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## GIG30 – God’s Messianic Kingdom on Earth

As you know if you've been with me on my podcasts, I've had a burden since the beginning of this year to really speak about the Kingdom of God and aspects of it. I wanted to talk in this podcast about the earthly messianic Davidic kingdom of God. There will be a Kingdom of God on this earth. That is prophesied. It's the messianic kingdom that was promised to David. This is so necessary for us to grasp. I feel like one of the difficulties we have is that we have had Christ at the right hand of the Father in the heavens for two thousand plus years now. And so we in our lifetime, in our father's lifetimes and generations that we can know or study really about, have been in this place where He has ascended into heaven, and we are awaiting His return. Therefore, I think there's a kind of a thing that creeps into Church and to our doctrine where the focus becomes the Kingdom of Heaven; everything gets focused on heaven. Now we know there is a heavenly Kingdom, and there is a podcast that I've done about the Kingdom of Heaven. And I encourage you to get it and listen to it because it identifies very distinctly that there is this Kingdom of Heaven. But we can't overemphasize it for us as believers in Christ because if we aren't careful, we begin to drift away from a drive to see that Kingdom come to the earth. Christ left the earth with a promise of return.

And so I want to talk in this podcast today about the idea of, and the Scriptures about, the Kingdom of God on the earth. One thing, of course, we all know that we have is Christ Himself teaching us as disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). And so He directed us. And that prayer, I know it serves to initiate the reality of His Kingdom manifesting on this earth, but I think it also has to be something that is a constant reminder to us that our focus as believers, as churchgoers, is to be on His Kingdom coming. This is all very important I think at this time because we find ourselves in real times of trial and tribulation. I hear people all the time talking about the end-time and the return of the Lord. So as the Lord returns, what we're talking about is not Church. We're talking about His Kingdom. He comes to establish His Kingdom. Church is something that transitions us through this time while He is in heaven receiving and establishing the Kingdom there to bring it here. It's a time really of challenge and testing to us. If we remember the parable, it was while He was gone receiving the great Kingdom that all of the ones He'd called and given talents to had to prove themselves of what they would do during the time of His absence. And so that's something that we all must face.

At some point, we will stand before Him at His return, and we will account for our days here on this earth. We will account for what we've done and how we've been and what we've done with the talents that we were given, the anointings that we were given while He was gone. What did we do? What are we doing? And that's why He says to us, "Occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13, KJV). So knowing that this is a time. If we are in these beginning days of tribulation and we're going through these things, it's a sign to us. He says, "Look up because your salvation draws near" (see Luke 21:28) Don't worry about what you're going through and how difficult it may seem and how scary it all may be when you read Revelation and Daniel. Don't focus on that. Focus on His Kingdom that is in heaven and focus on this reality that He is bringing His Kingdom to earth as was prophesied and stipulated in the Scriptures.

So we know the Kingdom of God is coming to the earth. We know that it was prophesied over David. It was called the Davidic kingdom, and it is to manifest here on earth. That's why the Gospels are so careful to make the connection between Yeshua (Jesus) and Him being of the lineage of David because it is this Davidic prophecy that is fulfilled in the establishment by Christ of His Kingdom now on the earth, as it is already and as it has been established in the heavens. So let's not be pulled away from this focus. I know that it's hard not to be at times because we see people pass away. What happens? They go into the heavens. They're in the heavens. Where's the great cloud of witnesses? It's surrounding us in the heavenly realm.

So everything that we love and is dear to us in many ways is transpiring and is existing in the heavens. But we must remember that there is a body that God has created for us through the resurrection of Christ, which we will put on. It is an earthly body in the sense that it is made to live in this realm on this earth. And as He returns to the earth, we will be on this earth with Him and be part of this great Kingdom that He's establishing. That is our future. That is why we're being tried now and tested. That is why we're going through all that we are going through. It is like a job interview that He's finding, "Will we be faithful? Will we be ones who hold onto His Word no matter what happens?" So this idea of the earthly messianic or Davidic kingdom is very, very important to us right now at this time.

All right, I want to start reading out of Chronicles the seventeenth chapter, and I'll jump down to verse 7.

"Now, therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David. [So Nathan is prophesying to David the Word of the Lord.] 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader over My people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a name like the name of the great ones who are in the earth. I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and not be moved again; and the wicked will not waste them anymore as formerly.'"" (1 Chronicles 17:7–9)

So we're seeing in this prophecy, God is setting up this promise to David, not only for himself but for all Israel. Israel will be planted in the land. Israel will have this place. David will be set into something that God is calling him into. In verse 10, it says,

"Even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. And I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover, I tell you that the LORD will build a house for you [speaking to David]. When your days are fulfilled that you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up one of your descendants after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build for Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever." (1 Chronicles 17:10–12)

We know that Solomon came after David and built the Temple, and he was being spoken of here and prophesied. But when he talks about a throne forever, now this is prophetically reaching into this messianic prophecy that there will be an eternal Kingdom and throne set up on this earth that will be possessed by the descendant of David, which we know Yeshua was. Verse 13,

"I will be his father and he shall be My son; and I will not take My lovingkindness away from him, as I took it from him who was before you. But I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever." According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David. (1 Chronicles 17:13–15)

So this is a prophecy about this messianic kingdom. Is it speaking of Solomon? Yes, but it's also prophetically reaching into the eternal everlasting days of the Kingdom of God being established on the earth, seated in Jerusalem in the throne of David by the Messiah. We see this repeated almost exactly in 2 Samuel the seventh chapter. You can pick it up in verse 12 because it's very similar to what was said previously.

“When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men.” (2 Samuel 7:12–14)

You say, “Well, that can't be speaking of Christ. It's talking about being disciplined.” Well, He learned obedience, it says in the Scriptures, by the things He suffered. He was disciplined by His Father and created into this perfect Son who was able to be the propitiation of our sins. In verse 15 this goes on to say,

“But My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.” In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David. (2 Samuel 7:15–16)

So here we have this beautiful prophecy repeated twice in the Scriptures, which gives us this beginning unfolding through the Word of God about the revelation of the Messiah that is to come, that is to be seated on the throne of David in this earth, and to rule over God's Kingdom on this earth.

In Psalm 89, starting at verse 3, it says,

“I have made a covenant with My chosen;  
I have sworn to David My servant,  
I will establish your seed forever  
And build up your throne to all generations.” (Psalm 89:3–4)

In other words, think about that one.

The heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD;  
Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.  
For who in the skies is comparable to the LORD?  
Who among the sons of the mighty is like the LORD,  
A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones,  
And awesome above all those who are around Him?  
O LORD God of hosts, who is like You, O mighty LORD?  
Your faithfulness also surrounds You. (Psalm 89:5–8)

And he goes on to talk about these great prophecies and the qualities of God and His exaltation and His glory and His strength and all of that. He comes down to verse 20 and it says,

“I have found David My servant;  
With My holy oil I have anointed him,  
With whom My hand will be established;  
My arm also will strengthen him.

The enemy will not deceive him,  
Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.” (Psalm 89:20–22)

And we know that Christ in the wilderness was not touched by the wicked one coming and testing Him and trying Him. It says,

“Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.  
But I shall crush his adversaries before him,  
And strike those who hate him.  
My faithfulness and My lovingkindness will be with him,  
And in My name his horn will be exalted.  
I shall also set his hand on the sea  
And his right hand on the rivers.  
He will cry to Me, ‘You are my Father,  
My God, and the rock of my salvation.’  
I also shall make him My firstborn,  
The highest of the kings of the earth.  
My lovingkindness I will keep for him forever,  
And My covenant shall be confirmed to him.  
So I will establish his descendants forever  
And his throne as the days of heaven.” (Psalm 89:22–29)

In other words, His earthly throne will be as eternal as the throne of heaven.

“If his sons forsake My law  
And do not walk in My judgments,  
If they violate My statutes  
And do not keep My commandments,  
Then I will punish their transgression with the rod  
And their iniquity with stripes.” (Psalm 89:30–32)

And we've seen that; Israel has suffered any time that they have transgressed.

“But I will not break off My lovingkindness from him,  
Nor deal falsely in My faithfulness.  
My covenant I will not violate.” (Psalm 89:33–34)

This flies in the face of all anti-Semitism and the feeling of replacement theology. It says, “My covenant I'll never violate. I will never violate, nor will I alter the utterance of My lips.”

The promise of God to David, the promise of God to Israel is a permanent promise which can never be removed. And it includes this messianic vision of One after the lineage of David who sits upon a throne, and that throne is eternal in its rule and reign over the earth. Verse 35,

“Once I have sworn by My holiness;  
I will not lie to David.  
His descendants shall endure forever  
And his throne as the sun before Me.” (Psalm 89:35–36)

Wow, what promises! See this messianic vision, this messianic promise that we find spread all through the Scriptures is something so fantastic. And it is the promise. It's our great hope that we're waiting to

see in the return of Christ from the heavens to take His place and His throne on this earth to fulfill our daily prayer, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on this earth, as it is in heaven."

Psalm 132 verse 10 says,

For the sake of David Your servant,  
Do not turn away the face of Your anointed.  
The LORD has sworn to David  
A truth from which He will not turn back:  
"Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne.  
If your sons will keep My covenant  
And My testimony which I will teach them,  
Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forever."  
For the LORD has chosen Zion;  
He has desired it for His habitation.  
"This is My resting place forever;  
Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.  
I will abundantly bless her provision;  
I will satisfy her needy with bread.  
Her priests also I will clothe with salvation,  
And her godly ones will sing aloud for joy.  
There I will cause the horn of David to spring forth;  
I have prepared a lamp for Mine anointed.  
His enemies I will clothe with shame,  
But upon himself his crown shall shine." (Psalm 132:10–18)

This is so fantastic to see God's provision coming. It doesn't matter what struggles we go through. There will be a Kingdom on this earth that God fulfills with His Word.

Isaiah 9:6 says,

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;  
And the government will rest on His shoulders;  
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

He is the Prince of Peace, and it is God who calls Him that. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace. Thank you, God. We need peace on this earth. We need the shalom that comes from God on the throne of David and over His Kingdom to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forever more. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish it. There is no end to the increase of His government or of peace. He will sit on the throne of David over His Kingdom. It will be established with justice and righteousness forever more. And it says, "The zeal of the LORD God Himself will accomplish this" (Isaiah 9:7). I love this.

Daniel 2:44 says,

"In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever."

So we see this picture that there is an earthly Kingdom that's promised. It is an earthly Kingdom of the Messiah. And we go on now to see that Christ proclaimed and was proclaimed as Messiah, as the fulfillment of this promise of a King on the earth and placed on David's throne.

Luke 1:26,

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus [or in Hebrew *Yeshua*, *Yehoshua*]. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David." (Luke 1:26–32)

So here we see the connection. It says, "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever and His kingdom will have no end." Here we have the connection of Yeshua, of Jesus, with these prophecies of a Messiah that is to come. And now we see the coming forth of Christ, and we have the connection scripturally that He is the One. Mary being told that proclamation by the angel: "This is the One. He will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will rule over the house of Jacob forever. His Kingdom will have no end."

Matthew 19, starting at verse 27,

Peter said to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?" And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, will receive many times as much, and will inherit eternal life." (Matthew 19:27–29)

This is important because here we have Christ Himself identifying Himself as the One who will sit upon this glorious throne and rule over Israel. So out of His own mouth, He's saying, "I am the Messiah. I am the One to come. I am the One to be seated on the earth in the throne of David and to rule and reign forever." It's so great.

I don't want us to be confused by this thing that the Kingdom first is established in heaven and then is brought forth onto the earth. We talk about it. We call this the Second Coming. And the Lord taught about it very clearly in the Scriptures. Again it can be difficult at times because we're born and raised in this age where He has been at the right hand of the Father for over two thousand years. And at some point, you almost think, "Well, I guess the Kingdom, the eternal Kingdom is in heaven." As we see people die and pass away, they go into heaven. We know they've gone to heaven to be with the Lord. We know there's a cloud of witnesses that surrounds us that's in the heavenly places and all of that. And so, I've even heard churches go into a teaching which says that that is what happens, that there is no focus on an earthly Kingdom. There is only this heavenly Kingdom, this heavenly realm.

There is, yes, a Kingdom of Heaven. There is a throne in heaven. God will reign eternally from the heavenly places. But don't take away from the reality, the prophecies. That's why I read these verses. And I encourage you, go back over them. Go through them. Read the prophecies about Messiah. Read the prophecies about Christ. They deal with an earthly Kingdom. They deal with His return. And so even

though He first ascends into heaven to establish both that Kingdom in heaven with the Father, it is still going to be brought into this earth. Don't lose that hope. Don't lose that focus because we're closer than ever to the absolute reality of this happening.

In Luke 19:11 it says, "While they were listening to these things, Jesus went on to tell a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately." He's speaking and teaching to Jews, to His disciples. All of His disciples are Jews. His audience is Jewish. Now they know these prophecies that we've just been reading about a Messiah and about the throne of David and about the fact that someone will come that it's prophesied of to take the throne of David and to rule and reign forever on that throne in Jerusalem from the Temple Mount, if you will. So this is something that they were aware of it. And Jesus was knowing that they were thinking this. This was their focus, supposing that the Kingdom of God was going to appear immediately.

And we know that was part of the problem why people stumbled over Yeshua being the Messiah was because their whole expectation surrounded this idea that He would now set up His earthly Kingdom. When the Messiah comes, He will set up an earthly Kingdom. Those are the prophecies. That's the promise to David. That's all that you see in the Hebrew Scriptures. And this is what these people have been trained in. And so this is their expectation when they see Jesus and His teaching, Yeshua being here, they hear Him saying He's the Messiah. They're believing He's the Messiah. So it's not at all strange that they were expecting that immediately He would establish that throne of David and restore it on the earth today. They had no concept of this idea about going into heaven. Some of us have lost the idea that there's anything coming out of heaven now in our day and age. They had no concept that there could be anything set up in heaven. It was all to be on this earth. So anyway, we both have our challenges to overcome in this thing. So Christ is speaking to them. He's aware of this thought process.

In verse 12,

So He said, "A nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return. And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten minas and said to them, 'Do business with this until I come back.' But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' When he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him so that he might know what business they had done." (Luke 19:12-15)

This is such a key parable that we have as believers because it's showing the total dynamic of what's happening here. Those that He was speaking to and teaching at that time believed that He was setting up the Kingdom now. And so He tells the parable saying, "No, the Kingdom of God is like this. It's like a man who goes into a distant country to receive the kingdom." See, the Kingdom has to be received by the Lord in heaven and created there. And authority and dominion must be taken there and established there. He must rule until all His enemies are made a footstool to His feet. And then Christ is very clear. He says, "And then return." What does He do next? He calls His disciples "slaves," the ones that are serving Him, and He gives them talents to deal with.

So what is this timeframe about? Why do we have this timeframe between Him going into heaven and coming back? You say, "I don't have any problem with this picture. I get it. He is going into heaven into the Kingdom of God. They're establishing that Kingdom. Then He returns and sets up, He colonizes the Kingdom of God into this earth." So that's very simple to understand. What we don't understand so easily is two thousand plus years that are in between those two events. But it really is here in this



parable. He gives every generation things that will be a test to them to find out: "Are they qualified and how will they function within this great Kingdom upon His return?" That's what these years are about.

And I bless you with the talents that you have with what the Lord has given you to deal with. Occupy till He comes. Work with those gifts and those talents. And be as faithful as you can to the Lord in what He's given to you. He is returning. He is this nobleman that went into a distant country, that went into the Kingdom of Heaven to the right hand of the Father to receive this great Kingdom. And He will return and bring that authority with Him and establish the Kingdom on earth. So we have a similar parable in Matthew 25. I'll read the last part of it because the first part is basically the same, talking about this transition of going in and receiving a kingdom. So it says,

"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" (Matthew 25:31–34)

This time will come. He goes away. He comes. He sits. He begins to judge. He establishes His Kingdom, and He invites the faithful into it, those who have prepared themselves during this time of His absence.

In Acts 1:9,

And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven." (Acts 1:9–11)

We have this promise. It is so clear that He goes into heaven only to return to us and establish this great Kingdom on earth. We see this in other Scriptures. And I encourage you to read through these.

In the book of Daniel in chapter 7, we see the fact that this Kingdom is established, and it is set up. It says in verse 25,

"He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever." (Daniel 7:25)

Satan's kingdom, he is the prince of this world. His dominion is taken away and he is annihilated and destroyed and everything that has served him and everything that has been part of that kingdom which has resisted and refused the Kingdom of God coming. Remember in the parable of Christ, there were those that said, "We do not want this man to rule over us." Here you have it again. It is Satan and his cohorts that are crying out, "We do not want His rule. We do not want His Kingdom." And so their dominion is taken away, annihilated, and destroyed forever.

"Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.' At this point the revelation ended. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were greatly alarming me and my face grew pale, but I kept the matter to myself." (Daniel 7:27–28)



I think if any of us had this vision, we would have that same experience. But I encourage you, go back up to verse 15. Go earlier than that and read these verses in Daniel. It's a picture of how the Kingdom is coming. Yes, it comes in the midst of a battle over this earth. Yes, it is a time of tribulation. But there is that point at which the Kingdom court sits, and judgment is passed in the name of the saints of the Most High God. And we are given a Kingdom that will never end.

In Revelation 11:15 it says,

Then the seventh angel sounded; 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." And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth." (Revelation 11:15–18)

So we see again in the book of Revelation this moment is coming when the Kingdom of God will be set and established on this earth.

Another good one is Psalm 2. I encourage you to read that because it talks again about this great conflict. In verse 2 it says,

The kings of the earth take their stand  
And the rulers take counsel together  
Against the LORD and against His Anointed.

Yes, this is a time when people are coming against believers, where they're coming against righteousness, where they're coming against the Kingdom of God. But it says,

"Let us tear their fetters apart  
And cast away their cords from us!"  
He who sits in the heavens laughs,  
The Lord scoffs at them.  
Then He will speak to them in His anger  
And terrify them in His fury, saying,  
"But as for Me, I have installed My King  
Upon Zion, My holy mountain." (Psalm 2:3–6)

Christ is established as King upon Zion, the holy mountain of God. Verse 7,

"I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD:  
He said to Me, 'You are My Son,  
Today I have begotten You.  
Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,  
And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.'" (Psalm 2:7–8)

This is what happens. Christ is given as His possession, as His great reward, the Kingship, the rulership over the earth. I hope these verses have helped you. I hope you go back over and study them very carefully.

I'd like you to remember specific ideas and points from this that Christ's Kingdom is not derived from this earth. The Kingdom comes from heaven, and so the Kingdom of God is established. Number two, the Kingdom of God is established in heaven, and then it is colonized into the earth. This is why Christ must go into the heavens because the Kingdom is a kingdom of heaven. It is derived there and brought to the earth. Number three, I want you to remember that the throne of David is occupied by Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) in Jerusalem as promised to David by God and spoken of in the Prophets. Also, one last thought, all the kingdoms of this world, this earth, are now become the kingdoms of Almighty God, the Creator of the universe and of His Christ, the Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) forever and ever. And we as believers will dwell in that Kingdom. Our longing, our cry is to dwell in that Kingdom. And I encourage you every day to cry out to God for it: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on this earth as it is in heaven." Amen.