

The Oologah Informer

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The Unshakeable Kingdom By Bryan Braswell

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

The Sermon on the Mount
Lesson 12 (Mt 7)

PM Sermon:

There is a battle going on for your
mind (Chris Nelson)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The book of Joshua – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

Summer Series – Ron Hass

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

Radio Program (coming soon)

“The Minister’s View” on
KTTRadio.org on Tuesday’s
at 9am

Regardless of what most teach in “Christendom,” the New Testament teaches the Kingdom of God was established. Two passages in your Bible affirms that in the first century AD, following Christ’s resurrection and ascension, some had received and been translated into His kingdom: Hebrews 12:28 states, “Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.” Colossians 1:13 states, “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”

The Old Testament foresaw this kingdom and promised its eventual establishment. The prophet Nathan told King David that of his offspring God would establish his throne forever (2 Samuel 7:12-13). Further, Daniel, the prophet of God during the Babylonian captivity approximately 500 years after Nathan’s prophecy, spoke of this same kingdom, still yet to be established. Daniel’s prophecy included the time element and historical setting in which the kingdom of God would be set up — the times of the Roman Empire (Daniel 2:44; Luke 3:1ff.). These prophets saw the coming kingdom would be established in the last days. According to the Hebrews writer, the last days were ushered in during the first century AD, and we are presently in them now (Hebrews 1:1-3). Therefore, both Nathan and Daniel’s prophecies are not presumptuous but fulfilled according to Deuteronomy 18:19-22 and Luke 24:44. Premillennialists deny their fulfillment and make these prophets presumptuous.

The Old Testament pointed toward the coming of Christ, and pertaining to this, many things would have to be fulfilled that were revealed in the Old Testament. Consider the following prophecies which were fulfilled and confirmed by Christ in the New Testament: 1) the virgin birth and incarnation of Deity (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21-23; Galatians 4:4); 2) the fulfillment of the seed line or genealogical promises given through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob/Israel, and then Judah, which involved such individuals as King David (Genesis 12:1-7; Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38); 3) Jesus would be the son of David, Prince of Peace, and King of kings and Lord of lords to sit upon His eternal throne (2 Samuel 7:12-13; Isaiah 9:6; Luke 1:31-33; Acts 2:22-36; 3:20-26; Ephesians 2:14-15; 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:15 et al); and essential to the latter, 4) it is through His shed blood and sacrificial life that eternal life would be granted to those who contact His blood for the remission of sins (Isaiah 53; John 1:29; Matthew 26:28; Acts 2:38; Ephesians 5:1-2). Hence, Jesus is sitting on His throne right now in heaven (Acts 2:29-36).

Jesus came to fulfill all things written in the Old Testament pertaining to Himself (Matthew 5:20; Luke 24:44; John 17:4). He either fulfilled these things or He did not. In Mark 1:13-14 Jesus said, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand.” Later in this same account, He states that some would not taste of death before the Kingdom of God was established (Mark 9:1). During the life of Christ, He promised to build both His church and kingdom, which are also

God's church and kingdom (Matthew 16:18-19; I Corinthians 1:1; Romans 16:16). And, when you read the book of Acts, the kingdom's message is preached in Acts 2:1-47, establishing the fact that both are synonymous ideas, and both have been established and not thwarted (cf. Acts 1:1-8; 2:29-36, 41-47). The eternal Kingdom of God is the same as the church of Christ, which Christ promised to establish. This is the same kingdom, we are born into by water and the Spirit's message recorded in Acts 2:41-47, John 3:3, 5, and 1 Peter 1:22-25; 3:21. The Lord adds to His church/kingdom those that have an obedient faith (Romans 6:17). This is the kingdom that is unshakable and eternal, which the Lord promised to build in Matthew 16:18-19, and which the Hebrews writer said we have received (Hebrews 12:28). It is eternal because Christ eternally reigns in Heaven on the throne now and because its message is one of eternal hope of life after the grave. It is unshakable because the Devil has been forever defeated by Christ (Genesis 3:15; Luke 24:5-6, 34).