

## **THE PRESENT KINGDOM**

### **MARK 1:1-15**

#### **INTRODUCTION: FULFILMENT IN CHRIST**

- Matthew 1:1, “A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham”
- Mark 1:1-15
  - Malachi... Isaiah
  - The kingdom is near because the king is here
- Jesus is God’s people, God’s place, God’s rule & blessing

#### **1. GOD’S PEOPLE**

- **Jesus is the true Adam**  
  
Romans 5:19, “... just as through the disobedience of one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man may will be made righteous”
- **Jesus is the true Israel**  
  
Matthew 2:15, 4:1-11, 18-22

## **2. GOD'S PLACE**

- **Jesus is true tabernacle and temple**

John 1:14, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..."

John 2:19, 2:21, 4:21-24, 7:37-38

## **3. GOD'S RULE AND BLESSING**

- **Jesus introduces the new covenant**

Matthew 5:17

Galatians 3:13-14, Romans 8:4, 2 Corinthians 5:21

- **Jesus is the new king**

Matthew 12:22-28

- **Jesus is the source of God's blessing**

Matthew 11:28

## **4. THE HEART OF IT ALL: SALVATION THROUGH SUBSTITUTION**

**Yes, finished! The Messiah dies,**  
cut off for sins, but not his own;  
completed is the sacrifice,  
the great redeeming work is done.  
Yes, finished! all the debt is paid,  
justice divine is satisfied,  
the grand and full atonement made:  
God for a guilty world has died!

2. The temple curtain is torn down,  
the living way to heaven is seen;  
through Christ, the middle wall has gone  
and all who will may enter in.  
The ancient shadows are fulfilled,  
the law's harsh sentence is applied,  
the sinless Lamb of God is killed,  
the covenant is ratified.

3. The reign of sin and death is done,  
and all may live, from sin set free;  
Satan and his pretended throne  
are swallowed up in victory.  
Saved from the curse of God I am;  
my Saviour hangs upon a tree!  
See there the meek and silent Lamb;  
his final breath he breathes for me.

4. In Christ accepted and brought near  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
I see the path to life made clear,  
and all your merits, Lord, are mine.  
Death, hell and sin are now subdued,  
all grace is now to sinners given,  
and so I plead the atoning blood  
and by your gift, receive your heaven.

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### **HOMEWORK: FOR NEXT WEEK PLEASE READ**

- Acts 1 & 2

### **RECOMMENDED READING / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

- Vaughan Roberts, *God's Big Picture*

<b>The kingdom of God</b>	<i>The pattern of the kingdom</i>	<i>The perished kingdom</i>	<i>The promised kingdom</i>	<i>The partial kingdom</i>	<i>The prophesied kingdom</i>	<i>The present kingdom</i>
Adam & Eve	No-one	No-one	Abraham's descendants	The Israelites	Remnant of Israel; inclusion of nations	Jesus Christ: new Adam, new Israel
The garden	Banished	Banished	Canaan, the promised land	Canaan (& Jerusalem & the temple)	New temple; new creation	Jesus Christ: true tabernacle and temple
God's word; perfect relationships	Disobedience & curse	Disobedience & curse	Blessing to Israel and the nations	The law & the king	New covenant; new king; great blessing	Jesus Christ: new covenant; rest