

Crystallization-Study Outlines

GENESIS (1)

Message Twelve

A Seed of the Church Life and a Shadow of the Kingdom

Scripture Reading: Gen. 8:1—9:27; 1 Pet. 3:20-21; Rom. 6:3-5; John 3:3, 5;
Matt. 16:18-19; Rom. 14:17; Rev. 11:15

- Gen 8:1 And God remembered Noah and all the animals and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God made a wind pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.
- Gen 8:2 The springs of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from the heavens was restrained.
- Gen 8:3 And the waters receded steadily from upon the earth. So at the end of one hundred fifty days the waters began to diminish.
- Gen 8:4 And the ark came to rest in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.
- Gen 8:5 And the waters diminished steadily until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.
- Gen 8:6 And at the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made.
- Gen 8:7 And he sent out the raven; and it went out, going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth.
- Gen 8:8 And he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had abated from the surface of the ground.
- Gen 8:9 But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, so she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were on the surface of the whole earth. And he put out his hand and took her and brought her to himself into the ark.
- Gen 8:10 And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark.
- Gen 8:11 And the dove came to him toward evening time, and there in her beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had abated from the earth.
- Gen 8:12 And he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, and she did not return to him again.
- Gen 8:13 And in the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the water was dried up from the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and saw that now the surface of the ground was dry.
- Gen 8:14 And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.
- Gen 8:15 And God spoke to Noah, saying,
- Gen 8:16 Go forth from the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you;
- Gen 8:17 Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh-birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth—that they may swarm on the earth and be fruitful and multiply upon the earth.
- Gen 8:18 So Noah went forth, as well as his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.
- Gen 8:19 Every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves upon the earth, went forth from the ark according to their families.
- Gen 8:20 And Noah built an altar to Jehovah and took of every clean beast and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.
- Gen 8:21 And Jehovah smelled the satisfying fragrance; and Jehovah said in His heart, I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I ever again smite everything living as I have done.
- Gen 8:22 Throughout all the days that earth remains, / Seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, / And summer and winter, and day and night / Shall not cease.
- Gen 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.
- Gen 9:2 And the fear of you and the terror of you shall be upon every animal of the earth and upon every bird of heaven, on everything that creeps on the ground and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered.
- Gen 9:3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; just as I gave you the green herb, so I have given you everything.
- Gen 9:4 But flesh with its life, that is, its blood, you shall not eat.
- Gen 9:5 And indeed your lifeblood I will require; from every animal I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother, I will require the life of man.

Gen 9:6 Whoever sheds man's blood, / By man shall his blood be shed, / For in the image of God / He made man.
 Gen 9:7 And you, be fruitful and multiply; / Abound on the earth and multiply in it.
 Gen 9:8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,
 Gen 9:9 And I Myself now establish My covenant with you and with your seed after you
 Gen 9:10 And with every living animal that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every animal of the earth with you, of all that came out of the ark, every animal of the earth.
 Gen 9:11 And I establish My covenant with you, that never again will all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.
 Gen 9:12 And God said, This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living animal that is with you, for perpetual generations:
 Gen 9:13 I set My bow in the clouds, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.
 Gen 9:14 And when I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow is seen in the clouds,
 Gen 9:15 I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living animal of all flesh, and never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all flesh.
 Gen 9:16 And the bow will be in the clouds, and I will look upon it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living animal of all flesh that is upon the earth.
 Gen 9:17 And God said to Noah, This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth.
 Gen 9:18 Now the sons of Noah who came forth from the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan.
 Gen 9:19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was spread over.
 Gen 9:20 And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard.
 Gen 9:21 And he drank of the wine and became drunk. And he uncovered himself inside his tent.
 Gen 9:22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside.
 Gen 9:23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders, and they walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. And their faces were turned backward, so that they did not see their father's nakedness.
 Gen 9:24 And Noah awoke from his wine and learned what his youngest son had done to him.
 Gen 9:25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan: / A servant of servants / Shall he be to his brothers.
 Gen 9:26 And he said, Blessed be Jehovah, / The God of Shem; / And let Canaan be his servant.
 Gen 9:27 May God enlarge Japheth, / And let him dwell in the tents of Shem, / And let Canaan be his servant.
 1 Pet 3:20 Who had formerly disobeyed when the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared; entering into which, a few, that is, eight souls, were brought safely through by water.
 1 Pet 3:21 Which water, as the antitype, also now saves you, that is, baptism, not a putting away of the filth of the flesh but the appeal of a good conscience unto God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
 Rom 6:3 Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
 Rom 6:4 We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.
 Rom 6:5 For if we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection,
 John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
 John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
 Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
 Matt 16:19 I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in the heavens.
 Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
 Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

I. With Noah and his family we have a seed of the church life—Gen. 8:1—9:17:

Gen 8:1—9:17 (Be omitted.)

- A. The ark of Noah passed through the water of death and came to rest on the mountains of Ararat; this is a type of Christ in resurrection passing through death and resurrecting out of death—8:4; 1 Pet. 3:20-21:
- Gen 8:4 And the ark came to rest in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.
- 1 Pet 3:20 Who had formerly disobeyed when the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared; entering into which, a few, that is, eight souls, were brought safely through by water.
- 1 Pet 3:21 Which water, as the antitype, also now saves you, that is, baptism, not a putting away of the filth of the flesh but the appeal of a good conscience unto God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
1. Since the ark is a type of Christ, the fact that the ark passed through the water and came out of the water signifies Christ in resurrection.
 2. Christ, and Christ alone, could enter into death and come forth out of death in resurrection because He is resurrection and is of resurrection—John 11:25; Acts 2:24; Rev. 1:18.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

Acts 2:24 Whom God has raised up, having loosed the pangs of death, since it was not possible for Him to be held by it.

Rev 1:18 And the living One; and I became dead, and behold, I am living forever and ever; and I have the keys of death and of Hades.
 3. Eight persons were in the ark when it passed through the flood and when it came to rest on the mountain—Gen. 7:7:

Gen 7:7 And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.

 - a. Whatever the ark experienced, they also experienced by being in the ark.
 - b. This illustrates how the believers, by being in Christ, were crucified and resurrected with Christ—1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 1:4; Rom. 6:6; 2 Cor. 5:14; Gal. 2:20a; Eph. 2:6; Col. 2:12; 3:1.

1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

Eph 1:4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;

2 Cor 5:14 For the love of Christ constrains us because we have judged this, that One died for all, therefore all died;

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Eph 2:6 And raised us up together with Him and seated us together with Him in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus,

Col 2:12 Buried together with Him in baptism, in which also you were raised together with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Col 3:1 If therefore you were raised together with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
 - c. Because we are in Christ, His experience has become ours—1 Cor. 1:30.

1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
- B. The living of Noah and his family after the flood signifies the living of the church in Christ's resurrection; this is a seed of the church life—Gen. 8:4—9:17:
- Gen 8:4—9:17 (Be omitted.)

1. Eight people emerged from the ark—8:18:
 Gen 8:18 So Noah went forth, as well as his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.
 - a. Christ was resurrected on the first day of the week, or the day after the Sabbath—the eighth day of the old week; thus, the number eight signifies resurrection—John 20:1; cf. Gen. 17:12.
 John 20:1 Now on the first day of the week, Mary the Magdalene came early to the tomb while it was yet dark and saw the stone taken away from the tomb.
 Gen 17:12 And he who is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male throughout your generations, he who is born in the house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not of your seed.
 - b. Since all the believers in Christ, the components of the church, were included in Christ's resurrection, they are the resurrected people—Eph. 2:6; 1 Pet. 1:3.
 Eph 2:6 And raised us up together with Him and seated us together with Him in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus,
 1 Pet 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
2. The altar is a type of the cross of Christ, and the offerings are types of the different aspects of Christ—Gen. 8:20-21:
 Gen 8:20 And Noah built an altar to Jehovah and took of every clean beast and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.
 Gen 8:21 And Jehovah smelled the satisfying fragrance; and Jehovah said in His heart, I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I ever again smite everything living as I have done.
 - a. The building of an altar and the offerings on it signify the offering of Christ to God through the cross.
 - b. The first thing we need to do in the church life is to be terminated on the cross and then experience Christ and offer to God the Christ whom we have experienced in different aspects for God's satisfaction—Eph. 5:2; Heb. 13:15; 1 Pet. 2:5.
 Eph 5:2 And walk in love, even as Christ also loved us and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor.
 Heb 13:15 Through Him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise continually to God, that is, the fruit of lips confessing His name.
 1 Pet 2:5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
3. In the church life we are brought back to God's original purpose for the expression and representation of God—Gen. 9:1-7; 1:26.
 Gen 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.
 Gen 9:2 And the fear of you and the terror of you shall be upon every animal of the earth and upon every bird of heaven, on everything that creeps on the ground and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered.
 Gen 9:3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; just as I gave you the green herb, so I have given you everything.
 Gen 9:4 But flesh with its life, that is, its blood, you shall not eat.
 Gen 9:5 And indeed your lifeblood I will require; from every animal I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother, I will require the life of man.
 Gen 9:6 Whoever sheds man's blood, / By man shall his blood be shed, / For in the image of God / He made man.
 Gen 9:7 And you, be fruitful and multiply; / Abound on the earth and multiply in it.
 Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

- C. As those who have been baptized into Christ, the believers should walk in newness of life in order to live the church life in the resurrection life of Christ for the building up of the Body of Christ—Rom. 6:3-5; 12:4-5.
- Rom 6:3 Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
- Rom 6:4 We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.
- Rom 6:5 For if we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection,
- Rom 12:4 For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function,
- Rom 12:5 So we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
- D. In the Gospel of John we have a picture of the church life in resurrection—2:1-22; 12:1-11:
- John 2:1 And the third day a wedding took place in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.
- John 2:2 And Jesus also was invited, as well as His disciples, to the wedding.
- John 2:3 And when the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, They have no wine.
- John 2:4 And Jesus said to her, Woman, what do I have in this that concerns you? My hour has not yet come.
- John 2:5 His mother said to the servants, Whatever He says to you, do.
- John 2:6 Now there were six stone waterpots lying there, according to the Jews' rite of purification, holding two or three measures each.
- John 2:7 Jesus said to them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.
- John 2:8 And He said to them, Draw some out now and take it to the master of the feast. And they took it to him.
- John 2:9 And when the master of the feast tasted the water which had become wine and did not know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew, the master of the feast called the bridegroom
- John 2:10 And said to him, Every man sets out the good wine first, and when they have drunk freely, then that which is worse; you have kept the good wine until now.
- John 2:11 This beginning of signs Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed into Him.
- John 2:12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they remained there not many days.
- John 2:13 And the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- John 2:14 And He found in the temple those selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers sitting there.
- John 2:15 And having made a whip out of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, as well as the sheep and the oxen, and He poured out the money of the moneychangers and overturned their tables.
- John 2:16 And to those who were selling the doves He said, Take these things away from here; do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise.
- John 2:17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal of Your house shall devour Me."
- John 2:18 The Jews then answered and said to Him, What sign do You show us, seeing that You do these things?
- John 2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.
- John 2:20 Then the Jews said, This temple was built in forty-six years, and You will raise it up in three days?
- John 2:21 But He spoke of the temple of His body.
- John 2:22 When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.
- John 12:1 Then Jesus, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.
- John 12:2 Therefore they made Him a supper there; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of the ones reclining at table with Him.

- John 12:3 Then Mary took a pound of ointment, of very valuable pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.
- John 12:4 But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was about to betray Him, said,
- John 12:5 Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?
- John 12:6 But he said this not because it mattered to him concerning the poor, but because he was a thief, and holding the purse, carried off what was put into it.
- John 12:7 Then Jesus said, Leave her alone; she has reserved it for the day of My burial.
- John 12:8 For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me.
- John 12:9 Then a great crowd of the Jews found out that He was there, and they came, not because of Jesus only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.
- John 12:10 And the chief priests took counsel to kill Lazarus also,
- John 12:11 Because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed into Jesus.
1. Christ, who is resurrection and life (11:25), changes death into life for the building of the house of God—2:1-22.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

John 2:1-22 (Be omitted.)
 2. John 12:1-11 is a miniature of the church life in Christ's resurrection—a corporate life produced by the resurrection life, a life of feasting in the presence of the Lord, and a life with the functions of serving, testifying, and loving.

John 12:1-11 (Be omitted.)
- E. God's covenant with Noah and the rainbow as a token of His covenant signify that we are the church of the covenant, living in the reality of the new covenant of grace—Gen. 9:8-17:
- Gen 9:8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,
- Gen 9:9 And I Myself now establish My covenant with you and with your seed after you
- Gen 9:10 And with every living animal that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every animal of the earth with you, of all that came out of the ark, every animal of the earth.
- Gen 9:11 And I establish My covenant with you, that never again will all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.
- Gen 9:12 And God said, This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living animal that is with you, for perpetual generations:
- Gen 9:13 I set My bow in the clouds, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.
- Gen 9:14 And when I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow is seen in the clouds,
- Gen 9:15 I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living animal of all flesh, and never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all flesh.
- Gen 9:16 And the bow will be in the clouds, and I will look upon it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living animal of all flesh that is upon the earth.
- Gen 9:17 And God said to Noah, This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth.
1. Our Christian life and church life are a covenant life; because the church life is a life under God's covenant, we can actually be called the church of the covenant—Heb. 13:20-21.

Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, He who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, in the blood of an eternal covenant,

Heb 13:21 Perfect you in every good work for the doing of His will, doing in us that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.
 2. We should live under the new covenant and not believe in any failure, weakness, or negative thing; we are the covenanted people, and we have a verse of promise to meet every situation—Lam. 3:22-23; Rom. 8:1; 2 Cor. 12:9; 2 Tim. 1:10; 2:1; 1 John 1:9; 1 Cor. 1:9.

Lam 3:22 It is Jehovah's lovingkindness that we are not consumed, / For His compassions do not fail;

Lam 3:23 They are new every morning; / Great is Your faithfulness.
 Rom 8:1 There is now then no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.
 2 Cor 12:9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.
 2 Tim 1:10 But now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who nullified death and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel,
 2 Tim 2:1 You therefore, my child, be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus;
 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
 1 Cor 1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

II. With Noah and his family we have a shadow of the kingdom—Gen. 9:1-7, 18-27:

Gen 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.
 Gen 9:2 And the fear of you and the terror of you shall be upon every animal of the earth and upon every bird of heaven, on everything that creeps on the ground and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered.
 Gen 9:3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; just as I gave you the green herb, so I have given you everything.
 Gen 9:4 But flesh with its life, that is, its blood, you shall not eat.
 Gen 9:5 And indeed your lifeblood I will require; from every animal I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother, I will require the life of man.
 Gen 9:6 Whoever sheds man's blood, / By man shall his blood be shed, / For in the image of God / He made man.
 Gen 9:7 And you, be fruitful and multiply; / Abound on the earth and multiply in it.
 Gen 9:18 Now the sons of Noah who came forth from the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan.
 Gen 9:19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was spread over.
 Gen 9:20 And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard.
 Gen 9:21 And he drank of the wine and became drunk. And he uncovered himself inside his tent.
 Gen 9:22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside.
 Gen 9:23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders, and they walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. And their faces were turned backward, so that they did not see their father's nakedness.
 Gen 9:24 And Noah awoke from his wine and learned what his youngest son had done to him.
 Gen 9:25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan: / A servant of servants / Shall he be to his brothers.
 Gen 9:26 And he said, Blessed be Jehovah, / The God of Shem; / And let Canaan be his servant.
 Gen 9:27 May God enlarge Japheth, / And let him dwell in the tents of Shem, / And let Canaan be his servant.

A. Noah and his family lived a life in resurrection, and this life in resurrection was a shadow of the kingdom—8:4, 18; 9:1-7:

Gen 8:4 And the ark came to rest in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.
 Gen 8:18 So Noah went forth, as well as his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.
 Gen 9:1-7 (Be omitted.)

1. As the head of a new race after the flood, Noah was the deputy authority under God; this was a shadow of the kingdom of God, the reality of which is in the church life and the manifestation of which will be the kingdom in the millennium—v. 6; Matt. 16:18-19; Rom. 14:17.

Gen 9:6 Whoever sheds man's blood, / By man shall his blood be shed, / For in the image of God / He made man.
 Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
 Matt 16:19 I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in the heavens.

- Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
2. The ruling with God-given authority among men on the new earth signifies the reigning of God's kingdom in resurrection life—Gen. 9:6; Heb. 12:28.

Gen 9:6 Whoever sheds man's blood, / By man shall his blood be shed, / For in the image of God / He made man.

Heb 12:28 Therefore receiving an unshakable kingdom, let us have grace, through which we may serve God well-pleasingly with piety and fear;
 3. In God's government Noah is a good example; although he made a mistake and had a failure, he nevertheless was strong to represent God in speaking governmentally—Gen. 9:18-27.

Gen 9:18 Now the sons of Noah who came forth from the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan.

Gen 9:19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was spread over.

Gen 9:20 And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard.

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Gen 9:24 And Noah awoke from his wine and learned what his youngest son had done to him.

Gen 9:25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan: / A servant of servants / Shall he be to his brothers.

Gen 9:26 And he said, Blessed be Jehovah, / The God of Shem; / And let Canaan be his servant.

Gen 9:27 May God enlarge Japheth, / And let him dwell in the tents of Shem, / And let Canaan be his servant.
- B. The New Testament is a book of the kingdom of God; the entire New Testament is on the kingdom—Matt. 3:2; 4:17; Rev. 11:15; 12:10:
- Matt 3:2 And saying, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.
- Matt 4:17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.
- Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.
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1. The kingdom of God is a divine sphere for God to work out His plan; it is a realm where God can exercise His authority to accomplish what He intends—Matt. 6:10.

Matt 6:10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.
 2. The kingdom of God is the ruling, the reigning, of God with all its blessing and enjoyment—v. 33; Luke 12:32; Col. 1:13.

Matt 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Luke 12:32 Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father has been well pleased to give you the kingdom.

Col 1:13 Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
 3. As God incarnate, the Lord Jesus came to establish the kingdom of God, to establish a realm in which God can carry out His purpose through the exercise of His authority—John 1:1, 14; 3:3, 5; 18:36.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
- John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
- John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- John 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My attendants would be struggling so that I would not be delivered to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not from here.
4. The New Testament preaches the gospel in the way of the kingdom; the gospel is for the kingdom, and the gospel is proclaimed so that rebellious sinners might be saved, qualified, and equipped to enter into the kingdom—Mark 1:14-15; Matt. 4:17; Acts 8:12.
- Mark 1:14 And after John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,
- Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent and believe in the gospel.
- Matt 4:17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.
- Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip, who announced the gospel of the kingdom of God and of the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
5. The kingdom of God is the Lord Jesus as the seed of life sown into His believers and developing into a realm over which God can rule as His kingdom in His divine life—Luke 17:20-21; Mark 4:3, 26.
- Luke 17:20 And when He was questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, The kingdom of God does not come with observation;
- Luke 17:21 Nor will they say, Behold, here it is! or, There! For behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.
- Mark 4:3 Listen! Behold, the sower went out to sow.
- Mark 4:26 And He said, So is the kingdom of God: as if a man cast seed on the earth,
6. The kingdom of God is the shining of the reality of the Lord Jesus; to be under His shining is to be in the kingdom—9:1-2.
- Mark 9:1 And He said to them, Truly I say to you, there are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the kingdom of God having come in power.
- Mark 9:2 And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up alone into a high mountain privately. And He was transfigured before them,
7. The kingdom of God is a realm not only of the divine dominion but also of the divine species, in which are all the divine things—John 3:3, 5.
- John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
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8. The kingdom is the church life today; thus, to practice the church life is to practice the kingdom—Rom. 14:17; Rev. 1:5-6, 9.
- Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
- Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has released us from our sins by His blood
- Rev 1:6 And made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.
- Rev 1:9 I John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

9. Those who always put God's kingdom before them—that which touches God's will and His enemy—are the most useful workers in the hands of God—Matt. 6:33; 7:21; 25:21, 23; Col. 4:11.
 - Matt 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
 - Matt 7:21 Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens.
 - Matt 25:21 His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.
 - Matt 25:23 His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.
 - Col 4:11 And Jesus, who is called Justus; these alone of the circumcision are my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, ones who have become a consolation to me.
10. The work of the church is to bring in the kingdom of God; the kingdom produces the church, the church brings in the kingdom, and the ultimate issue is the New Jerusalem—the kingdom of God in eternity in the new heaven and new earth—Matt. 13:43; 6:10; 12:22-28; Rev. 11:15; 12:10; 21:1-2, 10; 22:1, 5.
 - Matt 13:43 Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.
 - Matt 6:10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.
 - Matt 12:22 Then there was brought to Him one possessed by a demon, blind and dumb, and He healed him, so that the dumb man spoke and saw.
 - Matt 12:23 And all the crowds were amazed and said, Is this not the Son of David?
 - Matt 12:24 But the Pharisees, hearing this, said, This man does not cast out the demons except by Beelzebul, ruler of the demons.
 - Matt 12:25 But knowing their thoughts, He said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself becomes desolate, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.
 - Matt 12:26 And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?
 - Matt 12:27 And if I, by Beelzebul, cast out the demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges.
 - Matt 12:28 But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
 - Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.
 - Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.
 - Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and the sea is no more.
 - Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
 - Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
 - Rev 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.
 - Rev 22:5 And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.