

The Establishment and Characteristics of God's Kingdom

ISAIAH 2:1-4

The Establishment of the Mountain of the Lord's House

ISAIAH 2:2

Established in the *Latter Days*

- K & D – “never refers to the history immediately following the time being, but invariably indicates the furthest point in the history of this life—the point which lies on the outermost limits of the speaker’s horizon.”
- The fulfillment of Joel’s prophecy reveals the latter days began at Pentecost – Acts 2:15-17
- The above truth is affirmed by N.T. writers – Heb. 1:1-2
- We have been living in the latter days since 33 A.D.

God's *Mountain* would be Established

- “Mountain” is used of kingdom – Jer. 51:24-25
- This mountain is the *Messianic* kingdom of God – Daniel 2
 - Nebuchadnezzar’s dream of a metal image representing four kingdoms revealed what would be “in the latter days” – 2:28
 - During the days of the fourth kingdom, the Roman kingdom, God’s stone would become a *great mountain filling the earth* – 2:34-35
 - This mountain was God’s kingdom! – 2:43-44
- At the time of Rome, at Pentecost, when Joel 2 was fulfilled, God’s kingdom was established – Acts 2:29-36; Col. 1:13; Rev. 1:9

The Mountain of the *Lord's House* Established

- The Lord's house is where God dwells among men.
- God's house is th church – 1 Tim. 3:14-15
 - At Pentecost, God added those who accepted Jesus as their king to the church and His kingdom – Acts 2:47
 - Those who come into the church have come into God's mountain, or kingdom – Heb. 12:18, 22-24, 28
- The mountain of God's house was established at Pentecost, with all who submit to Christ as their King being added to the church.

The Characteristics of God's Kingdom and its Subjects

ISAIAH 2:2-4

Universal—All Nations Flow Into It

- Both Jew and Gentile flow into God's mountain – 2:3
 - The river of nations flows up to the mountain
 - Divine magnetism is at work through the Messiah – Isa. 49:6
- All nations flowing into God's kingdom was fulfilled through the church and the preaching of the gospel – Acts 13:45-47

Foundation is God's *Truth*

- Many people will come to the mountain to be *taught* and to *obey* God's will – 2:3; Eph. 2:14-18
- The world is drawn to the kingdom because the law of God has gone forth from Jerusalem – Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8
- Christ's kingdom grows by truth, not physical war – Jn. 18:37
- God judges the world by His truth – 2:4; Psa. 96:13; 2 Cor. 5:10; Jn. 5:24; 12:48

A Kingdom of Peace, not War

- Subjects will refashion instruments of war to be instruments of growth and harvest, learning war no more
- Some might wonder if this is true, why are there still wars among the nations?
 - The kingdom is spiritual with Jesus ruling in the hearts of its subjects – Jn. 18:36
 - Only those who come to the mountain will live their lives in true peace – Isa. 11:9
- How has God's kingdom of peace affected your life?