his Father, and he will be His Son.
- Crush all other kingdoms.
- He will judge the nations.



All point to Jesus, who said these last words:

“Look, I am coming soon, and I have my reward with me. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the beginning and the end.”



