

PERSONAL NOTES

The next World Government will be the Kingdom of God!

FOREIGNERS in Greek is "*Paroikos*" from "*Para*" and denotes BESIDE and "*Oikeo*" TO DWELL.

This word denotes an alien who lives as a stranger in a land without the rights of citizenship.

We are **NOT** strangers in the Kingdom of God! Our citizenship is in the heavenly realm, the Spiritual Dimension.

We are living stones in the building of God in the earth.

Lecture 5: The Ever-Expanding Kingdom of God

The Nature of an Ever-Increasing Kingdom

Isaiah captures in one sentence the divine mystery of God's Kingdom:

"Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end." Is. 9:7, NIV.

This Kingdom does not expand by conquest or coercion, but by **increase**, quiet, unstoppable, organic growth. Its advance is peaceful, yet irresistible. Daniel was shown this truth through a vision: a **stone cut without hands** that struck the kingdoms of men and grew until it became a **great mountain filling the whole earth** (Daniel 2:28, 34–35, 44–45).

This stone is **Christ**, and the mountain is **His Kingdom**, not imposed from above, but growing from within history until all rival dominions fade like chaff before the wind.

"The stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth." Dan. 2:35

The Stone and the Living Stones

Scripture is unwavering: The rejected Stone becomes the Cornerstone.

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is from the Lord. It is marvelous in our eyes." Ps. 118:22–23, NKJV.

Isaiah calls Him a sure foundation (Isaiah 28:16). Jesus applies this truth to Himself and to His people:

"Therefore I say to you, the Kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation (1 Peter 2:9-10) bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken, but on whomever it falls it will grind him to power." Matt. 21:44, NKJV.

Here the Kingdom principle is revealed: **Submission breaks us unto life; resistance crushes unto judgment.**

When Peter confessed, "*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,*" Jesus declared that this revelation, not flesh or blood, was the Rock upon which He would build His Church (Matthew 16:13–18).

Paul and Peter later unfold the fuller picture:

"You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God

through Jesus Christ.” 1 Pet. 2:5, NKJV.

Christ is the Cornerstone; the Church is the living structure. This Kingdom is not built with bricks but with **people**.

A Kingdom that must Reign

Paul states plainly:

“For Christ must be King and reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.” 1 Cor. 15:25, AMP.

Notice carefully: Christ does not reign **after** the enemies are subdued. He reigns **in order to subdue them**.

This reign is progressive, unfolding through generations. One generation lays foundations for the next, as God patiently forms a people capable of bearing His authority.

Jesus illustrated this process with parables:

- A **mustard seed** growing into a great tree
- **Leaven** hidden until all is transformed

“So shall the Kingdom of God be...” (Matthew 13:31–33)

The Kingdom works **from within**, until all things are affected.

The Purpose of This Present Age

James, speaking by the Spirit, revealed God’s intent for the Church age:

“Simon has declared how God at the first visited the gentiles to take out of them a people for His Name.” Acts 15:14, NKJV.

This is not merely salvation; it is **selection and formation**.

The phrase *“for His Name”* means far more than identification.

Name = nature, character, authority, power, glory.

God is forming a people who **bear His nature**, not merely His label.

“He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the Name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.” Rev. 3:12, NKJV.

“They shall see His face, and His Name shall be on their foreheads.” Rev. 22:4, NKJV.

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For almost 2000 years the Kingdom of God has been here in its embryo stage – at times quite apparent and at other times not so apparent – but it has been here nevertheless, forming, working, progressing, leading up to this present time where we will experience the worldwide manifestation of His rule.

“He planned for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ, both things in heaven and things on the earth.” Eph. 1:10, AMP.

WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST! (1 Cor. 12:12-31).

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*"For we have become **partakers** of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end." Heb. 3:14, NKJV.*

PARTAKERS in Greek is "Metoehos." It denotes a participant, associate, sharer, partner, companion.

"... that Christ may actually live in your hearts ..."

"So will you be filled through all your being with God Himself." Eph. 3:17, 19, J.B. Phillips.

This is not symbolism alone; it is spiritual reality.

The Church: The Called-Out Ones

The Church is not a building, denomination, or religious institution.

The Greek word "*Ekklesia*" means: A called-out assembly.

William Barclay writes:

"The Church assembles not because men choose to come together, but because God has called them."

God's goal is not merely to rescue individuals from judgment, but to **form a governing people** through whom Christ may reign.

The Goal: Fullness in Christ

*"For it has pleased the Father that all the divine **fullness** (the sum total of the divine perfection, powers, and attributes) should dwell in Him permanently." Col. 1:19, AMP.*

FULLNESS in Greek is "*Pleroma*."

Meaning:

- Full measure
- Completeness
- That which lacks nothing

"For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form, giving complete expression of the divine nature. And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life, in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and reach full spiritual stature. And He is the Head of all rule and authority of every angelic principality and power." Col. 2:9-10, AMP.

The Church is being filled, not with activities, programs, or religion, but with **Christ Himself**.

"My little children, for whom I am again suffering birth pangs until Christ is completely and permanently formed (molded) within you." Gal. 4:19, AMP.

Equipping the Saints

EQUIPPING in Greek is: "*Katartismos*."

Meaning:

- Making fully fit
- Restoring what was out of joint

- Preparing for function

God is aligning His Body so that it may move as **one**, under **one Head**.

“We preach Christ, warning people not to add to the Message. We teach in a spirit of profound common sense so that we can bring each person to maturity. To be mature is to be basic. Christ! No more, no less.” Col. 1:28, MSG.

Summary

The Kingdom of God advances through **formation**, not force.

God is calling out a people for His **Name**, His nature, who will become **living stones** in an ever-expanding Kingdom. Christ reigns now, quietly yet powerfully, **shaping a Body** capable of bearing His **authority**. The stone has been laid; the mountain is rising.

This calling is neither hurried nor superficial. God is not assembling a crowd, but cultivating a **character**. Each living stone is shaped by time, truth, and trial, fitted precisely into a structure whose design precedes history itself.

The Kingdom grows not by spectacle, but by **surrender**, by hearts yielded to the quiet governance of Christ. What appears slow to human eyes is, in truth, deliberate and exact, ensuring that nothing brittle or self-made is built into what must endure forever. Thus the rise of the mountain is not sudden, but **certain**. Generation upon generation is being joined into a dwelling place for God, until His reign is no longer merely confessed but **fully expressed**.

The Kingdom **increases as Christ is revealed within His people**, and through them the earth begins to feel the weight of His peace and righteousness. What began as a hidden stone now gathers momentum, destined to fill all things with the glory of the King who reigns from within.

In this way, the Kingdom does not arrive as an interruption of history, but as its **fulfillment**. God’s reign unfolds from the inside out, first within the hearts of those who yield to Him, then through their lives into the world around them. As Christ finds room to rule without rival, His life becomes visible in word, deed, and spirit. The **mountain rises** because the King is finding rest in His people, and where He reigns unhindered, **creation itself begins to realign** with its original purpose.

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.” Hab. 2:14, NKJV.

This verse seals the truth that the Kingdom grows from within, expands through a people, and will ultimately fill the earth, not by force, but by the **revealed glory of God in His sons**.

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It is here, in the true and living Church, that Jesus Christ first establishes His government that He might rule and reign on the throne of men’s lives.

Study Questions

1. What does Isaiah 9:7 reveal about God's Kingdom?

2. What does the stone in Daniel 2 represent?

3. Why is Christ called the Cornerstone?

4. What does "*falling on the stone*" mean?

5. What does it mean that Christ "*must reign until?*"

6. What is God's purpose in this age?

7. What does "*Name*" signify in Scripture?

8. What is the Church according to Scripture?

9. What does "*Pleroma*" mean?

10. What is God forming through the Church?

Study Answers

1. It reveals that God's Kingdom increases endlessly in government and peace.
2. Christ and His overcoming people forming an indestructible Kingdom.
3. Because all spiritual building aligns to Him.
4. Voluntary surrender and transformation.
5. His reign is the means by which enemies are subdued.
6. To call out a people for His Name.
7. Nature, character, authority, and glory.
8. The called-out assembly of God.
9. Fullness, completeness, lacking nothing.
10. A mature Body through whom Christ reigns.