

## Chapter 2

# The Kingdom: Yesterday, Today, and Forever

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.... But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (Matthew 6:10, 33)<sup>1</sup>

Fulfilling these verses was a prime objective of the 17th-century American Puritans:

Their exodus [from England] was that of a chosen people who were at length to lay the everlasting foundations of God's kingdom here upon earth.... This steadfast faith in an unseen ruler and guide was to them a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night. It was of great moral value. It gave them clearness of purpose and concentration of strength, and contributed towards making them, like the children of Israel, a people of indestructible vitality and aggressive energy.<sup>2</sup>

The purpose of this book is not merely to prove the non-Biblical nature of the United States Constitution but, in so doing, to help restore Yahweh's<sup>3</sup> kingdom and government *here on earth*. Before examining the Constitution by Yahweh's moral laws, we need to scripturally demonstrate that Yahweh's kingdom exists both in heaven and here on earth, and that Yahweh intends His kingdom to fill the entire earth, with His people ruling now and forever.

### Yahweh's Eternal Kingdom

Yahweh's kingdom is eternal: it exists yesterday, today, and forever. His kingdom is definitive: it has always been and always will be in existence (Psalm 145:13). It is progressive: Yahweh intends it to fill the entire earth (Isaiah 9:6-7, Daniel 2:35, Zechariah 9:9-10, Matthew 13:31-33). It is final: it will be established fully at some point in the future (Revelation 21:1-2).

Because Yahweh is the creator of the universe, He is sovereign over the universe, time without end:

...his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation. ...[T]he most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.... (Daniel 4:3, 17)

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Timothy 1:17)

Yahweh never abdicated His throne. He is as much King now as He was at creation. As perpetual King, the kingdom He rules over is also perpetual.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. (Psalm 145:13)

To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. (Jude 1:25)

Many Christians<sup>4</sup> reject these inescapable facts of Yahweh's sovereignty, believing He has no present kingdom or that His kingdom is limited to heaven. They lift their favorite proof text from John 18:

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. (John 18:36)

The same Greek phrase *ek tou kosmou* (translated "not of this world" in John 18:36) is used several times and is explained in the preceding chapter:

I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.... As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. (John 17:14-18)

Clearly *ek tou kosmou* does not mean Yahweh's kingdom exists only in heaven. Although it is certainly true that His kingdom is not of this world, this does not mean that He does not intend for it to be *in* this world. John 18 is better understood to mean that Yahweh's kingdom is nothing like the other kingdoms in this world. As someone once said, "The only kingdom that will prevail in this world is the kingdom that is not of this world." Martin Luther correctly taught John 18:36:

...Christ came in order to begin the kingdom of God and to establish it in the world. This is why he said before Pilate: "My kingdom is not of this world, but whoever belongs to the truth hears my voice," and why throughout the Gospel he announces the kingdom of God, saying: "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand;" and again: "Seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness." And indeed he calls the Gospel a gospel of the kingdom of God, in that it teaches, governs and preserves the kingdom of God.<sup>5</sup>

The teaching that Yahweh's kingdom does not exist on earth or that Yahweh has abandoned the earth to His enemies is not new to this age:

...Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? For they say, YHWH<sup>6</sup> seest us not; YHWH hath forsaken the earth. (Ezekiel 8:12)

Christians who reject Yahweh's extant kingdom here on earth are looking for a future king and a future kingdom. This erroneous theology has all but destroyed Yahweh's kingdom, at least in practice, here on earth. It is certainly one of the principal reasons why the antichrists and non-Christians rule today. This anti-kingdom theology has also been one of the prime contributors to today's fulfillment of Jesus'<sup>7</sup> warning in Matthew 5:

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. (Matthew 5:13)

This is a fulfillment of Yahweh's curse in Deuteronomy 28:

But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of YHWH thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these

curses shall come upon thee.... The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.... Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which YHWH shall send against thee.... (Deuteronomy 28:15, 43-48)

You cannot get any lower than beneath the feet of those who rule over you. Rejecting Yahweh, His kingdom, and His laws has always been prime cause of His people's calamities. By rejecting Yahweh's laws, Christians abdicate dominion and relinquish Yahweh's earthly kingdom to His enemies:

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. (Matthew 11:12)

Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.... But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. (Matthew 23:1-13)

Neither of these passages are referring to the kingdom *in* heaven. Instead, they refer to the kingdom *of* heaven here on earth. The only difference between what was occurring in Jesus' day and what is occurring in modern times is that Yahweh's enemies have not needed to take the kingdom by force. Because Christianity is glutted with doctrines proclaiming that Yahweh's laws are irrelevant under the New Covenant, that Christians are obligated to keep all of man's laws,<sup>8</sup> and that the kingdom is yet to come or that it is found exclusively in heaven, the kingdom has been handed over to Yahweh's enemies without a struggle. Most pastors have colluded with the Internal Revenue Service in exchange for their 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, turning over the jurisdiction and ultimate control of even their churches and ministries to the government.<sup>9</sup>

When Yahweh's subjects are diligent to observe His law, Yahweh promises His people dominion rather than servitude:

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of YHWH thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that YHWH thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth. (Deuteronomy 28:1)

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. (Revelation 5:10)

### **Yahweh's Kingdom Relationship with Israel**

Although it is true that the Old Testament contains many prophecies regarding a future Messianic kingdom, this in no way detracts from the fact that Yahweh was, is, and always will be King. The prophecies in question concern Yahweh's special New Covenant kingdom relationship with a remnant of Israel. This kingdom relationship is indicative of His marital relationship with Israelites, which originally existed between Him and the entire nation of Israel:

And YHWH said unto ... Israel ... I am married unto you.... (Jeremiah 3:11-14)

Exodus records Yahweh's marriage proposal to all twelve tribes of the nation of Israel:

Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people.... And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.... (Exodus 19:5-6)

This is the Bible's first reference to Yahweh's kingdom. Yahweh established a kingdom relationship with the nation of Israel when He married her at Mt. Sinai. Ezekiel 16 provides a second witness to the affinity between His marriage to Israel and His kingdom:

Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord YHWH, and thou becamest mine ... and thou didst prosper into a kingdom. (Ezekiel 16:8-13)

King David commented upon this kingdom relationship:

...God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. (Psalm 59:13)

While wrestling with an angel, Jacob was given the name "Israel." This name means "power" or "ruling with El" (Genesis 32:28). El, translated "God," is the abbreviated form of the Hebrew *Elohiym*. Yahweh Elohiym married the nation of Israel, making her His helpmeet. As both His wife and His queen, she *ruled with El* over His kingdom and was thus named *Isra El* – "ruling with God." Later, because the ten-tribed house of Israel worshiped other gods, an act Yahweh identified as adultery, He divorced and put her away:

And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce.... (Jeremiah 3:8)

Yahweh declared to Hosea that, as a result of the House of Israel's whoredom, He divorced her and she would no longer be His people (His wife). He stripped that house of her name (His name) and, as a result, her kingdom relationship with Him ceased to exist:

And YHWH said unto him, ... I will ... cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.... Then said God ... ye are not my people, and I will not be your God. (Hosea 1:4-9)

Yahweh's eventual divorce of the remaining two-tribed house of Judah in 70 A.D. was prophesied in 2 Kings 23:

And YHWH said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there. (2 Kings 23:27)

Just as in Hosea 1, the removal of the kingdom was equivalent to house of Judah's divorce:

Therefore say I unto you [religious leaders representing the house of Judah], The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. (Matthew 21:43)

In 1 Peter 1:1-2, the Apostle Peter identified the nation (1 Peter 2:9-10) to whom the kingdom was given as the elect (a remnant) of the Israelites – those sanctified by the blood of Jesus – with whom, according to Hebrew 8:8, the New Covenant was made:

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,

through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.... (1 Peter 1:1-2)

The English word “scattered” is translated from the Greek word *diaspora*:

...dispersion, i.e. (spec.[ially] and conc.[retely]) the converted Isr[aelite]. resident in Gentile countries.<sup>10</sup>

*Diaspora* is the Greek word used in James 1:1 in the phrase “to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad,” and by the translators of the Septuagint Old Testament in Deuteronomy 28:25, 30:4; Nehemiah 1:8; and Psalm 147:2, in describing the dispersion of the Old Testament Israelites. The Greek word *parepideémois*, translated “strangers” in 1 Peter 1:1, conveys a similar thought:

...one who comes from a foreign country into a city or land to reside there by the side of the natives; hence stranger; sojourning in a strange place, a foreigner....<sup>11</sup>

Peter wrote his first epistle to Israelites living as foreigners in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia – the precise locations to which the house of Israel had been dispersed after Yahweh divorced them. Peter wrote the following to these Christian Israelites:

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people.... Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. (1 Peter 2:9-10)

The first phrase of verse 9 is a quotation from Exodus 19:5-6, in which Yahweh first proposed marriage to the entire nation of Israel. The last two phrases of verse 10 are quotations from Hosea 1:9 and 2:23, in which He promised to remarry the house of Israel and ultimately restore His kingdom relationship with a remnant of Israelites from both the house of Israel and the house of Judah under the New Covenant. It is this remnant that forms the nation prophesied by Jesus in Matthew 21:43 and to whom the kingdom was given.<sup>12</sup>

The prophets foretold this special New Covenant kingdom relationship between Yahweh and Israel:

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days.... And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.... But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.... Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.... And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. (Daniel 7:13-27)

In Psalm 148, the saints of the Most High are identified as Israelites:

He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye YHWH. (Psalm 148:14)

The Apostles also understood the saints in Daniel 7 to be Israelites. In anticipation of the fulfillment of numerous Old Testament prophecies concerning the restoration of the kingdom to Israel, they questioned Jesus about the specific timing of the restoration – which they knew from the Prophet Daniel was to occur sometime during the days of the Roman Empire (Daniel 2:36-44, 7:13-27):

Then they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? (Acts 1:6)

Because many people have misidentified today's Jews<sup>13</sup> as Israelites, and because the Jews have rejected Jesus and His kingdom, much of Christianity has come to the erroneous conclusion that this restored kingdom relationship with Israel has yet to occur. However, the New Testament declares that this kingdom relationship has existed since the second chapter of Acts (2:38-41) when the first Judahite Israelites, in faith and repentance, were baptized into Christ. Before this event in the book of Acts, John the Baptist, Jesus, and the Apostles all preached that the kingdom of God was at hand:

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven<sup>14</sup> is at hand. (Matthew 3:1-2)

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matthew 4:17)

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, ...But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matthew 10:5-7)

...if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. (Matthew 12:28)

Either the kingdom was literally at hand when Jesus made this last statement, or He was casting out demons by Beelzebub, just as the Pharisees accused Him. In Mark 1:15, the kingdom is described as being at hand because its preparation time was fulfilled:

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. (Mark 1:14-15)

Perhaps the most potent proof that the kingdom has already been established is that the Apostles were told that some of them would live to see the kingdom restored:

And he [Jesus] said unto them [His disciples], Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power. (Mark 9:1)

In Acts 1, the Apostles anticipated the restored kingdom in their lifetime, and, in Acts 2, it was indeed restored with power on the day of Pentecost when 3,000 Judahite Israelites were, in faith and repentance, baptized into Christ. The renowned 18th-century commentator Matthew Henry agreed:

...the kingdom of Christ began ... immediately after his ascension, and will continue in the doing till the mystery of God be finished.<sup>15</sup>

Following the events in Acts 2, the 1st-century Christians proclaimed Jesus to be a reigning King and themselves to be citizens of His kingdom – not sometime in the future or merely in heaven, but right then and there:

But the Jews which believed not ... set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason ... crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also; whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus. (Acts 17:5-7)

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.... (Colossians 1:12-14)

As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, that ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12)

I John, who also am your brother, and companion [fellow partaker, NASB] in tribulation, and in the kingdom.... (Revelation 1:9)

Redemption through Jesus' blood results in deliverance from the power of darkness. Because we are delivered from the power of darkness *into the kingdom*, the Colossians passage demands that if the kingdom is not in existence now, then redemption and forgiveness of sins are not yet valid and Jesus died for nothing. If the kingdom is yet future, no one has been delivered from the power of darkness and no one has partaken of the inheritance of the saints. In short, no one has yet become a Christian.

In Acts 17:7, the disciples were described as *already* serving Jesus as their King on earth. The very fact that Rome persecuted, imprisoned, and murdered Christians demonstrates the Romans understood that the kingdom the Christians preached and lived was an extant rival kingdom. Had Christianity been merely a religion, Rome would not have concerned itself with Christianity anymore than it did with the other religions in its realm. Christendom's King, His kingdom, and His laws posed a threat to the Roman Empire, just as Daniel prophesied.

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. (Daniel 2:44)

The kingdom is currently under the rule of non-Christians, not because it has yet to be established, but because Christians have bought into the lie that the kingdom doesn't exist on earth at this time. They have consequently abdicated leadership of society. The church has become governmentally and culturally impotent because Christians have been convinced that everything outside the four walls of their church buildings is off-limits.

#### Pursuing Yahweh's Kingdom

The kingdom was the focus of Jesus' earthly ministry and is the central issue of the entire Bible. The phrases "the Father's kingdom," "the kingdom of God," "the kingdom of heaven,"

“the heavenly kingdom,” “the kingdom of Christ,” “the gospel of the kingdom,” and the word “kingdom” appear 146 times in the New Testament alone.

Because the kingdom of God is in existence today, our principal objective as ambassadors of the King of kings (2 Corinthians 5:20), should be to please our King and advance His kingdom. We should be pursuing His kingdom – taking dominion and implementing His moral laws – everywhere we possibly can, including our civil governments and courts of law:

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness [found in His moral laws, Isaiah 51:7-8].... (Matthew 6:33)

Where should we seek His kingdom?

...Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:9-10)

All the petitions in the Lord’s Prayer refer to earthly *present* benefits. Some of the aspects of the kingdom are that God provides our “daily bread,” that He “forgives our debts,” and that He “delivers us from temptation.” ...It is a kingdom prayer, and we are in the kingdom!<sup>16</sup>

Christians understood this in 1643 when the colonies of New Plymouth, Massachusetts, and New Haven, Connecticut, formed the New England Confederation with the goal of advancing the kingdom of Christ here in America:

...we all came into these parts of America with one and the same end and aim, namely to advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>17</sup>

Christians who acknowledge the present reality of Yahweh’s kingdom here on earth seldom see its relevance beyond the four walls of their homes or church buildings. “We have secularized everything not illuminated by stained glass windows.”<sup>18</sup> This limited vision is usually the consequence of antinomianism. However, Yahweh’s will is that His kingdom, operating by His moral laws, be established here on earth *as it is in heaven*. There is nowhere in heaven Yahweh does not reign, nowhere His kingdom cannot be found, and nowhere His laws are not intact. This is His will for earth as well, but He has left the task of fully establishing His kingdom on earth to His subjects:

Ye are blessed of YHWH which made heaven and earth. The heaven, even the heavens, are YHWH’s: but the earth hath he given to the children of men. (Psalm 115:15-16)

Although it is true that the earth was made for all of mankind to inhabit, no Christian would maintain that Yahweh intends non-Christians to reign over His children, *except as judgment*. The dominion mandate was given to Adam and his descendants, particularly Christians under the New Covenant:

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to pulling down of strong holds;) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; and having in readiness to revenge all disobedience.... (2 Corinthians 10:3-6)

Yahweh intends His subjects to inherit the earth:



The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.... Wait on YHWH, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it. (Psalm 37:29-34)

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. (Matthew 5:5)

These promises are conditional. If we expect Yahweh to fulfill His promises, we must return to Him and His laws. Inherent in the dominion mandate is Yahweh's expectation for His people to maintain, protect, and increase their holdings in furtherance of His kingdom. That Yahweh expects this of His kingdom ambassadors is evident because His stone kingdom is depicted as becoming a great mountain (Daniel 2:35), a mustard seed that is to grow into a great tree (Matthew 13:31), and leaven that leavens the entire world (Matthew 13:33). Pretribulation dispensationalist Dave Hunt believes this is not only impossible for Christians to accomplish, but that it is even impossible for Yahweh:

In fact, dominion – taking dominion and setting up the kingdom for Christ – is an impossibility, even for God. The millennial reign of Christ, far from being the kingdom, is actually the final proof of the incorrigible nature of the human heart, because Christ Himself can't do what these people [dominionists] say they are going to do....<sup>19</sup>

No wonder Christianity has lost control of the kingdom. Modern Christians have squandered the kingdom and handed it over to Yahweh's enemies. This abdication occurred for two principle reasons: 1) Christians' belief that Yahweh's law has been abolished under the New Covenant, and 2) their teachings that the kingdom will manifest itself only in the future or exclusively in heaven. Non-Christians and antichrists have been delighted to fill the void with their gods' laws and governments.

#### If This Is the Kingdom. . .

Some people respond to the idea of a present kingdom by declaring that if this is Yahweh's kingdom, who wants it? The culpability for the deplorable state of the kingdom belongs, not to God, but to Christians who are so heavenly minded that they are of no earthly good. Christianity is full of savorless salt that is good for nothing but to be trampled under the foot of man. Christians today are the "trampled" rather than the "trampers." What used to be known as Christendom (short for Christ's or Christian dominion) is now simply Christianity, or worse Judeo-Christianity.<sup>20</sup> That Yahweh expects His people to be the trampers is evident not only in Matthew 5, but also in Revelation 5:

...Thou ... hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. (Revelation 5:9-10)

Paul wrote to the Corinthian Christians that "I would to God ye did reign...." (1 Corinthians 4:8). To reign means to rule and to rule means to establish the law of the land:

For YHWH will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel ... and they shall rule over their oppressors. (Isaiah 14:1-2)

"Government" has become a dirty word to most Christians. But this thinking is an aberration from the beliefs of the Christians who first came to America from Europe. They looked upon

government as an ordinance of God for the purpose of advancing His kingdom and furthering Christianity:

Whereas the glory of Almighty God and the good of mankind is the reason and end of government and, therefore, government in itself is a venerable ordinance of God. And forasmuch as it is principally desired and intended by the Proprietary and Governor and the freemen of the province of Pennsylvania and the territories thereunto belonging to make and establish such laws as shall best preserve true Christian civil liberty in opposition to all unchristian, licentious, and unjust practices....

Charter to William Penn, 1682<sup>21</sup>

Many Christians are peering into heaven and wondering when Yahweh is going to clean up this mess. Could it be Yahweh is looking down upon us and wondering when *we* are going to clean it up? Yahweh is not responsible for our making a mess of things. He has given us the tools with which to right society, if we would only believe in Him and implement His perfect laws. Every generation of Christians that rejects Yahweh's plan for the kingdom is another generation destined to live under the heel of non-Christian dominion.

Restoration of the kingdom will not happen overnight. The few people today who understand the kingdom of Yahweh are beginning to prepare the ground for a future generation. This preparation begins with convincing modern-day Christians that they are supposed to be ruling instead of serving the non-Christians and antichrists. Eventually, Christendom will be able to prosper as the kingdom Yahweh intends us to be.

#### Our National Exodus

When Christians finally realize that Yahweh's kingdom plan is meant to take place here and now, they will also understand that all other kingdoms or governments, including America's Constitutional Republic, are rival kingdoms.

Constitutionalists are constantly calling for a return to the Constitution as the solution to our national problems. What they do not realize is that the Constitution was the catalyst for our national exodus from Yahweh's perfect laws and, consequently, Yahweh's kingdom here in America. The Constitution is not the solution, but instead the origin and the prime cause of our national problems. Any return to it will, at best, provide only a temporary fix to some of the issues we face. Ultimately, it will only postpone the inevitable downfall of today's Constitutional Republic (Matthew 7:26-27), and today's problems will be transferred to a future generation of Christians.

The Constitution represents the lust of our hearts:

I am YHWH thy God.... But my people would not hearken to my voice.... So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels. (Psalm 81:10-12)

1 Samuel is a classic example of what is described in Psalm 81:

Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, and said unto him ... make us a king to judge us like all the nations. But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us.... And YHWH said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. (1 Samuel 8:4-7)

Yahweh gave the Israelites the desire of their hearts, even when their desires were wicked:

...ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when YHWH your God was your king.  
...[Y]our wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of YHWH, in asking you a king.  
(1 Samuel 12:12, 17)

If our desire – personally and collectively – is to serve Yahweh as King, He will make it possible for us to do so. He will give us the desires of our heart and reward us accordingly. But if our desire is to serve some false god or another king and his laws, Yahweh will make that possible as well, and He will reward us accordingly:

And I gave them my statutes, and shewed them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them.... But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments ... then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them.... Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols. Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live. (Ezekiel 20:11-25)

### The Same Old Sin

What occurred in 1 Samuel 8 was not a one-time event. The Prophet Hosea describes the same rejection in his day. The first chapter delineates the divorce of the house of Israel and prophesies her New Covenant restoration with Yahweh and with the house of Judah. Most of the remainder of the book expounds upon Yahweh's reasons for divorcing Israel and removing her from her kingdom-relationship with Him:

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee ... seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.  
(Hosea 4:6)

Ephraim [the principal tribe of the house of Israel] is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment [of men]. (Hosea 5:11)

...He [Yahweh] shall come as an eagle against the house of YHWH, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.... I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing. (Hosea 8:1, 12)

When Isra El – she who rules with El – rejected Yahweh for other kings, she not only rejected Him as her King, but also as her God and Husband. She became a whore in her Husband's sight:

Thou hast also ... madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them.... How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord YHWH, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman ... and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire; but as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband! (Ezekiel 16:17, 30-32)

When Israel demanded another king in 1 Samuel 8, she was in effect demanding another husband. She committed whoredom then and every time since when she repeated her sin. The same thing occurred in 1787 when the constitutional framers made an image of man (WE THE PEOPLE) and committed whoredom with it. That this was a modern manifestation of 1

Samuel 8 is evidenced in that the consequences enumerated by Samuel are essentially the same today as they were then.

Americans resurrect and reenact this sin every four years when Christians and non-Christians alike elect another replacement for the King of kings. It was whoredom then and it is whoredom today. Christians need to stop sugarcoating our American forefathers' sin. The ratification of the Constitution was idolatry, spiritual whoredom against Yahweh our God, and sedition against His kingdom. It is no different for today's Constitutionalists.

### **Dominion for Our Posterity**

My ultimate objective in this book is to awaken today's Christians to the perfection of Yahweh, His kingdom, and His laws, in order to prepare tomorrow's Christians to take dominion of Yahweh's kingdom. If I cannot change the eschatology of those Christians who believe Yahweh's kingdom has yet to appear – and have therefore trapped themselves in cultural paralysis – then let me at least appeal to your common sense. In the time between now and forever, would you not rather live by Yahweh's perfect laws of liberty than by man's laws of bondage?

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn. (Proverbs 29:2)

Although many Christians may not be politically active, they are nonetheless always hoping, praying, and voting for those they trust will improve their standard of living. However, a higher standard of living will never be achieved through man's laws. Neither can man's law deliver us from the oppression of ever-encroaching government. I am asking that we set aside our eschatological differences (Yahweh will take care of the eschatological future) and work together for liberty and justice through the only means possible – Yahweh's kingdom and His laws – so that, at the very least, we can help make His kingdom on earth a reality for our posterity.

All thy works shall praise thee, O YHWH; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; to make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. (Psalm 145:10-12)

Pursuing Yahweh's kingdom begins by speaking of its glory and power to the sons of men. This is the very least we can do as Yahweh's ambassadors, and it is something we can *all* do. Constitutionalism needs to be exposed as idolatrous apostasy. Anyone defending and promoting any "laws"<sup>22</sup> other than Yahweh's is not serving Yahweh or seeking His kingdom.

In the subsequent chapters, the following Biblical infractions (among others), embodied in the Constitution, will be exposed:

- The Preamble's substitution of a new national god in place of Yahweh.
- Article 1's usurpation of Yahweh's legislative powers.
- Article 2's commandeering of Yahweh's executive sovereignty.
- Article 3's supplanting of Yahweh's judicial system.
- Article 6's repudiation of Christianity.
- Amendment 1's promotion of pluralism, polytheism, and idolatry.
- Amendment 2's replacement of the Biblical responsibility to bear arms.
- Amendment 8's condemnation of Yahweh's judgments.
- Amendment 10's advancement of humanism.

- Amendment 16's enactment of oppressive taxation.

Let us stop accepting and promoting man-made, second-rate substitutions. May Yahweh open our eyes to the possibilities of His kingdom and His perfect law. May He grant us the same fervor for Him and His kingdom as the liberals have for their democracy and the Constitutionists have for their republic:

And YHWH stirred up the spirit of ... all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of YHWH of hosts, their God. (Haggai 1:14)

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#### End Notes

1. All Scripture is quoted from the King James Version, unless otherwise noted. Portions of Scripture have been omitted for brevity. If you have questions regarding any passage, please study the text to ensure it has been properly used.
2. John Fiske, *The Historical Writings of John Fiske*, 12 vols. (Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1889) vol. 6, pp. 304-05.
3. YHWH (most often pronounced Yahweh) is the English transliteration of the Tetragrammaton, the principal Hebrew name of the God of the Bible. For a more thorough explanation concerning the sacred names of God, "[The Third Commandment](#)" may be read online, or the book *Thou shalt not take the name of YHWH thy God in vain* may be ordered from Bible Law vs. the United States Constitution, PO Box 248, Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69363, for a suggested \$4 donation.\*
4. Not everyone claiming to be a Christian has been properly instructed in the Biblical plan of salvation. Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:36-41, 22:1-16; Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27; Colossians 2:11-13; and 1 Peter 3:21 should be studied to understand what is required to be covered by the blood of Jesus and forgiven of your sins. For a more thorough explanation concerning baptism and its relationship to salvation, the book [Baptism: All You Wanted to Know and More](#) may be requested from Bible Law vs. The United States Constitution PO Box 248, Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69363, for free.
5. Martin Luther, *On Secular Authority: how far does the Obedience owed to it extend?*, quoted in Harro Hopfl, trans., *Luther and Calvin on Secular Authority* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1991, 1993) pp. 8-9.
6. Where the Tetragrammaton (YHWH) – the four Hebrew characters that represent the personal name of God – has been unlawfully rendered the LORD or GOD in English translations, I have taken the liberty to correct this error by inserting YHWH where appropriate. For a more thorough explanation concerning the use of the names of God, "[The Third Commandment](#)" may be read online, or the book *Thou shalt not take the name of YHWH thy God in vain* may be ordered from Bible Law vs. the United States Constitution, PO Box 248, Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69363, for a suggested \$4 donation.\*
7. Yeshua is the English transliteration of our Savior's given Hebrew name, with which He introduced Himself to Paul in Acts 26:14-15. (Jesus is the English transliteration of the Greek Iesous, which is the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew Yeshua.) Because many people are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with Yeshua, I have chosen to use the more familiar Jesus in this

book in order to remove what might otherwise be a stumbling block. For a more thorough explanation concerning the use of the sacred names of God, "[The Third Commandment](#)" may be read online, or the book *Thou shalt not take the name of YHWH thy God in vain* may be ordered from Bible Law vs. the United States Constitution, PO Box 248, Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69363, for a suggested \$4 donation.\*

8. For additional information regarding the erroneous teaching that Christians are obligated to obey all government laws, *Christian Duty Under Corrupt Government: A Revolutionary Commentary on Romans 13:1-7*, may be ordered from Bible Law vs. The United States Constitution PO Box 248, Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69363, for a suggested \$7 donation.\*

9. For information on the idolatrous implications of the 501(c)(3) tax exempt status, "[The Second Commandment](#)" may be read online, or the book *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image* may be ordered from Bible Law vs. The United States Constitution PO Box 248, Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69363, for a suggested \$4 donation.\*

10. James Strong, "Dictionary of the Greek Testament," *The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, s.v. "diaspora" (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1990) p. 23.

11. Joseph Henry Thayer, *The New Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon*, s.v. "parepideemos" (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1981) p. 488.

12. For a more exhaustive study demonstrating that the Apostle Peter wrote his epistles to Christian Israelites, and for additional information concerning Yahweh's New Covenant marital relationship with Christian Israel, *The Mystery of the Gentiles: Who Are They and Where Are They Now?* may be read online, or the [book](#) may be ordered from Bible Law vs. The United States Constitution, PO Box 248, Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69363, for a suggested \$10 donation.\*

13. *God's Covenant People: Yesterday, Today and Forever*, which provides a documented dissertation regarding today's Jews' non-Israelite ancestry, may be read online, or the book may be [ordered](#) from Bible Law vs. The United States Constitution, PO Box 248, Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69363, for a suggested \$14 donation.\*

14. That the kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven are one and the same is demonstrated by comparing Matthew 4:17 with Mark 1:15; Matthew 5:3, 10 with Luke 6:20, 22; Matthew 8:11 with Luke 13:28; Matthew 10:7 with Luke 9:60; Matthew 11:11 with Luke 7:28; Matthew 11:12 with Luke 16:16; Matthew 13:11 with Mark 4:11; Matthew 13:31 with Mark 4:30-31; Matthew 13:33 with Luke 13:20-21; Matthew 19:14 with Mark 10:14; and Matthew 19:23 with Mark 10:23.

15. Matthew Henry, *Commentary on the Whole Bible: Genesis to Malachi*, 3 vols. (Brattleboro: Brattleboro Typographic Company, 1837 [orig. publ. 1708-1710]) vol. 3, p. 60.

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17. Ebenezer Hazard, ed., *Historical Collections: Consisting of State Papers and other Authentic Documents: Intended as Materials for an History of the United States of America*, 2 vols. (Philadelphia, PA: T. Dobson, 1792) vol. 2, p. 1.

18. Dennis Woods, *Discipling the Nations: The Government Upon His Shoulder* (Franklin, TN: Legacy Communications, 1996) p. 184.

19. Dave Hunt, interviewed by Peter LaLonde, *Dominion: A Dangerous New Theology*, Tape #2 of *Dominion: The Word and New World Order*.

20. The term “Judeo-Christianity” refers to the vast segment of Christianity that has been heavily influenced, often unknowingly, by the Talmudic religion of Judaism. The religions of Judaism and Christianity are wholly incompatible, as demonstrated by their respective books of faith – the Talmud and the Bible. The term “Judeo-Christianity” is an oxymoron. This incongruity is addressed in detail in *God’s Covenant People: Yesterday, Today and Forever*. *God’s Covenant People* may be read online, or the book may be [ordered](#) from Bible Law vs. The United States Constitution PO Box 248, Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69363, for a suggested \$14 donation.\*

21. Charter to William Penn, 17 December 1682, [http://oll.libertyfund.org/index.php?Itemid=264&id=1044&option=com\\_content&task=view](http://oll.libertyfund.org/index.php?Itemid=264&id=1044&option=com_content&task=view).

22. Man cannot make law (James 4:12, Isaiah 33:22). Any legislation in agreement with Yahweh’s laws was already law and did not need man’s ratification to validate it anymore than the law of gravity needed man to name it for it to become viable. Any human legislation *not* in agreement with Yahweh’s law is simply legalized lawlessness.

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