

Outline – November 6, 2022

Matthew 24:7-8, Luke 17:1-6

Romans 1:18-28, 2 Timothy 3:1-7

Kingdom Against Kingdom

Jesus Spoke Of The Clash Of Kingdoms (Matthew 24:7)

- I. **The requirements of a kingdom**
 - A. It requires a king
 - 1. Absolute allegiance
 - 2. Absolute authority
 - 3. Absolute autonomy
 - B. It requires followers
 - C. It requires a geographical setting
- II. **Jesus revealed (declared) His Kingdom**
 - A. In Matthew's Gospel
 - 1. Gospel of the Kingdom
 - 2. Kingdom to come
 - 3. Kingdom of heaven
 - B. Mark records
 - 1. Those not far from the Kingdom of God
 - C. Luke records
 - 1. His Kingdom has no end
 - D. John records
 - 1. One can't see the Kingdom of God unless they are born again
 - E. His Kingdom is made up of grace and truth
 - F. Both now and in the future
 - G. Invisible and visible when Jesus is King
- III. **The Bible warns of a counterfeit kingdom (of darkness)**
 - A. Seen throughout the bible
 - 1. Nations that sought to destroy God's people:
Egypt, Babylon, Rome
 - 2. False gods that sought to seduce God's people:
Baal, Molech, Ishtar
 - 3. False teaching that seeks to usurp God's Word
 - B. The blueprint of the kingdom of darkness
 - 1. Suppress the truth
 - a. Eradicate the Word
 - b. Control the narrative
 - c. Blind the people
 - 2. Claim to know God, but not honor Him
 - 3. No giving of thanks

4. Heart growing dark to things of God
5. Professing to be wise, sound like fools
6. Exchange the glory of God for other things
7. Exchange the truth of God for a lie
(Lying, deceit, false narrative are the tools in this kingdom)

IV. The results, "fruit" of kingdom of darkness

- A. Wrath of God
- B. A breakdown in society
- C. God giving them (those) who stay in darkness to a depraved mind
 1. Believing the lie
 2. Not embracing reality
 3. Turn everything around
- D. The most vulnerable are at risk in a kingdom of darkness (Baal worship)
 1. Children sacrificed
 2. Perversion
 3. Pantheism
- E. Breakdown of social values

V. The Kingdom of Messiah

- A. Jesus is King
- B. He is the final authority
- C. Born again believers are the people of His Kingdom
- D. Blessed are the ...
- E. Dependent on Him
- F. Truth is embraced
- G. Grace is offered

VI. The hope we are given

- A. Being faithful
- B. Be informed
- C. Be transformed
- D. Be sustained
- E. Be used of God
- F. Which kingdom are you in?
- G. Bringing others into the kingdom

Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve.