

Kingdom Come

4) Tasting the Powers of the Age to Come

**At the Second Coming of Christ, He will
establish His Kingdom on earth**

**This is referred to as the restoration of all
things**

***'...Jesus Christ, who was preached to you
before, whom heaven must receive until the
times of restoration of all things, which God
has spoken by the mouth of all His holy
prophets since the world began'***

(Acts 3:20-21)

- ✓ **Satan will be bound for 1000 years**
- ✓ **Jesus will reign from Jerusalem**
- ✓ **The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God**
- ✓ **There will be global peace**
- ✓ **There will be no fear of danger from wild beasts, human violence or the destructive forces of nature**
- ✓ **We will have immortal, incorruptible bodies**
- ✓ **There will be no sickness or disease**
- ✓ **There will be an abundance of material blessings, such as productive land, dwelling places, etc.**
- ✓ **We are destined to reign with Christ**

**Human history can be summarized
in 3 words:**

Earth

World

Kingdom

Now, Satan is called:

'...the ruler of this world'
(John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)

'...the god of this age'
(2 Cor.4:4)

**When Jesus began His ministry, He
announced that the kingdom of God
had arrived**

***'Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the
gospel of the kingdom of God, and
saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the
kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and
believe in the gospel"'***

(Mark 1:14-15)

**Those who believe the gospel are taken out
from the realm of Satan's power and
transferred into the kingdom of God**

*'...to open their eyes, in order to turn them from
darkness to light, and from the power of Satan
to God'*

(Acts 26:18)

*'He has delivered us from the power of
darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of
the Son of His love'*

(Col.1:13)

**We experience the *power* of whichever kingdom
we are in**

***'But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God,
surely the kingdom of God has come upon you'***

(Matt.12:28)

***'And as you go, preach, saying, "The kingdom of
heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, cleanse the
lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons'***

(Matt.10:7-8)

**The writer to the Hebrews describes who
experienced healing and miracles as those
who...**

***'...have tasted the good word of God and the
powers of the age to come'***

(Heb.6:5)

'...how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?'

(Heb.2:3-4)

**Jesus has not yet established His reign on
earth...**

**...yet believers have been delivered from
Satan's power and brought into the
kingdom of heaven, where we can taste
the powers of the age to come**

**This is illustrated in the Jewish feasts of
Jubilee and Redemption**

Jubilee

'And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; and the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years. Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land. And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family'

(Lev.25:8-10)

Jubilee

- ✓ **Occurred every 50 years**
- ✓ **'Jubilee' is from the Hebrew word *yobel*, meaning ram's horn**
- ✓ **All debts were cancelled, land was restored and people were delivered from slavery**
- ✓ **Jubilee lifted people and families from destitution and restored their inheritance**
- ✓ **It was proclaimed on the Day of Atonement**
- ✓ **It is a picture of the Millennial reign of Christ**

Josephus dates the Jubilees from the time the children of Israel entered the Promised Land to the Jubilee that was celebrated in A.D. 27, the year Jesus began His ministry

Jesus read from Isaiah 61:1-2:

'The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord...'

During His earthly ministry, Jesus:

- ✓ delivered people from demons**
- ✓ healed their diseases**
- ✓ opened blind eyes and deaf ears**
- ✓ touched the maimed so that their limbs were restored**
- ✓ raised the dead to life again and...**
- ✓ brought forgiveness and peace to the hearts of many**

**This was a foretaste of the Millennial reign of
Christ**

**In the Millennial kingdom, Jesus will roll back
the effects of the curse and bring liberation
and restoration to planet earth**

**Creation yearns to be free from its state of
bondage**

**But we can taste the powers of the age to
come now! This is depicted in the law of
redemption**

Redemption

- ✓ **The law of redemption was incorporated into the law of Jubilee, and was closely associated**
- ✓ **It occurred every 7 years**
- ✓ **It served the same purpose - the recovery of all that had been seized or sold into slavery**
- ✓ **Jubilee means to 'roll back', redemption means to 'buy back'**
- ✓ **All could be redeemed by a near kinsman, (Hebrew - *ga'al*). To redeem means to regain what was lost by making a payment**

3 Requirements for a Kinsman-Redeemer:

1) He must be related to the one he redeems.
He was to be the nearest relative

2) He must be *able* to pay the redemption price

3) He must be *willing* to pay the redemption price

**Through redemption a person could
experience the benefits of Jubilee**

**And because we have been redeemed we
can taste the powers of age to come!**



**In the age to come there will be no
sin...**

**...but now we have forgiveness and
power over sin's dominion**

**In the age to come, Satan will be
bound...**

**...but now we have authority and
victory over him**

**In the age to come there will be no
danger from wild beasts, violent men
or the destructive forces of nature...**

**...but until then we have angelic
protection from all fear and danger**

□ In the age to come there will be no sickness or disease. We will have a new body...

...but now we have the promise of healing and the promise of strength all our days

**In the age to come there will be an
abundance of material things –
dwelling places, productive land, etc...**

**...but now we have the promise that
He will meet all our needs and give us
an overflow for every good work**

**In the age to come we will enjoy the
perfect, idyllic life...**

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