



## The Promised Messiah - - Part 3

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A very cheerful good morning to each and every listener of the broadcast. I am very happy to be coming your way once again with the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This is now the 3rd week which I am continuing with the subject of "The promised Messiah". We have considered the prophecies of his coming and we have seen the fulfillment given in the scriptures and for this time I want to consider the object of his coming, or we might say the purpose of his coming. Now really, dear ones, just for what purpose did Jesus come? And did he fulfill that purpose? Was it a successful mission? And did he carry out his father's plan and fulfill the purpose of his coming?

To begin with then listen to this scripture. It is a prophecy from Daniel 2: 44, "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." This scripture is dealing with the dream which Nebuchadnezzar had and the prophet Daniel interpreted it for him. Read it for yourself and get the full connection from the second chapter of Daniel. But let us hasten on. Most Bible students who are familiar with prophecy will immediately recognize that we are dealing with 5 universal kingdoms. Now there may be some disagreement as to just how these all apply. But notice very carefully, Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian, Roman, and the everlasting kingdom of God. Rome was the last universal kingdom among earthly kingdoms. She was in the height of her glory when Christ appeared and established the everlasting kingdom of

God. "In the days of these kings (kingdoms)," or that is during the reign of these four kings, the God of heaven was to set up his everlasting kingdom.

Here then are some of the objects of his coming.

### 1. To establish a kingdom.

Fulfillment: And I quote, "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God". Mark 1:14 Here is another scripture. "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." Luke 16:16 And then this one, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son". Col. 1: 13 Dear ones, I say that Christ was successful in establishing his kingdom and we, who are saved from our sins, are enjoying the glory of it right now. I am glad to be in that kingdom, aren't

you? It is a kingdom of peace, as the song says, it shall ever increase.

It is a kingdom which the God of heaven set up. That this means the whole dispensation of the gospel and the moral effects produced by it in the souls of men and in the world needs little proof. The kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven is a kingdom not of this world, not raised by human ambition, the lust of rule, or military conquest, but a spiritual kingdom raised and maintained by the grace of God himself in which he himself lives and rules, governing by his own spirit, producing not wars and contentions but glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good will among men. The kingdom of God, says the apostle, is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Rom. 14:17 It is righteousness without any sin, peace without inward disturbance and joy without mental unhappiness. How can we conceive of any thing higher or more excellent than this? This kingdom shall never be destroyed. It is the everlasting gospel and the work of the everlasting God. As it neither originates in, nor is dependent on the passions of men, it cannot be destroyed. All other governments from the imperfection of their nature contain in them the seeds of their own destruction. Kings die, ministers change, subjects are not permanent, new relations arise and with them new measures, new passions, and new projects. And these produce political changes and often political ruin. But this government being the government of God cannot be affected by the changes and chances to which mortal things are exposed. The kingdom of God shall not be left to other people.

Notice then, the next purpose or object of his coming.

2. To give rest to the Gentiles. Here is the prophecy in Isa. 11:10, "And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious." Notice particularly that this says the Gentiles are going to seek unto him. So it includes more than just Jews.

Then here is the fulfillment in Acts 13:46-48, "Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."

I am going to share with you a letter which really sounds out a note of victory: This letter comes from Ohio:

"Dear ones in Christ,

"So good once again to send greetings of divine love in Jesus precious name.

"It was a great blessing to receive The Mission Trail, your good letter, and the beautiful card this morning.

"No wonder the angels said, Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace, good will toward men. St. Luke 2:14 For the greatest gift ever given to mankind was laid yonder in Bethlehem's manger over 1900 years ago.

"I am so thankful today for the wonderful plan of salvation. I can truly say

from the depths of my soul Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all, my dearest friend from day to day. For without Him I would fall. My strength, my rock, my high tower, Praise His dear name! I do thank the Lord this morning for victory in my soul. I have no other desire but to keep pressing on in the service of the Lord. The prayer of my heart each day is to live closer to God and be a greater blessing to every one I come in contact with.

"So many are lost and so few seem to care. I am burdened for souls. I pray God will deepen my burden.

"There is such a great need for Holy Ghost filled ministers. . . I am isolated and don't get to be in church very often. But I do thank God for the privilege of prayer and His precious Word. That is a light unto my pathway and a lamp unto my feet. . . I know that God still hears and answers prayer. His ear is not heavy that he cannot hear. Isa. 59:1b

"For He is the Lord our God; who healeth all our diseases. Psalms 103:3b

"Enclosed is a small offering for the Lord's work.

"Pray for me that I will keep humble, meek, and lowly at the feet of Jesus. That I will be a greater worker in His vineyard in the days to come, than I have ever been before. Praying for the saints everywhere.

"Christian love and prayers, Sadie Stamm"

Thank you, Sis. Stamm from Ohio, and may God's richest blessings be with you.

Dear ones, it seems that our time is so limited on this broadcast that I would like to extend the coverage of this series of messages on "The promised Messiah" to at least one more time. There are a few more things which I want to bring to you, so be sure to tune in next week for a continuation of the object of His coming.

Let us pray,

Our heavenly Father,

We are indeed thankful that God in his infinite wisdom and knowledge foretold the coming of the saviour and saw the glory of his kingdom and the peace and joy of his subjects. May the preaching of the everlasting gospel continue to spread throughout the world bringing deliverance and victory through Christ and to thee we will give the praise in Jesus' name. Amen

Here is a song, "From death to life". The singers are Bob and Dorrall Forbes, Melvin Doolittle, and Randall Flynn.

Dear ones, until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may the Lord's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

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## *Testimonies*

From Pa.: "Greeting in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. I'm still trusting the Lord for body and soul. Since I found the true Church of God, the Lord has been so good to me. I am determined to follow him where ever He leads. I enjoy reading the Mission Trail. It encourages me to keep pressing on. Enclosed is small donation to help you dear ones to keep sending it out."

--Mary Johnson

From Ala.: ". . . the Lord healed my ankle and foot, praise His holy name. It's wonderful what our Lord can do. The knots under the skin all dried up, still dark, but fully sound. . . I went to meeting on 3rd Sunday in Nov. --wore a pair of new shoes for the first time since Sept. . ."

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From Colo.: "We are glad to report Victory in our souls this beautiful morning. The weather is cloudy and a little cool--30 degrees above this morning, cloudy but no snow. Our Sunday school and children's meetings are doing fine not many in attendance, only 10 regular and the Lord meets with us for which we praise Him. Wife and I are both very well at this time. Wife has had a bad cold but is improving still coughs pretty hard some time. Please remember her in prayer. We do enjoy the Mission Trail and do not want to miss a copy so please keep our name on the mailing list. . . We hope this finds you all well and happy in the Lord. May the Lord bless you in your labors for him."

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From Pa.: "Greetings to all saints everywhere in the Name of our dear Savior and Lord. How wonderful He is to us, and we are so unworthy. Mother has been having terrible pains in her head. Then she had a nosebleed and that relieved it some. She is doing well for her age; still admonishing all to turn to Jesus before it's too late. May all the joys of this Holiday Season be yours, and may the New Year bring more blessings your way as you work in the vineyard of the Lord and bring the lost to a knowledge of why Jesus was born. God bless you and yours as you labor on and give you wisdom to go where He wants you to go, and wait with patience when He says wait."

--Eva Cox

From Va.: "May God ever bless, keep and heal you for His glory is my prayer! Pray for me and my loved ones. We need to draw nearer to Him in these perilous times. Truly, he is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother! When all others fail Jesus never fails. Have some unspoken requests of prayer. Enjoy the Mission Trail paper so much as we are isolated. Will you please pray for our family and all who need God?"

--Edith Melvin

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From La.: "It is a pleasure to have your paper coming our way each week. Its contents are good reminders and food for thought on Christian living, not only in your message but the testimonies sent in. The scripture tells us what to think upon, 'Whatsoever things are lovely, just, good report', etc., and your paper turns our mind toward the goodness of God each week. We appreciate your notice concerning our record 'Wonderful' and the response of the saints has been very good. We are now working on our next record album which will be songs from our Evening Light song book."

--Lynn Carver

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From Ohio: "Greetings of love this evening in the precious name of Jesus, the one who has loved us all so much that He was willing to give His life, that we or who so ever will, that pays the price could be saved, have eternal life. Praise His dear name. Thanking the Lord for His great love and mercy unto us. Ray and I just arrived back home today from our trip to La., then on to Fla.; had a very nice trip and so thankful for the protecting hand of God upon us and the car. . . suppose the Guthrie meeting started today. . . hope you have a good meeting. We attended Hammond meeting then meeting at Jena from Wed. night to Sun. night. . ."

--Sis. Nellie and Ray Key

From S. Ca.: "Today finds me still encouraged to press the battle on until the crown is won, praise the Lord. I hope this letter finds you all well in body and happy in the soul as it leaves the few saints here rejoicing and giving God the glory for the free plan of salvation."

--Sis. Edna Crummie  
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From Ark.: "I am glad for the saving, redeeming power of Christ today. People may change but He is the same forever. . . We went to church at Springfield, Mo. on Nov. 23. Enjoyed the services there and the trip. Pray for all of us that God's will might be accomplished in our lives."

--Irvin McMurrin  
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From Ohio: "It has been some time since we have written. We pray for you dear ones often and appreciate your labors for the Lord. We trust the Lord will continue to richly bless and reward you all. . . some of our older brothers and sisters have gone on to their reward. Sis. McCoy we surely do miss. We often look at her vacant seat and think of when she was with us. We appreciate so much how the Lord is helping and blessing Bro. McCoy. We so appreciate his life. He surely is a true pastor. We pray God will continue to bless him. . . My prayer is that if the Lord sees fit to spare me a while longer that I may live to where my life will be a blessing to others, when the Lord takes me, it will inspire them to go on. The Lord has been so good to us. Many blessings have come our way and it is wonderful how He is still blessing Jeffrey. We desire so much that the Lord would see fit to heal him before he would have to start in school. We know He is able and we desire to live where God will grant us this desire. . ."

--Sis. Della Gutwein and family

From Baja, Calif.: "I appreciate the Mission Trail very much and sometimes translate it to the folks. They enjoy it too. . . The pickup payment has been met every month so far and in good time."

--Edith Cole

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From Mo.: "I thank the Lord for forgiving my sins. He said He would cast them as far as the east is from the west and remember them against us no more. I started out to go all the way with the Lord and He said I will never leave nor forsake you, be with you, always even to the end of the world. . . I have so much to be thankful for. He gives me many blessings every day. Without Him I would be a failure. He is with us in every trial and test and gives us victory when we put our trust in Him. The Lord bless all at the Mission Trail and supply every need is my prayer."

--Minnie Epley

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From Ind.: "I mean to stay as close to Jesus and obey the word as I am given understanding of it. Not many more days will be granted me on earth as I am getting along in years and soon the end. With Christ like love for all of you,"

--William Pearson

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From Mich.: "Thanks for the 'Mission Trail'. Blessings and blessings I have rec'd in reading same. The Word of God, Children's page, the testimonies, the poetry, and all. I'm sorry I don't get the message over radio, but thank God I can read even though I have cataracts and glaucoma of the eyes. Lite afflictions. Looking forward to a glorified body. The coming of our Lord. I am a widow and live alone but thank God He is ever present. Heb. 13:5 I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. So true. He is so precious to me. I'm in 76th yr. I'm happy in Jesus. Praise His name."

--Blanche Carson

