Old Testament Kingdom Age Prophecies

In this study, we will journey through the Old Testament highlighting the words of the Prophets as they prophesied about the coming Kingdom Age.

This is a worthy endeavor since the only resource that the Apostles and the first century believers had were the Prophets and the writers of the Old Testament.

Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus continually refers to the Prophets and quotes Old Testament writers as He taught the disciples and his first century audience. When the writers of the New Testament began to pen their Gospels and Epistles, they too followed this same pattern.

Let's begin with the Book of Genesis. We can find the very first reference to a victorious Kingdom Age to come back in **Genesis 3:15**. It was Jesus, the seed of a woman, who defeated the enemy, ultimately casting the devil into the Lake of Fire. (**Revelation 20:10**)

In the darkness of defeat on that day back in the Garden of Eden, the resounding cry of victory was pronounced. Jesus came to destroy the devil, and He did just that.

In **Genesis 17:7**, we read about God establishing an everlasting covenant with Abraham and his seed in their generations. This seed is Jesus Christ. **(Galatians 3:16)**

This everlasting covenant is the New Covenant that we are born into when we are baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. This is when we "put on Christ" and become Abraham's seed. (Galatians 3:26-29)

Another reference to the Everlasting Kingdom that would come through Jesus can be found in **2 Samuel 7:16**. This verse declares that a descendent of David would sit on a throne in a Kingdom that will last forever.

According to the flesh, Jesus was a descendent of David. (Matthew 1:1) Psalm 111:9 speaks of redemption and an Everlasting Covenant being given by God to His people.

In **Psalm 105:8-10**, we read more descriptions of the Everlasting Covenant. **Psalm 145:13** tell us that this Kingdom is like no other kingdom that ever existed.

It is an everlasting Kingdom that endures throughout all generations. These same words are echoed in **Isaiah 9:6-7**. This Kingdom is unlike any other because the increase of this government, there shall be no end.

Another reference to coming Kingdom Age is in **Isaiah 11:9**. This verse states that there is an Age coming when people will experience or know the presence of the Lord for themselves.

In **Isaiah 12:3-4**, we get a description of "that day" or of the Kingdom Age. In that Day, shall they say "**Praise the Lord**" because everyone who is born into this Kingdom will know Him. Another promise of an Everlasting Covenant is in **Isaiah 55:3**.

Isaiah 61:8 speaks of an Everlasting Covenant God will make with His people. In this New Everlasting Covenant, the Lord will clothe His people with the garments of salvation and in robes of righteousness. **(Isaiah 61:10)**

We can read in **Isaiah 62:2**, **4** a further description of a future Kingdom Age. Notice here, that the people of God are called by **a "new name"**.

No longer will they be termed "Desolate", but they shall be called "Hephzibah" which means "My delight is in her".

Her land shall be called "Beulah" which means "married". This denotes that God will one day be married to His people, the New Jerusalem.

In **Isaiah 65:17-18**, the Lord proclaims that He will create a New Heavens and a New Earth and a new Jerusalem.

In the eyes of God, the Old Heavens and the Old Earth will be forgotten forever. We read another reference of this New Heavens and New Earth in **Isaiah 66:22**.

The New Everlasting Covenant was different from the Old Covenant, because this Covenant would be written on the tables of human hearts. (**Jeremiah 31:33**)

Hebrews 8:10-11 also references this New Covenant written on the tables of human hearts. Ezekiel also prophesies about this New Everlasting Covenant that would be present in the Kingdom Age. **(Ezekial 37:26-28)**

How would God write His Laws on their hearts?

Ezekiel tells us how in **Ezekiel 36:26-27**. When we receive the Holy Spirit, we receive a new heart which desires to serve and worship the Lord. The Prophet Daniel also describes this Kingdom as a Kingdom that will stand forever. **(Daniel 2:44)** Even Nebuchadnezzar recognized that the Kingdom of God is an Everlasting Kingdom. **(Daniel 4:3,34)**

Daniel also had a vision of the establishment of this Everlasting Kingdom whose dominion would never pass away. (Daniel 7:14)

In **Daniel 7:27**, Daniel also saw the Everlasting Kingdom of God given to the people of the saints of the Most High. Daniel was also shown that all other dominions would be subordinate to the Everlasting Kingdom of God.

This verse also gives us a clue that other "powers" would be in coexistence outside the New Everlasting Kingdom during the Kingdom Age.

The prophet Joel also speaks about a time coming where living waters shall flow out from the House of the Lord. The New Jerusalem will dwell from generation to generation. (Joel 3:20)

Here, Joel also describes the Kingdom Age. In a similar manner, the Prophet Zechariah speaks about the Kingdom Age in **Zechariah 14:8-9**.

Here He states that living waters shall flow out from the New Jerusalem and that the Lord shall be King over all.

Malachi describes a time of healing and blessings in **Malachi 3:12** and **4:2**. The angel that appeared before the virgin Mary spoke of the New Everlasting Kingdom that Jesus would bring to us in **Luke 1:33**.

Jesus clearly claimed that He came not to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill all that was spoken. (Matthew 5:17)

Jesus declares that He came to fulfill all things written in the Law of Moses and in the Prophets and in the Psalms. (**Luke 24:44-45**) Here we read how Jesus opened up their understanding.

Now the Apostles understood the Scriptures which were the Law and the Prophets. Throughout the New Testament, the Apostles continued to teach this same theme of being built upon the foundation of the Law and Prophets. (Ephesians 2:20, Acts 24:14)

To the Apostles, the Law and the Prophets were not a separate body of work. The Apostles consistently referred to the "Law and the Prophets" which was a term for the Old Testament Scriptures. They consistently grounded their message in the prophecies and patterns of the Hebrew Bible.

Conclusion

The only Scriptural reference point that the Apostles had were the Law and the Prophets. In the Law and Prophets, there were plenty of writings that depicted a New Kingdom Age coming.

This New Kingdom was an Everlasting Kingdom that Jesus came to establish. The Apostles clearly were looking for this Kingdom to come very soon and expected it to come shortly.

They were looking for it because that's what Jesus taught them and spoke to them so much about. We read in **Luke 24:45** how Jesus opened their understanding so that they could understand the Scriptures.

What Scriptures? The Old Testament Scriptures because that's all they had at this time.

Jesus clearly told the disciples that the Days of vengeance had come that all that was written would be fulfilled. (Luke 21:22)

Notice He said the time had come that **ALL** that was written would be fulfilled; not some things would be fulfilled now, and some things would be fulfilled thousands of years later.

Jesus clearly stated three times in **Matthew 24:34**, in **Mark 13:30**, and in **Luke 21:32** that all these things would happen during their lifetime which meant back in the first century.

This includes the Book of Revelation which is a microscopic view of these same events. Notice what Jesus said in **Luke 21:31**; the Kingdom of God was nigh at hand to them back in the first century. This Kingdom, this New Everlasting Covenant of the Kingdom of Age was nigh to them.

Peter was looking for it to arrive very soon. (2 Peter 3:13) John described it coming down from heaven in **Revelation 21:1-3**. Hebrews 12:22-23 specifically identifies who the New Jerusalem is.

It is the Church of the Living God. They all looked for it to come very soon, and it did.

Today, we have a tremendous opportunity to be born into this Everlasting Kingdom which is here among us right now by believing and obeying this Gospel message of Jesus Christ. (Acts 2:37-41)

According to the Word of God, the New Everlasting Kingdom Age is here right now. All we have to do is to be born into it. Just as we were born into this natural "physical kingdom", we must be born into this New Everlasting Spiritual Kingdom.

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