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June 29, 2021 – Kingdom of God: Intro

Brandon: [00:14] Welcome to the full Gospel Berean podcast. We are recording this in the month of June, in the year Gregorian year 2021. If you're joining us, we're going to be talking about the kingdom of God that we see all over scripture. It's promised in the Old Testament. Jesus talks about it in the New Testament. He says that before he returns, the message of the kingdom is going to increase and then he's going to come back. And, you know, when you do kind of an initial survey of the landscape with the theology of the kingdom, there's not a lot of solid resources that have stuck to scripture. And so we wanted to put together this podcast.

We're going to have multiple series. We'll talk about all of the nitty gritty as we work along. Today is a little bit more of an introduction as to why we're going to be talking about the kingdom. My name is Brandon and I have Keith with me. We are a couple of Bereans here in Utah among the Mormons, and we've been led by the spirit to put this together and share the message of the kingdom. So before we jump in here and get into some of these Bible verses and talk about some of these concepts, one of the big reasons we wanted to talk about the kingdom specifically and at least start a series on that, with kind of an open ended date.

Brandon: [01:35] I'm sure we'll have quite a few episodes is there's a lot of misconceptions. So if you're if you're a new believer, if you're if you're still developing discernment spiritually when it comes to studying the scriptures, there's some good habits to get into. And one of those is to be an obedient, always testing everything, always checking everything against the standard of scripture that includes popular theology, that includes set in stone traditions, things that have been done for hundreds, if not thousands of years. Anybody that's giving us any ideas, always has to be held up to the light of scripture. And so that is our goal.

We want to be as objective as possible about the things we believe, regardless of the relationships that may suffer for the sake of being hungry for the truth, just as scripture tells us to do so. Maybe we can start this off on this off to you. Let's talk a little bit about some of the misconceptions that we see in the church today. Good examples, millennialism post, millennialism, kingdom now. maybe talk a little bit about some of those and why they're missing the mark when it comes to the biblical kingdom.

Keith: [02:39] Well, part of the problem that we see is the lack of Bible literacy, and there's a lot of people today who have been raised in religion and to be honest, they spent very little time in the Old Testament. OK, so they don't have a foundation in the covenants. They don't have a foundation in the kingdom, discussions and promises that have been strung all throughout the Old Testament, because that's really what we're talking about here, is God has made promises. He's revealed himself throughout the ages. And he's built upon a program, where everybody's looking for a messiah, everybody's looking for redemption.

God gave covenants to point to their lack of ability, to highlight their sin and their wicked nature. and so we're kind of building to this crescendo. And unfortunately, most believers today don't have any foundation in the Old Testament. And so they really are at a loss when we see that discussion all throughout the New Testament. In the book of Matthew it has the Kingdom of Heaven dozens of times, and many of the other gospel messages. It's talking about that, because that was the message that Jesus preached. And today, because people don't have a foundation. The apostle Paul gets attacked. They'll say Jesus is preaching of the kingdom. Jesus is preaching the fact that he has come and the kingdom has arrived. And that's what John the Baptist was proclaiming about Jesus.

Keith: [04:15] Hey, we are the kingdom, it is coming right now. You're seeing it right in front of your face here. And he wasn't explaining it, because for the most part, people in that time frame all knew about the kingdom promises. There are Hebrews and that's what they've been looking forward to from the beginning of time, and it started at Adam and has gone for thousands of years. And so they didn't give a lot of background on what the kingdom preaching was, that Jesus was doing. But everybody kind of assumed, because they were talking about it all the time, what that message was. Well, as New Testament believers, if we don't go back into the Old Testament and get some refresher courses, we won't be able to understand what's going on. And that's what happens today.

There are thousands, hundreds of thousands of people who attacked the apostle Paul because he's not preaching the gospel of the kingdom. He actually is preaching the gospel of the new covenant, which is still about the kingdom. But it's from a gentile perspective. So we have thousands, hundreds of thousands of people who attack Paul and want to go back into the Old Testament and are into the Hebrew roots Judaism, and all the things that involves, because they don't understand the difference and what Jesus was about, when he said that he came to preach the kingdom, to the lost of Israel, for the lost towns of Israel.

Keith: [05:38] So there are attacks on Paul. There's confusion on what that means. There's a dual covenant theology where people tell you or try to convince you that there will be Hebrew people that will get into the New Jerusalem based upon the first covenant, the covenant of Moses that they're aware of. It's not the first covenant, obviously, but the mosaic covenant and that the gentiles will be saved a different way. And so it just creates a lot of confusion, a lot of attacks between the people, the Catholics and a lot of the Charismatics. Don't believe that there's going to be a literal kingdom of heaven, kingdom of God on the earth. They think it's all been spiritualized. And up until 1948, when Israel was physically brought back as a nation, everything was symbolic.

And so there's just a lot of confusion, a lot of attacking. And God says that we need to understand what that is about, because you're not going to be able to be an effective disciple if you don't know what your job is. And that's what preaching the kingdom of God does. It clarifies what you're supposed to be doing now and what the Gentiles and the Hebrew people will be doing during that kingdom. That is to come.

Brandon: [06:53] I did take a step backwards. We see the issue that people, New Testament believers today start their study in the New Covenant and then they try to read the concepts that they're taught in the Old Testament, if they ever go into the Old Testament. And that's kind of a backwards approach from the way scripture has been designed. Paul tells us that the essentially the old covenant, the Mosaic Covenant and the Old Testament, was given to us as a schoolmaster. right, Given to the Hebrews as a schoolmaster. And that's something that we can use to contextualize the need for the new covenant, the new covenant, the understanding for why there's going to be a future kingdom, why Christ is going to be the one to fulfill and rule over that.

And so a lot of people have a lot of mixed up theology because they're taught about, you know, modern day theologies that are built on partial sections of the New Testament scriptures. And then when they go back to the Old Testament, there's a lot of confusion because it doesn't fit, because that's not the way that things should progress in our understanding. And part of that comes from the lack of discipleship, the lack of godly leadership in the nation and in the body of people who should be Christians. And so this is just kind of a small sliver of that. And that is it's a discussion in and of itself.

Brandon: [08:01] But some of the different views that we do see, I wanted to talk a little bit more specifically about some of the details of the different misconceptions. So the first one is post millennialism. I think that when starting to see a lot more popularity, it's this concept that the millennium has already happened. Right. That it came only as a spiritual fulfillment in the New Testament when Christ came the first time to try to tie that into the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D. And they say that we're past that and we're just waiting for Christ to return to do something completely different. There's not going to be this thousand year reign.

One of the hurdles that that you have to get over if you're going to be scripturally consistent, is that when Jesus came the first time, he fulfilled the prophecy of him coming as the lamb, the Messiah, Ben Yosef, physically right. He came. He died physically. His blood was shed physically. And when he's going to return, the same thing is going to happen. He will physically return. It will be an event that's seen by the entire world. Let's talk about some of the areas of scripture that contradict the idea of post millennialism or that this kingdom has already happened, but in a spiritual, spiritualized fulfillment. What are some of the things that you see that don't jive, I guess, with that idea?

Keith: [09:15] Well, if you know the promises of what that time is going to represent, we all know that it's going to be a time of peace. There are multiple prophecies through Zachariah and in Jeremiah that talk about the fact that when he comes, there will be a time of peace. Wars will be ended. Curses will be lifted. The Bible tells us that during that time of peace, there will be no temptor, there will be no Satan or demonic forces in the earth.

And that's a big one, because we know that Satan is running full speed ahead and he's on high alert because he knows his time is running, and that it's running out. So the Bible says that at the very beginning of this time frame, this thousand years or this Sabbath day, Satan will be bound and he'll be thrown into Tartarus and he will stay there until this time of peace and Sabbath has been completed, because that's one of the promises, that were given to the people. The children of Israel at the time of Moses, believed that they would be able to enjoy the blessings and the peace and prosperity that comes through following God's ways. And so between the curses, we have the prophecies that talk about the wolf and the lamb lying down together and the poisonous snakes that the little children will be able to play with, and they won't have to worry about being bitten or dying.

Keith: [10:46] Disease will be minimized. I don't know that there will be no disease. I think there still will be some ailments, because sin will still be in the earth, and on the earth. There's a promise that people will go back to living much longer lives. And if you make a list of all the diseases that we have today because of things that we do to ourselves and you take those all away, not to mention the fact that the curse that was brought upon man through Adam and Eve, will be lifted.

You can see where people could live many years, the Bible actually says that if you don't live at least one hundred years, you will have been cheated because that will be like the minimum of what people would be expecting to live. So there's no Satan. He's bound. Curses have been lifted. women will no longer have travail and pain during childbirth. The land will not be cursed and it will come back to the lushness that we all have in our mind, when we think of the Garden of Eden, a lot of people don't realize it.

Keith: [11:47] But if you look at the Middle East, you'll notice that there's just a crescent of fertility where the rivers are. But the Bible says during the peace and the Sabbath time that Jesus will rule and reign, the center part of Saudi Arabia will be a lush garden area. It's the Sahara Desert right now. So obviously, if you look at something like that, you would know that things would be different, because for most of the history of the world, the Sahara Desert has been the desert. It was a lush garden that we think of when we think of the Garden of Eden.

So there's a lot of things that are very specific and you can try to symbolize them. And I think I mentioned that a minute ago, when Israel was physically formed as a nation in 1948. That drastically changed the view of a lot of people as far as Bible prophecy, because all that symbolism was put to rest, when there was physically a nation of Israel, because prior to that, everything was symbolic, symbolic and spiritualized. But when the Bible clearly says Jesus is coming back the way he left, right, physically coming back

Brandon: [13:01] On that response is in in scripture itself somewhere. And I can't remember off the top of my head, we'll look it up and I'll add it somewhere here on the screen. But there are men that are looking up and watching Jesus ascend to heaven. And there's some men that are clothed in white saying, what do you do? What are you doing? He's going to come back eventually in the same way you just watch them, right? He's going to physically return. So that's evidence we see in scripture. I think Isaiah does a great job of dispelling the symbolism of this, this kingdom is to come.

You know, if you were to just camp in Isaiah, you could find in just the first couple of chapters, I mean, he says in Chapter four that during this period of time when Jesus is going to be glorified in ruling from his position of authority, there's going to be a temple and you over the father's presence will be there in the same way that it was in the temple, in the Tabernacle Choir. Right. We will have this pillar of smoke in this cloud of fire to know that the presence of Jehovah is in Jerusalem, at the temple that exists.

Brandon: [13:54] And you can't you know, you have a really difficult time explaining stuff like that away when you take the entire witness of scripture, the prophecy in the Old Testament of the return of Christ in this kingdom that's going to exist physically on top of the physical blessings in the curse is being lifted. And in the New Testament, we see that the apostles are going to be judges over the twelve tribes who have inherited the land in Jerusalem in the same way they should have inherited it previously, but didn't because of their disobedience. And so I think when you're diligent in your you're hungry for scripture, you'll find that evidence that's in there.

But it's not it's not one of those things where you can just quickly do a skim through the Old Testament and find that you have to be able to dig and take the time and be hungry for the wisdom, just like Proverbs tells us to be. And we'll get into that. So this is kind of just an overall overview approach today. We're going to get into a lot of the scripture. We'll get into a lot of the details as we move along in this podcast and as we kind of dive through these different episodes.

Brandon: [14:48] But you mentioned the attack on Paul. Let's talk a little bit more in depth about that and why we see such a push from the people who are trying to drag people back into the Torah of Moses into the law of Moses and the covenant of Moses and how much they hate the message of Paul.

I've actually seen people on the other end where they're not trying to drag people away, but they're trying to divide and say, you know, choose your gospel in the New Testament. Kind of like a pick your own story, make sure you're sticking in the right one. And you're not following after Paul because there's this separate message that he's giving to people. Just make sure you stick with Jesus. Why? I mean, Paul specifically mentions it as well a couple of different times that if he was preaching the message that the people like the Phillis or the. The Pharisees wanted to hear that he wouldn't see the persecution that he did at that time, and that was two thousand years ago, we see. What are some of the specifics of the attacks on his message, aside from just kind of a generally don't listen to Paul.

Keith: [15:46] Well, you know, the writings that we see from Paul in the book of Galatians talks about that's the message of the scripture you were referring to, where he refers to it as a tutor, that it's like for beginners, but that we need to move on. And he references it as the milk and that we need to grow up and have more than just the basics. So the people who love and in my opinion, idolize the mosaic law. They are the ones who don't like Paul. Right. A lot of people don't understand and they don't know who wrote the book of Hebrews.

I'm convinced that Paul was actually the author of Hebrews as well. All the early Christians. Polycarp, though, all those guys way back from the very beginning, all handled that letter as part of the package from Paul. And one of the reasons why it sounds different is because it was actually written in Hebrew. So it's coming out of Hebrew and it was focused on the Hebrew people from Paul. And one of the things that he would not want to do is, he would come up and put his name all over it and say, this is from Paul the apostle of Christ, because then the Hebrew people would discard them.

Brandon: [16:59] Immediately, get rid of it.

Keith: [17:00] So it's almost like he wanted it to be different. And I'm not saying that it's 100 percent, we don't know that. But the writings in the book of Hebrews go against all of the things that people who idolize the Mosaic Law, don't want to hear. And we had situations where people have been sucked into Hebrew roots. And you basically just need to tell you go spend time at Hebrews and Galatians, and you'll realize that what you're doing is going backwards. You're forfeiting your high priest. Christ is no longer your intercessor. If you're trusting in the mosaic law because their intercessor and their priests are no more. They lost their authority when Christ came and He provided that when he came the first time at the first advent.

OK, so there was a shift of authority and power that was transferred to Jesus. And so if you're living in the Mosaic Covenant, you don't have the mediating services of Christ because that went away and that was the point of the temple and the literal priest. So the attack on Paul is because he tells you and he reinforces in several ways that the Mosaic law is no longer needed for those under the new covenant. But people don't understand that there are two covenants. There is a dual covenant, but it's not about salvation.

The covenant of grace that we accept in Christ today is part of eternal life. That's one of the covenant pieces that we look forward to. We have eternal life. We have forgiveness of sins. We have inheritance through Christ. We rule and reign with him. Those are all part of our covenant package that comes through Calvary and the covenant that Moses received at the time of Moses with the people. It includes a time of peace and prosperity. And those two covenants come together during that thousand years when Christ rules and reigns. But Paul didn't teach a different gospel. He just talked the gentile view of the same kingdom that the Hebrew people were seeing from the Moses side of the equation.

Brandon: [19:08] Right. Well, into that point, when people are idolizing something that's a standard that's been fulfilled and done away with. And that's another study that we can branch out to eventually. He specifically says that when you choose to take that path, you are cutting yourself off from the connection with Christ. You are you are stepping away from the grace that's being shown and you know that idolization. And that's something you see consistently through the Old Testament recorded with the, you know, the Hebrews is that there's this pride issue and it's causing them to lead themselves into idolatry, whether that's pagan gods, whether that's worshipping their themselves or their ability to adhere to tradition or religion or whatever that may be. And so it's a consistent issue. And we still see that present today. Just like Solomon says, there's nothing new under the sun. And so there's no there shouldn't be a surprise as to why we see so much of it today.

I think that we're seeing it ramp up and we're seeing it become more popular, not just because of the access of this information for people to be able to stumble across it, but also due to the end of the age beginning to be wrapped up.

You're starting to see a lot of these ideas propagate much quicker because there's a push to deceive the people who are looking for some semblance of truth in the end times. And so hopefully those who are spirit lead can be that beacon, that star that shines bright, that Daniel writes about and Daniel Lived.

Keith: [20:32] So we want one other thing, I want to interject here. A lot of the bad teaching that we see about the kingdom now, and the new apostolic reformation and the Hebrew roots come from the people who benefit from the bad teaching. If you are the ones who are benefiting from it, it is to their advantage. You know, the Catholic Church has used their position or their authority that they think they got through, Peter, as a bully pulpit to try to keep people under their control, saying that we are, when I say we, I'm talking the Catholic Church, the only ones authorized.

And so we're in the millennial now and the Catholic Church is in charge of that. And so by making it a spiritual event, the Catholic dogma can be propagated and people stay in line. And as soon as you get to the literal fulfillment then people say, well, what have we been doing for the last fifteen hundred years with the Catholics? And I say, well, you guys are obviously wrong because if it's literal, then it hasn't started yet. And we know Satan has not been bound right now.

Brandon: [21:35] There's no period of time. And that goes into people doing the spiritual position. You look in Revelation and you look at the Greek and you can see that the thousand years is an actual number of one thousand, describing a period of time. That's a thousand years. It's not a spiritualization. It's not a representation of something else. And so we can't find a thousand year period where any of the prophecy has been fulfilled, whether that's Satan being bound, whether that's the physical land, seeing the blessings and seeing the curse is lifted.

The temple, the presence of Jesus in Jerusalem, the apostles leading. You can't spiritualize everything, but you can spiritualize a couple of things. But there's too much evidence given to us throughout the minor prophets, and the prophets in the writings in the Old Testament, that you just can't dismiss it when you actually dive in and approach it objectively. One thing I do want to talk about, you know, we talk about the way we talk about the kind of what a little bit. Let's talk about the win. One of the things that you see in a lot of people who try to teach philosophy, try to prophecy from scripture, one of the one of the indicators is, as a New Testament believer, is that you have to be in line with the biblical calendar. Right. Not the Hebrew calendar specifically because they're off on some things and they're not practicing what they should be.

Brandon: [22:50] But there is a biblical calendar that Jehovah has outlined, and he's given that to us to understand how he works with humanity in the timeline that's been given to us. There's a pattern that we see. And so let's talk a little bit about the when of the kingdom, when is it going to happen, because it's not just an arbitrary event. You know, God's not just going to all of a sudden decide, hey enough is enough, I think we can just cut it off here. There's going to be some stragglers, but now is as good a time as any. Let's go ahead and establish the kingdom.

He's got a very precise timeline and we can see the evidence of him fulfilling a point at times that the Leviticus twenty three Moedim, as well as the Leviticus twenty five jubilee cycles, we can see him throughout scripture interjecting with humanity during those times that are important to him. And he's going to do the same thing with the kingdom. There is a time that he's prophesied that will come. We see this six in one pattern. Let's talk a little bit about what that pattern is going to foreshadow and how we can use that to kind of dial in when we're going to see Jesus actually return.

Keith: [23:51] Well, it starts in Genesis as part of creation, God spent the first six days getting everything set up, creating the fish and the animals and setting the sun in the moon in their positions, setting up the days, and then finally creating man and his helpmate, the wife Eve. And then the Bible says he stopped. It doesn't say he stopped because he needed to rest. It was just God being an example and giving us a pattern for what we're going to see all throughout his covenant period. For the plan of man, God has the six days of work and toil and learning and failing and repenting. And then on the seventh day, everybody stops and takes a break.

And when the Israelites came out of bondage out of Egypt, they had no idea on any of that stuff. God had given it to Adam, God had given it to Abraham. And we see that in patterns. We even see it in the Book of Acts where the apostles are traveling. And the Bible gives us a bunch of examples of how many days it took between their trips because they weren't traveling on the Sabbath. So it just a pattern that God gave us and he gives it to us in the land Sabbath where when they went into the Promised Land, they were only to plant for six years.

Keith: [25:14] And then not only were they supposed to be having a weekly Sabbath, which was part of the covenant that was made with Moses, but the addition to that covenant that was added later when they went into the Promised Land was that they had to let the land rest as well because the land was under the curse of sin, just like people are. Animals are under the curse, man is under the curse. The land, the trees and the vineyards, and all that stuff.

They are under the curse of sin, the same as mankind. So God's setting this pattern and he's telling them to remember the Sabbath, remember the concept, because it's pointing to the ultimate Sabbath, which is going to be the seven thousand year range, between the sixth and seventh, at the end of the day, or the end of the sixth age, there will be a time of rest. So there's an appointed time for that time for that rest to happen and for the jubilee to happen and for the restoration that happens at the end on the eighth day. And so you can see that if you're looking for it, because God keeps reminding them over and over, remember the Sabbath and follow this. And if you do, you will be blessed.

Brandon: [26:27] Yeah, yeah. He does that all throughout scripture, not just with, you know, the pattern of his timeline, but also the way he interacts with humans. Right. We see these events take place. We see them copied in other in other periods of time. And then we see them prophesied about future events. We see it all in the Book of Revelation. Right. We see this imagery of the of the temple sacrifices. We see the imagery in heaven of the throne room and the things that are going on. And it's not just here are these random events. Good luck interpreting them. It's these are images of things that you can find all throughout the history of Jehovah's interaction with

mankind. And he's going to do it again in the same way that he did before. And he does that one because we're very forgetful so and to so we can understand that it's his signature in the way that he's dealing with us. So we see the sixth in one pattern.

We see the six days, we see the six years in the land Sabbath. We see the six years with the slavery and then the seventh year we see the cycles of the jubilee. That's really a big a big confusion point for a lot of people. You know, young Earth creationists argue that the Earth is 6000 years old, but they can't ever find that Bible verse and scripture. And it's a twisting of the promise that's given to Noah as part of the covenant. We'll talk about that in the next episode that we do when we talk a little bit about some of the covenants we see in scripture.

Brandon: [27:43] But God promises. He says, I'm going to give you one hundred twenty, one hundred twenty years. That's going to be the time of man. And he's not telling us that's the life expectancy for the generation that you're going to live in. He's saying that man, Adam Wright, the representation for mankind in the plural is going to be one hundred and twenty [28:00] years. And if you do some due diligence, you understand that he's making a promise of one hundred and twenty of his years and his years. Defined in that context are the jubilee cycles that we see in Leviticus 25 where we have these fifty year periods. Right. You've got forty nine. You've got the seven times seven cycles. And then on the fiftieth year you've got all of these different things that are going to happen.

We'll talk about that as we I guess that's minor. We'll talk about that as we get into some of the fulfillment of Jesus returning because, you know, he'll usher in the kingdom on a on a Jubilee year. So it's important to have that foundation on the timeline because that 50 year cycle times one hundred and twenty year promise that gives us our six thousand year number that a lot of people try to throw around. And just for the record and for any listeners, we're not arguing for a six thousand year earth. We're arguing for six thousand year period of man separated from God out of out of the. Garden of Eden, a time where we're going to be under the bondage of the curse of the of the of the land of our nature, of Satan roaming around trying to test us and destroy us, and then we're going to see a seventh year, which is a Sabbath.

Brandon: [29:03] We see that talked about in the promise made to David in that time of peace for Israel. So there's a lot to it. Right. And so today is not about getting lost in the weeds. We just want to give a little bit of direction as to why we're looking into this, because there's a lot of content that needs to be covered. There's a lot of things that need to be unlearned and we need to relearn things from the perspective of a found it in scripture. So we have the win. Right. We'll know at the six thousand year mark that is extremely exact. When Jesus returns, he'll usher in on that last jubilee. Then we'll see that last day, that Sabbath.

We know Jesus is going to be the one that's in charge of the kingdom, but we see the concept, especially in the Old Testament, this kingdom is going to be a kingdom of the Lord, the kingdom of you, Hova. There's some confusion because people call it the kingdom of Christ, the kingdom of Jesus, kingdom of the Lord King Yehovah. Let's let's try to clear that up a little bit. Who's in charge? And then where specifically are we going to be looking at the headquarters of the scripture. Tell us.

Keith: [30:00] Well, the Bible message, the story of the Bible is centered on the promised land, and it's like, well, why is it called, the Promised Land?

Well, it goes back to the covenant with Abraham, where God gives him the promise and says between the Euphrates and the Nile River, between the Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf area, that's your land. And He's not telling Abraham that he gets to keep it or that he's being transferred. He basically says your people will become a nation and I will make you great on this property. So if you can focus on the fact that the Bible is about a family lineage, an inheritance, and God keeping track of those people and his promises to them for his land, then you'll understand. And the Bible says that before Jesus returns, Jerusalem will be a cup of trembling. The whole world is fighting over Jerusalem, I think.

And that is a little dinky piece of a rock in the middle of nowhere. And it is. But there is a supernatural powers fighting over the Islamists want it, the Catholics want it the Jewish people want it, the Orthodox Christians want it. They all are fighting over that because they think it's holy and it's because God says he put his name there and his presence was there in the temple for hundreds and hundreds of years. And so they want his presence to come back and they think that if they have control of it, that that will bring God back to that location. So it is very specific. Jesus will rule for the entire thousand years and his kingdom will be based in Jerusalem. So it's very specific that's where it will be, and that it will include all of the promised land. And during the time of Christ, it will be worldwide up until the time Christ comes back. It was it was just the Dominion or a location there in the promised area locally. But it is definitely the Jerusalem and the Middle East. It's an epicenter because that is God's land. That's what he says is special to him and where he wants to live.

Brandon: [32:05] Yeah. Yeah. And we see Christ is going to be the one ruling globally. We see in songstresses, he's going to rule with the rod of iron. You know, he's going to be basically stamping out any last rebellion, you know, putting people to the test without Satan being here. Right. To kind of shift the blame to. He's going to illustrate that humankind has the issue with rebellion. And we're going to see that we see the prophecy that those who you know, the nations that don't adhere to the feast of Tabernacles that the Lord will send out. Right. Is going to withhold rains for their land and it will affect, obviously, their crops and things like that. But there's going to be rebellion.

And so Jesus is going to be doing he's going to be fulfilling a purpose. He'll be establishing peace. And because he's the one ruling from Jerusalem globally, those who aren't Hebrew, those who aren't in Jerusalem, who don't know who Jesus is, and those who have not been glorified, the Christians who have been transformed, that have been put into positions of authority, they will be going to Jerusalem to learn about the ways of, you know, Isaiah talks about it, the minor prophets talk about a little bit.

Brandon: [33:10] I think it's Joel or Amos. You know this come let's go up to the mountain. Let's go and learn the ways of Jehovah. Let's go to this city on the hill where Christ is ruling and reigning in the presence of Jehovah resides. And let's go learn about right. And they're going to see the blessings of the people who have a relationship and who have been transformed. And that will

be their example. So there's going to be a lot going on. It's going to be centralized in Jerusalem and it's going to affect the entire world. Right. And if there are people who are going to try to rebel or try to ignore what Christ wants to have happen, he's going to nip that in the bud and make sure that any rebellion is taken care of. It needs to be.

So we'll get into a lot of the details on this as we work things along. But I think now is probably as good a time as any to wrap up this little episode up there. Anything else you want to add or any other comments on who, what, when, where, why?

Keith: [33:55] Well, we know that Jesus received His authority when he came the first time. Yeah, OK. So and we'll probably do a segment on what that means. But you have you have authority that is that is granted to you. And it's not just about kingdoms. It's just in general you have authority and then you have to have power to back it up. And that dominion is the part of store, where does your dominion extend, where is your area? What do you have? Where's your coverage area? What do you manage? And Jesus received all power and authority from the father when he came the first time, but he didn't receive dominion. Satan still has dominion on the earth. And when Jesus comes back, that's when the Dominion will be transferred to him.

And at that point, then he will be over all. That's when the Bible says he will be officially king of kings and Lord of Lords because he will have dominion. He already has the power and the authority that was granted him by the father when he came the first time. And that's the authority that we as believers can call upon. When we pray in Jesus name, so it the pieces fit together nicely, when you don't just get stuck in one section, you take the entire Bible and you lay it out and you say, what is the plan? What are the words? How do they how do they need to be defined and just throw out the garbage that we have floating around today that has come from concordance and commentaries by people who were not being led by the Holy Spirit and basically just created a bunch of confusion.

Brandon: [35:31] Yeah, and that's a big one, especially in a lot of the false christianity and some of the cults that are out there, understanding that Jesus has authority sitting at the right hand of the father. He's been elevated by the father to that position. Everything that the father has given to the son covers creation's things seen and unseen. But the Dominion isn't there yet. That's a future event. Satan is the God of the world. He's currently in control. That's why we see things going the way that we do. And that's the way there's going to be a last push in that final week of Daniel, that final seven years. And things are going to get pretty chaotic because Satan doesn't want to give that up. And so we see that Christ wins pretty effortlessly.

But it's going to be pretty chaotic until then. Cool. Let's go and wrap it up there for any listeners. Follow us, subscribe like on whatever platform this is on. We'll be holding these hopefully every single week. And if you have any questions, I'll include some details here. You can email us and questions and let us know if there's anything you guys want us to cover. But we'll be talking about in the next episode about some of the covenants. We'll go through some of the scriptures and dig things out, just like a Berean would, always questioning everything. So I'm going to.