

Israel's Kingdom

Acts 1:1-11

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From the time King Nebuchadnezzar's troops destroyed Jerusalem and their Temple and took their ancestors as captives to Babylon, the Jews have been hoping for and waiting for their Messiah. Messiah would be their King who would reestablish their independence and dominance and return them to the glory days they had all heard about when David was their king.

- ✓ The Kingdom of God has a universal aspect – He rules over all His creation.
- ✓ The Kingdom of God has a spiritual aspect – He rules over all His followers. (John 18:33-40)
- ✓ The Kingdom of God has a Jewish aspect – He rules over His chosen people.

- I. The Church is waiting to meet our Savior in the air. (1 Thessalonians 4:11-18)
 - A. The rapture closes the church age
 - B. The resurrection completes the church body
- II. Israel is waiting to meet their Messiah in Jerusalem.
 - A. The Kingdom was initiated in Israel's exodus (Exodus 15:1-3, 12-18)
 - B. The Kingdom was interrupted in Israel's past
 1. When they demanded a human king (1 Samuel 8:4-9)
 2. When they rejected their divine King (John 19:12-16)
 - C. The Kingdom was implied in Israel's songs (Psalm 24)
 - D. The Kingdom was included in the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

"The establishment of this spiritual kingdom, the Church, in no way abrogated the promises or prophecies concerning the glorious future kingdom for Israel. Rather, the witness of the Church, the Body of Messiah, gives tangible proof that God still has a future program for Israel...The Messiah, the Deliverer, will return and establish the glorious future kingdom promised to Israel." (Harold A. Sevens, [Israel's Glorious Future](#))

- ❖ Our hope as the Church is a quick exit to meet Jesus in the air and then live with Him forever.
- ❖ Their hope as the Children of Israel is the coming King/Priest who will live with them forever.

So What?

Though the Church and Israel are waiting for different events, we are still waiting. (Matthew 25:1-13)

- Since we do not know when Jesus is coming again, we need to be wise.
- Since we do not know when Jesus is coming again, we need to be watching.
- Since we do not know when Jesus is coming again, we need to be working.