

ROTK Introduction

- **The Rest of the Story**

- Eschatology – the “_____” of the story of history (from Gk. *eschaton* – “last”)
 - There is also a beginning and a middle
 - The Beginning
 - Creation
 - The Fall of Man
 - The Promise of Future Redemption
 - The Middle
 - The Fulfillment (_____) of the promise of redemption
 - In part because:
 - Jesus gave justification (freedom from penalty of sin)
 - He established the path to sanctification (freedom from the power of sin)
 - But not glorification (freedom from presence of sin)
 - Also in part because:
 - The _____ concerning Christ’s work are not yet fulfilled

- **“The Kingdom of God” in Scripture**

- This designation has five differing uses throughout scripture
 - ***The Universal (or Eternal) Kingdom***
 - God rules _____, all the time. At no time are events *anywhere* outside of God’s control. He is the universal King
 - ***1 Chronicles 29:11 (NIV)***
¹¹ Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.
 - ***Psalms 103:19 (NIV)***
¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

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- **Jeremiah 10:10 (NIV)**

¹⁰ *But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King. When he is angry, the earth trembles; the nations cannot endure his wrath.*

- **Daniel 6:26 (NIV) (King Darius)**

²⁶ *"I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. "For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end.*

- **The Theocratic Kingdom**

- Mosaic Covenant - the sort of " _____ " of this kingdom; it was God's law given to rule Israel
- Mediatorial rule: God appointed judges who heard from him, and ruled the land
- Monarchical rule: God appointed kings who were to rule Israel. Some did well, some failed miserably.
 - God promised the restoration of this monarchical rule: through a coming future heir of David
- The theocratic kingdom *was to give way to the messianic kingdom* - but Israel rejected her King. This led, then, to an _____ _ kingdom, known as the Mystery Kingdom.
 - Israel rejected Christ
 - Yet- he prophesied that he WOULD still bring the kingdom to Israel at a later date

- **Isaiah 2:2-4**

² In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. ³ Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take

up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

○ ***The _____ Kingdom***

- The mystery kingdom involves the time period between the Theocratic Kingdom and the Messianic Kingdom.
- **Matthew 13:10-11 (NIV)**
¹⁰The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" ¹¹He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them."
- **Matthew 21:42-44 (NIV)**
⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes"? ⁴³"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed."
- Congratulations, Gentile: you are that people of the Mystery Kingdom.

○ ***The Spiritual Kingdom (the voluntary Kingdom)***

- God's rule in the lives of _____ - for all time. Everyone who had experienced salvation; has declared allegiance to the Lord God as their God is a member of this kingdom.
- Several "kingdom of God" phrases relate to this kingdom: you belong to this kingdom in real time - you do not wait for it
 - Jesus is MY KING NOW - through my relationship to him as King.
 - I have called upon him as King - though he has not brought the fullness of his kingdom to the earth

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) (do not worry about what you will eat, drink or wear)

³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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John 3:3 (NIV) (to Nicodemus)

³ In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, ¹² encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

○ ***The Messianic Kingdom (or Millennial Kingdom)***

- This is the Kingdom which will accompany the _____ of Christ.
- It is the kingdom prophesied to us throughout this series; a King on David's throne who will rule the nations with an iron scepter.
- "Messianic" - the kingdom of "messiah" or "the Christ"
- "Millennial" - it is a one-thousand year kingdom, after which history will end, and the eternal order will begin.

“The Kingdom of God” in This Study

- Of the five uses of “kingdom of God” in scripture, two are spiritual (and _____) and three are historical and limited in duration
 - The Universal Kingdom is _____ – God IS King over all
 - The Spiritual Kingdom is _____ – Christ IS the Assumed King over his disciples
- This study will focus on the historical uses of the Kingdom of God
 - The Theocratic Kingdom was _____ – it was the Kingdom of God in the OT over his chosen people, Israel
 - The Mystery Kingdom is _____ – it is the Kingdom of God in the NT over his chosen people, the church – and also the Tribulation Saints (to be described later)
 - The Messianic Kingdom is _____ – it will be the final establishment of Messiah as King over all the earth. This kingdom is eternal – but limited in duration by the fact that it begins later in history
- These Kingdoms, being historical, follow a _____:
 - The Theocratic Kingdom gave way to the Mystery Kingdom with Christ _____ this Kingdom for the Mystery Kingdom
 - (more on that shortly)
 - The Mystery Kingdom will also be set aside with the onset of the Messianic Kingdom – or “_____ Kingdom”

The Historic Process of the First Two Kingdoms

- Messianic Christology – the study of prophecies concerning the coming _____
 - Messianic – having to do with a messiah
 - Messiah – “anointed” –
 - One who is anointed to a specific task
 - Specifically in scripture, the “one” who was anointed by God as a King and Redeemer
 - “Christ” (Gk. *Christos*) is synonymous with “Messiah”
 - Christology – the area of systematic theology which teaches about Jesus Christ
 - The Law of Moses was the framework of the Theocratic Kingdom – and was set aside with the fulfillment of the coming of Messiah to inaugurate the Mystery Kingdom
- Messianic prophecies involve _____ advents of Messiah
 - His advent recorded in the _____ – to live a perfect life – reveal himself Messiah – and die for his people
 - His advent in the _____ coming – to establish the Messianic Kingdom

General Prophecy: The Anointed One Will Come

- As the seed of woman
 - **Genesis 3:14-15 (NIV)**
 - ¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.
 - ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."
 - Enmity will be put between the “offspring” of the serpent (_____) and the offspring of woman.
 - Offspring are never rendered by woman in the OT (and rarely in NT) – but instead from the man.
 - This offspring is that of the woman, not the man.
 - This text refers to a _____ offspring: “he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”
 - This text is understood almost globally in theology as the first messianic prophecy. It refers to Christ, as “the seed of woman.”
- Conclusion:
 - One will come who will be the seed of woman.
 - This one will crush Satan

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- This one will have enmity toward Satan's offspring
- As the seed of Abraham
 - Abraham promised to produce a great nation (Israel)
 - **Genesis 17:15-21 (NIV)**

¹⁵ God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. ¹⁶ I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her." ¹⁷ Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?" ¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!" ¹⁹ Then God said, "Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. ²⁰ And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. ²¹ But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year."
 - This nation was to come from _____, *not* Ishmael
 - Ishmael was Abraham's firstborn
 - He was promised to also father a great nation
 - This nation was to receive an _____ *covenant* from the Lord, for Isaac "and his descendants after him."
 - God tests Abraham by asking him to sacrifice Isaac.
 - Abraham agrees
 - God stops him
 - God notes:
 - **Genesis 22:15-18 (NIV)**

¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their

enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

- “through your offspring (or seed) all nations on earth will be blessed”
 - Paul notes that this is a *singular* seed: Christ
 - **Galatians 3:16 (NIV)**
¹⁶The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.
 - Thus, Abraham’s promised “seed” was to be the Christ
 - Isaac also had two children: Jacob and Esau
 - Esau was eldest – also _____ as the heir to the promise – sold his birthright –
 - Jacob was God’s chosen heir to the promise
 - Jacob was renamed _____
 - It was through Israel that Jesus was born, and the messianic promises were brought to fruition.

Messiah will be a Savior

- He would fulfill the law; being a final vicarious (substitutionary) _____ for his people
 - **Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)**
⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.
 - **Isaiah 53:10 (NIV)**
¹⁰ Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.
 - (an angel to Joseph) **Matthew 1:21-23 (NIV)**
²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin

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will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us."

Messiah will be a _____-King

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,

establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.

- He will be of human origin, from Israel (“to us a child is born”)
- He will be a King:
 - In literality: (“and the government will be on his shoulders”)
 - Of Israel: (“he will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom”)
 - For Eternity: (of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end”)
- He will be divine: “he will be called”
 - “Wonderful Counselor” – “wonderful” is Heb. *Pele*, a title used only of God throughout the OT
 - “Mighty God” – blatantly deific
 - “Everlasting Father” – in Heb. this refers to “father of eternity” as opposed to “father who *is* eternal”

Mary was told:

Luke 1:31-33 (NIV)

³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

- Note the literality of the promise:

- Mary had a child
- He was a son
- She named him Jesus
- He was called “the son of the Most High”
- Yet: Jesus has *not* received David’s throne, nor has he _____ over Israel (the house of Jacob) forever
 - Some attempt to spiritualize “David’s throne” and “the house of Jacob”
 - Yet, every other portion of the text was _____ fulfilled

The Unfolding of the Promises

- Jesus was born and began his public ministry
- John the Baptist proclaimed him Messiah
 - **John 1:29-34 (NIV)**
²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."
- Jesus _____ himself
 - **Luke 4:14-21 (NIV)**
¹⁴Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. ¹⁶He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. ¹⁷The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, ²¹

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and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

- Jesus was quoting Isaiah 61, a messianic prophecy.
- Jesus *proved* himself messiah
 - Two types of miracles (in the eyes of rabbinical teachings)
 - “common” – anyone under the power of the Holy Spirit can do a “common” miracle
 - “_____” – a miracle that *only Messiah* could do
 - These miracles would prove that Messiah had come.
 - If a messianic miracle were reported, the Rabbis would:
 - _____ the claim by delegation – they would only observe, they would not challenge
 - If the reported “messiah” demonstrated himself as authentic, they would then _____ him with questioning.
 - Jesus’ Messianic Miracles
 - #1: Healing of a Leper
 - **Luke 5:12-14 (NIV)**
¹² While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."
¹³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴ Then Jesus ordered him, "Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them."
 - Jesus sent man to the priest. This would initiate a messianic _____. Healing of a leper could not be done except by Messiah.
 - The results: Rabbinical observation began
 - **Luke 5:15-26 (NIV)**
¹⁵ Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. ¹⁶ But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. ¹⁷ One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and

teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there.

- ²⁰ When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." ²¹ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²² Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?"
- #2: Casting out of a _____ demon
 - **Matthew 12:22-23 (NIV)**
²² Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. ²³ All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"
 - Results:
 - The people: understood this *was* a messianic miracle
 - They asked, "could this be the Son of David?"
 - The Pharisees: _____ Christ publicly
 - **Matthew 12:24 (NIV)**
²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons."
 - At this *public* messianic miracle, the Pharisees had to respond. They attributed Jesus' work to the work of Satan.
 - Jesus' response:
 - **Matthew 12:30-32 (NIV)**
³⁰ "He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters. ³¹ And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy

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against the Spirit will not be forgiven.³² Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

- Israel's rulers had thus proclaimed Jesus _____ to be the messiah.
- #3: Healing of a man born blind
 - Read on your own – John 9:1-12
 - “born-blindness” was also a known messianic miracle. No one had ever been healed from a born-blind condition.
 - Jesus healed the man publicly
 - Send him to the Pool of Siloam to wash (during Feast of Tabernacles)
 - A very public demonstration of his messiahship
 - Results:
 - The Pharisees questioned the man (John 9:13-17)
 - They questioned his family (to see if he had really been born blind) (John 9:18-22)
 - The Pharisees further rejected Jesus – threw the man born blind out of the synagogue
- Others:
 - Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead after four days (John 11)
 - After which, Caiaphas (high priest) essentially ordered a “hit” on Jesus. They sought his life from that day. (John 11:45-54)
 - He healed TEN lepers – and sent them all to the priest
 - A final slap in the face of the Sanhedrin for rejecting him
- Jesus proclaims _____ on Israel

Luke 19:37-44 (NIV)

37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 38 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" 40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." 41 As he

approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 42 and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes. 43 The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. 44 They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

- Jesus proclaimed the pending _____ of the city (70 AD)
- He proclaimed that the truth is now “ _____ ” from the eyes of Israel (as a nation)

Matthew 23:37-39 (NIV)

³⁷ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. ³⁸ Look, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹ For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

- From **Psalms 118:22-26 (NIV)** – a messianic Psalm
²² The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; ²³ the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us success. ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.
- In other words: Jesus’ public ministry was over. Jerusalem would not see Jesus again until he _____ as the King.

The Setting for ROTK:

- Israel is judged, dismantled as a nation, having rejected Christ
- Yet, God WILL fulfill his promises.
 - This course is “the rest of the story” as scripture reveals how God will:
 - Restore Israel from her destruction (making her a nation again)
 - Refine Israel of those who still rebel against him by means of a global war against her (Armageddon)
 - She will call on Christ, whom she had formerly rejected

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- He will answer her, return, and destroy her captors.
- He will establish the promised Kingdom upon David's throne

He will rule the earth through Israel until the end, when the earth is re-created and Heaven is set upon it.