

Elpis Israel

for Young People

*Abraham and the beginning of the
Kingdom of God*

Class 20

The Kingdom of God vs. Kingdom of Men

Review:

- Elpis Israel p 219
- Last class – looked at the beginning of the kingdom of Babylon
 - Looked at the establishment of “the great CITY”
 - Was the beginning of the KINGDOM OF MEN
 - Follows on from our theme
 - 2 Seeds -> 2 Ways -> 2 Sons -> 2 Kingdoms -> 2 Cities
- This week – looking at the foundations of the Kingdom of God

Elements of the Kingdom:

Micah 4:1-8

*But in the **last days** it shall come to pass, that the mountain of **the house of the LORD** shall be established **in the top of the mountains**, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and **people** shall flow unto it. And **many nations** shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the **mountain of the LORD**, and to the **house of the God of Jacob**; and **he will teach us of his ways**, and we will walk in his paths: for the **law shall go forth of Zion**, and the **word of the LORD from Jerusalem**. And **he shall judge** among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it. For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and **we will walk in the name of the LORD our God** for ever and ever. In that day, saith the LORD, **will I assemble her** that halteth, and I will **gather** her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; And **I will make her** that halted a **remnant**, and her that was cast far off **a strong nation**: and the LORD shall reign over them **in mount Zion** from henceforth, even for ever. And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the **first dominion**; **the kingdom** shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.*

- Who, what, when, where, why, how?

WHEN

In the Last Days

WHAT

Kingdom Established

- Mountain of the Lord's House Established
- make strong nation out of Israel
- walk in his paths
- Yahweh reign in Mt. Zion
- Kingdom (dominion) come
- world peace

WHERE

Mountain of the Lords House.... Zion... Jerusalem

HOW	God Will Assemble... -he will teach us his ways... -law go forth from Zion... -word of the Lord from Jerusalem
WHO	The Judge (shall reign) Israel, -many nations -daughter of Jerusalem

Elements of a kingdom

- King
- Administration
- Land
- Capital
- People
- Law

The Judge (the King)...

Micah 5:2

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet **out of thee shall he come forth** unto me that is to **be ruler in Israel**; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Extent of his Kingdom and Dominion

Micah 4:8

And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even **the first dominion**; the **kingdom** shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

- This is the CENTRE of the kingdom
- The “First Dominion”
- Spread out from here will be the EMPIRE – the secondary dominions

Micah 5:4

And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall **he be great unto the ends of the earth**.

How is this going to happen?

Micah 5:5-8

And **this man** [Christ] shall be the peace, when the Assyrian [**Gog**] shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. And they shall waste the **land of Assyria** with the sword, and the **land of Nimrod** in the entrances thereof: thus shall **he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land**, and when he treadeth within our borders. And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men. And the **remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts** of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

- Hostility between these two KINGDOMS – kingdom of man and the Kingdom of God!

The Stone Kingdom:

Daniel 2:44-45 *And **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**. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.*

- Begins in Israel – kingdom established
- Extends to the uttermost part of the earth – the dominions

Revelation 11:15 *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **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 Foundation of the Kingdom

The Gospel and Hope of the Apostles:

Acts 23:6 *But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: **of the hope and resurrection of the dead** I am called in question.*

- Not just being made alive again

Acts 26:6-7 *And now I stand and am judged for the **hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers**: Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.*

- Rooted deeper in the “promises made to the fathers”

Acts 28:20 *For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the **hope of Israel** [Elpis Israel] I am bound with this chain.*

- Is the NATIONAL HOPE of the NATION OF ISRAEL

Acts 28:30-31 *And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, **Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ**, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.*

- Called the “Kingdom of God” and the “things concerning the Name of Jesus Christ”

This Good News or Gospel was preached to Abraham:

Galatians 3:7-9 *Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, **preached before the gospel unto Abraham**, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are **blessed with faithful Abraham**.*

- If we want the blessing
- If we want to participate in the kingdom
- If we want to live forever
- We have to be “with faithful Abraham”

How can we be related to or associated with Abraham?

- to participate in the “promises made to the fathers, the hope of Israel, the Kingdom of God”.
- It happens THROUGH Jesus Christ!

Gal 3:26-29 *For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And **if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.***

The Preparations of the Kingdom

Remember – this is a DUAL between two SEEDS, two WAYS, two CITIES – two KINGDOMS

Who Built Babylon?

Genesis 10:8-10 *And Cush begat **Nimrod**: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. **And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.***

Abraham WENT OUT of Nimrod's Kingdom – to go to GOD's

Hebrews 11:8-10 *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he **went out**, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For **he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.***

God's preparations for a kingdom have been going on for some time:

Hebrews 11:16 *But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for **he hath prepared for them a city.***

Go back to Abraham to look at the foundations for the kingdom & the preparations God made for this kingdom from the beginning!

The Gospel to Abraham

Worksheet:

- You all should have a worksheet Package
- Don't worry – we're not doing all this today!
 - There are 15 worksheets all together
 - The first 5 are review work sheets
 - You will have to catch up on these over the next few weeks

Number 6 is for today

- It is entitled "Beginnings of the Promises"
- Plus there is another worksheet called "Catalogue of the Promises"
 - We'll be using this every week
- Each worksheet has the following:
 - Foundation Verses – brief notes highlighting the key points from each verse
 - Concordance Work – Definitions
 - Questions
 - Bible Marking
 - Bible Marking has a colour scheme, but if you have already begun your own then that is fine... keep with what you've already done – it has to make sense to you.

Worksheet #6

- Work through this together:
 - Genesis 12:1** *Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee **out of thy country**, and **from thy kindred**, and from **thy father's house**, unto a land that I will shew thee:*
 - Abraham has separated from his COUNTRY, KINDRED (extended family) and FATHER'S HOUSE (immediate family).
- First Promise:
 - Genesis 12:2-3** *And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*
 - Cataloguing the Promises:
 - Great Nation – The Nation of Israel
 - Bless Thee
 - Name Great
 - Be a Blessing
 - Bless them that Bless Thee
 - Curse Him that curseth Thee
 - In Thee – **all families of the Earth Be Blessed – Galatians "Blessed with faithful Abraham"**

- Second Promise:

Genesis 12:7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, **Unto thy seed will I give this land:** and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

- Cataloguing the Promises:
 - The Land Promised to Abraham's Seed

SEED (Gen 12:7)

Strong's #2233

Meaning:

2233 zera` { zeh'-rah }

from 2232; TWOT - 582a; n m

AV - seed 221, child 2, carnally + 7902 2, carnally 1, fruitful 1, seedtime 1, sowing time 1; 229

GK - 2446 { זֶרַע }

- 1) *seed, sowing, offspring*
 - 1a) *a sowing*
 - 1b) *seed*
 - 1c) *semen virile*
 - 1d) **offspring, descendants, posterity, children**
 - 1e) *of moral quality*
 - 1e1) *a practitioner of righteousness (fig.)*
 - 1f) *sowing time (by meton)*

LAND (Gen 12:7)

Strong's #776

Meaning:

776 'erets { eh'-rets }

from an unused root probably meaning to be firm; TWOT - 167; n f

AV - land 1543, earth 712, country 140, ground 98, world 4, way 3, common 1, field 1, nations 1, wilderness + 4057 1; 2504

GK - 824 { אֶרֶץ }

- 1) *land, earth*
 - 1a) **earth**
 - 1a1) **whole earth** (as opposed to a part)
 - 1a2) *earth (as opposed to heaven)*
 - 1a3) *earth (inhabitants)*
 - 1b) **land**
 - 1b1) **country, territory**
 - 1b2) *district, region*
 - 1b3) *tribal territory*
 - 1b4) *piece of ground*
 - 1b5) *land of Canaan, Israel*
 - 1b6) *inhabitants of land*
 - 1b7) *Sheol, land without return, (under) world*
 - 1b8) *city (-state)*

- 1c) **ground**, surface of the earth
 - 1c1) ground
 - 1c2) soil
- 1d) (in phrases)
 - 1d1) **people of the land**
 - 1d2) space or distance of country (in measurements of distance)
 - 1d3) level or plain country
 - 1d4) land of the living
 - 1d5) end(s) of the earth
- 1e) (almost wholly late in usage)
 - 1e1) **lands, countries**
 - 1e1a) often in contrast to Canaan

Abraham's Response:

Romans 4:20-22 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being **fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.** And **therefore** it was **imputed to him for righteousness.**

- Abraham completely believed what God had said
- Was not a doubt in his mind...
- Therefore God IMPUTED it to him for RIGHTEOUSNESS

What we need to do:

Romans 4:12 And the **father of circumcision to them** who are not of the circumcision only, but **who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham**, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

Bible Marking Exercise:

- 1) Underline the all the verses in Genesis 12:1-3, 7 in dark blue
- 2) Completely Colour the word SEED in dark blue in Genesis 12:1-3, 7
- 3) Write Genesis 12:7 next to Genesis 12:1-3 under the heading PROMISES
- 4) Now write Genesis 12:1-3 next to Genesis 12:7

***IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

NEXT WEEK we also have a class –
7:00pm @ the Bowen's in Brantford
Guest Speaker:

Bro. Mark O'Grady
From New Zealand!