THE END TIMES: GOD'S KINGDOM

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OUR SERIES

- Signs of the End of the Age
- o Jesus' judgement
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 - Earth
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HISTORY

• We are moving towards the complete establishment of God's kingdom

Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

POSSIBLE DESTINATIONS

o Hell

• God's Kingdom

• There's no such thing as purgatory



- **o** The complete absence of God's mercy
- People in hell get what they deserve

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Luke 16:19-31 There was a certain rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen, and feasted sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, who was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and seeing Abraham far off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

But Abraham said, Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they who would pass from here to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from there. Then he said, I pray you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house: For I have five brothers; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham said unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.



• Hell = Eternal Desperation



- Hell is not only a place of endless physical suffering
- Hell is a place of endless desperation
- One thought for eternity: "If only I had ..."



GOD'S KINGDOM

- The Bible doesn't say we'll enter heaven
- The Bible says that we'll enter His kingdom
- o God's kingdom will be established on this earth

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

GOD'S KINGDOM

o Complete rule and reign of God

• We will feel free, not restricted

Revelation 22:3-5 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no lamp, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God gives them light: and they shall reign forever and ever.

GOD'S KINGDOM

• Everybody will be like Jesus in character

• No more sin

• And no more negative consequences of sin



HOLINESS

God's decision to drive Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden was based on mercy, not punishment

Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

JESUS' BRIDE

• Not "one of many"

o Jesus will perfectly love each of us like a perfect husband

Revelation 19:5-7 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all you his servants, and you that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself ready.

WORSHIP

Revelation 4:10-11 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that is sitting on the throne, and worship him that lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for you have created all things, and for your pleasure they are and were created.

RULING AND REIGNING

2 Timothy 2:11-12 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

OUR HOME

o Jesus has been preparing our perfect home for the last 2000 years

John 14:1-3 Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him.

WHAT WE WON'T DISCUSS

• We won't go into the details of "what exactly is going to happen when Jesus returns

- Always remember
 - Jesus comes back
 - Jesus judges
 - Jesus establishes His kingdom
- o Look at everything else in light of this main message



HEAVEN OR HELL?

• There are only these two possible destinations

• If you want to enter heaven: Stay on the "narrow path"

