

*I press on toward the finish line, where the prize waiting for me is the upward call of God IN KING JESUS.* (Philippians 3:14)

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### ***Kingdom of God: Epochal Events***

To write that an epochal event (or: epoch-making event; explained as—*epochalism*) is coming is nothing new for me, since I have stated this in various ways for some years now. In 2016, I even posted a writing with a similar title: [\*Epoch Event is Coming!\*](#)

Epochal events are much like drawing a line in the sand, separating the old (previous) from the new. They can occur instantaneously as a single event or gradually as a collection of events building to a crescendo. They can literally change the physical earth (e.g., massive meteor strike, volcanic eruption, flood) or fundamentally change man's world order—the way the socio-political world system works and who is in charge (e.g., world wars, pandemics).

From a biblical perspective, looking back throughout history, starting with Adam, we see epochal events that changed the world order—for example, from Adam's one act of disobedience, to the flood of Noah's day, to God's disruption of the tower of Babel, to ancient Israel being called out from among all the nations of the known world, to the scattering of the sons of Israel throughout the earth, to the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus, to the fall of ancient Jerusalem and the temple in 70 AD, to the nearly 2,000 years of the good news of Jesus Christ going forth throughout the world. Even within the twenty centuries of church history, there have been other epochal events that have had far-reaching effects, such as Constantine's fourth century church-state or the great church schism of 1054 AD or the start of the Reformation in 1517 AD (Martin Luther's 95 theses).

The point is that epochal events, regardless of their source (i.e., of God, of man, or naturally occurring), create change in a quantifiable way in whole or in part, either for good, for bad, or a mixture of both. In my view, each of God's events has increased His kingdom in spiritual ways generally not recognized by most. One thing many do not realize is that when such events occur, they indicate the presence of the Lord.

Without any doubt, the most epoch-making event the human race has ever witnessed is the death and resurrection of Jesus. The cross severed the old from the new and struck a death blow to death itself (and all associated with it). This one event sits as the central focal point of God's plan to achieve His ultimate purpose of all in all. Bonnie Gaunt has suggested it is the fulcrum of 8,000 years or 8 days of 1,000 years each. As the fulcrum, there are four 1000-year days on each side of the cross and the empty tomb.

The prophetic eighth day is suggested based on Jesus rising from the dead on the eighth day (after the seventh day, on the first day of the week). See: [Eighth Day-New Creation](#).

However, we must be clear that the world, history, and time do NOT end with the completion of the eight days. We have been given no indication what lies beyond the ages to come. I suspect that there will be ages upon ages as God continues to make all things new—the process that started with His Son’s resurrection—continuously surprising all of us with His spectacular plans and the part we play in them. Some have speculated that a Grand Jubilee for all creation will occur at the 49,000-year mark.

Some of this is simply interesting speculation; however, what we do know is that we are nearing the 2,000-year mark since Jesus’ resurrection and ascension. This puts us at the 6,000-year (6-day) mark since the first Adam. Some call these six days [man’s day](#)—one that could be defined by man’s labor. When Adam listened to the voice of his wife and ate of the tree, God gave His judgment of Adam and his race: *By the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return* (Genesis 3:19).

Genesis 2:1-3 tells us the history or account of creation that came about in six days, followed by a seventh day of rest. This primal history laid the prophetic foundation (pattern) of God’s plan for planet earth and humans created to be in the image of Elohim. I know the arguments against this view, but based on my personal experience with the Lord, I truly believe in six days and then a seventh. See: [Highway 61 - 6 + 1 = 7 \(Dream\)](#).

(As an aside; I purposely avoid calling any of this *millennialism*, which is one of those man-made theological concepts that divides and confuses God’s people.)

Regardless of how these days are viewed, one thing we do know is that we are on the cusp of the 7<sup>th</sup> day—a day scripture says is for rest. Mankind is tired and worn out after laboring for 6,000 years. Both man and earth need a rest! Of course, spiritually speaking, we who have the faith have come into the rest that is Jesus.

The world continues to experience a diabolically evil, man-made epochal event called a *pandemic* that is based in fear that has produced what some are now calling a **mass delusional psychosis** or a **mass formation (psychosis)**. The world-at-large is growing weary and restless and this will continue until it reaches desperation as people cry out to be set free from the bondage forced upon them by a few delusional global elitists and their minions. We all need a rest from tyranny and the long days of labor!

In the midst of a man-made epochal event, could it be that another epochal event is coming to put a stop to man’s evil plans? Yes! An epochal event of the making of our God and

Creator is underway! This event will not only stop the evilism of the day; it will set the stage for the 7<sup>th</sup> day of rest that will lead to great advances for the entire human race as God (not man) manifests His kingdom in measures not previously experienced in our 6,000-year history. I would call this the next phase of the manifestation of the Kingdom of the Son of God's love—that will kick into high gear, so to speak, as the glory of God continually fills the whole earth as the waters cover the sea.

In the midst of man's drive to advance evil, we can rejoice, for our God has a glorious plan to halt this evil in its tracks. So let us cast aside all fear and lay hold of the life of God's Son.

The epochal event that is coming is good and essential in God's drive for His divine order called the **Kingdom of God**. What **it is not** is the last days, the end time, the Armageddon, or the great tribulation—all of which occurred from 66-73 AD, bringing the Mosaic age to God's intended end. It's not the end of the world or of time, and it's not the so-called *second coming*. What many claim to be future events based on prophetic scripture are actually fulfilled historic events; as the saying goes, they are in the rearview mirror. It is time for God's people to turn from the eschatological teaching of the end time or last days. We are not to look back; instead, we are called to look ahead, off unto Jesus, the one in whom and through whom the Father has been and continues to make all things new.

O, people of God, we are blessed to be alive on earth at this very point in history as we are on the cusp of something so grand and so glorious that it is beyond our imagination and experience; something this earth has not seen for six millennia. It is the next great leap in the manifestation of the **Kingdom of the Son of God's love** or, put another way, the **Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ**.

In [Kingdom of Our Lord: Declaration](#), I address the identity of His Christ, but it is worth repeating. Grammatically, it appears to refer to something belonging to the Lord Jesus, the Anointed (Messiah, Christ).

The rendering in the Mitchell translation provides an answer.

And the seventh agent sounded a trumpet, and great voices of themselves came to be (birthed themselves; occurred of themselves) within the heaven, continuously saying, "The kingdom of the world (the ordered system) became (is come to be) our LORD'S [= Yahweh's] and **His Christ's (His Anointed One's)**, and HE will reign into the ages of the ages [other MSS +: So it is (Amen)]." (Revelation 11:15 JM-NT [bold added])

I've previously made the point that Yahweh is the name of God and, in the Greek, it is the name of Jesus—Yeshua. This is the [name we are to proclaim](#). Note that Mitchell renders a description of His Christ's as the Lord's Anointed Ones. Who are these ones? Well, it seems

that Paul provides an answer.

For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the one body, being many, are one body, thus also is ***the Christ***. (1 Corinthians 12:12 CLV [bold italic added])

A dozen or so translations use the expression *the Christ*. Keep in mind; in the Greek, the word *Christ* (or: *Messiah*) comes from a root word for *anointed*. Thus, *the Christ* is rightfully called *the Anointed*, which is undoubtedly a descriptor for Jesus. Clearly though, Paul joins the one body with the Christ, making the Christ or the Anointed synonymous with the body of Christ that he also describes as the complement or fullness of the one completing (filling) the all in all (Ephesians 1:23). When Jesus walked this earth, He was anointed with the holy spirit (Acts 10:38). And now, all those who are in Christ and Christ is in them have received of the same spirit. It only follows that the entirety of the true, one body of Christ is anointed, as well. John is in agreement with Paul.

But **you have been anointed** by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. (1 John 2:20 ESV [bold added])

Now, returning to Revelation 11:15; there are two primary views of the timing of the seventh angel's pronouncement: some have it going forth in the first century and others have it as something yet to go forth. This goes along with the various views of the kingdom: Is it fully established already? Is it now, but not yet? Is it yet future? Don't fret over which one it is; it's all of them. So, cast off all the theological labels that divide us.

The error I see in most views of the kingdom is that it is seen as something that must be advanced or built by the Lord's people, based, in part, on the verse translated most often as: *Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever* (Isaiah 9:7).

Other translations use the expressions: *Of the increase of his rule and of peace there will be no end; His power will never end; peace will last forever; The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end; His empire shall be multiplied, and there shall be no end of peace; His power will continue to grow, and there will be peace without end; His royal power will continue to grow; his kingdom will always be at peace; To the increase of the princely power, and of peace, there is no end*. No place in these renderings does it say that the Lord's people have responsibility for kingdom increase, multiplication, building, or dominion. What is stressed could best be described as the height, width, and breadth of the Kingdom of our Lord that is His alone. Isaiah emphatically makes this clear: ***The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will do this***. *Barnes' Notes* explains that this zeal places the kingdom on

firm foundation, confirms it, and causes it to stand.

By the way; regarding the throne of David, *Barnes' Notes* states: "When it is said that he would sit upon the throne of David, it is not to be taken literally. ... To sit upon the throne of David, therefore, means to reign over the people of God; and in this sense the Messiah sat on his throne. ... And upon his kingdom - **That is, over the kingdom of the people of God. It does not mean particularly the Jews, but all those over whom the divine administration should be set up.**" This is added to counter the view of Christian Zionists.

But here's the question: Why are some of the Lord's people starting kingdom movements to establish the kingdom in the midst of a corrupt, broken world system, in an attempt to clean up this tempest of evil with kingdom principles? What are these principles, anyway? One recent blog mentioned someone who is actively planning and developing the Kingdom of God. Is this of God, or is it wishful thinking, even delusional, like so many other things today? How does one develop God's kingdom that is firmly established—immovable and unshakable?

When God's Son was birthed into humanity, He came as the full embodiment of the Kingdom of God. Stated another way: He was and still is the fully and firmly established immovable and unshakable Kingdom of God. And wherever His life is manifested, so is the kingdom. ***For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth.*** Collectively, the Son's birth, death, resurrection, ascension, and glorification are proof of this truth. The Father even confirmed this about His Son when He proclaimed: ***I have anointed My King, upon Zion—My holy hill*** (Psalm 2:6). Surely, this truth is not restricted to one time and place; it is a declaration for all times and all places.

The truth that seems to be lost among many is that the Kingdom of God has existed from before the foundation of the world and it hasn't changed. It's as eternal as God is eternal. Its expansion comes about by bringing all things into it in accord with God's ultimate purpose of being all in all. And, the Father is working this out through His Son's mission to head up all things. So, what is the Kingdom of God? How is it made manifest?

At its most basic and fundamental core, [the Kingdom of God is the will of God](#). Wherever and whenever the will of God manifests, it is the Kingdom of God. Jesus, as the full embodiment of the kingdom, made it very clear that He came to do the will of His Father in every respect, without exception. Thus, His whole life while on earth was the manifestation of the Kingdom of God that He not only preached but manifested in His life. It wasn't a set of rules, of do's and don'ts; it wasn't a defined, governmental, administrative hierarchy of power and control over people; it wasn't even a spiritually cleaned-up version of what Yahweh-Yeshua commanded the sons of Israel to do through Moses; and, most definitely, was not of the realm of man, even of the realm of religion.

Consider how [Jesus explains the kingdom in His own words.](#)

Jesus did not tell His disciples to build or advance the Kingdom of God. What He did say was that to see and enter into it, one must be [begotten of God.](#) Adding a word from Paul, those in Christ are new creations, which is the result of being begotten. Being begotten of God is an act of God; just like a man impregnating a woman, the fetus has no say in the matter. Or, as brought out already: ***The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will do this.*** We don't make the will of God; we enter into it. We don't make ourselves a new creation; we are made a new creation in Christ by the spirit of the Lord.

**The will of God, as the core of the kingdom, brings with it what I consider to be the two most essential essences of God and His Son: love and life.** The will of God is the manifestation of love and life, for in these, everything follows, including the fruit of the spirit. **To use an equation: the will of God = the love and life of God the Father (who is Love) expressed through, in, and by the Son of His love who is the Life.** The Kingdom of God is not about government, especially in the form we read about in scripture and what we have experienced throughout the history of man and the church; it is about [the Father of all having a large family.](#)

The principle upon which the Kingdom of God operates is discovered in the words of the one seated upon the throne of the new creation, including the new heaven, the new earth, and New Jerusalem: ***Behold, I am continuously making all things new!***

This, my dear brethren, explains the Kingdom of God.

Now, what does all this have to do with the epochal event that is coming? It has everything to do with the Kingdom of God, as *man's day* is brought to its rightful, divine conclusion. It is time for the Kingdom of the Christ to manifest to all the nations. This is not about the gospel of salvation; it is about the good news of the kingdom that will go forth in the power of the Son's love and life through His [united \(in the faith\), anointed](#) body—the Christ, the Anointed Ones. It is not so much about telling people the good news as it is about the body of Christ expressing the love and life of God, which is the good news, to a desperate world that has experienced (is experiencing) the onslaught of darkness. The world is about to experience the Presence of the Lord Jesus (not a second coming) through His vessel of love and life that is His full complement. The world is about to see and experience the united, anointed body of Christ in action.

A final note: this epochal event is not the [massive event](#) I have been told to warn about that is coming soon—this is what will ultimately drive humanity to despair.