

## **THE PROCLAIMED KINGDOM**

### **ACTS 1 – 2**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1. LIVING BETWEEN JESUS' FIRST AND SECOND COMINGS**

- **The “last days”**

e.g. 2 Timothy 3:1, James 5:3

e.g. Matthew 12:32, “This present age...the age to come”

- **Why delay?**

2 Peter 3:3-4 – patience...

Luke 24:46-49 – proclamation...

Acts 1:6-8 – to the ends of the earth

## **2. THE SENDING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### **(a) At Pentecost God is present (Acts 2:1-3)**

- like the wind (Ezek. 37, Jn 3:8)
- like fire (Ex 3:2-5, 19:18)
- speaking in other languages

### **(b) At Pentecost God pours out his Spirit (Acts 2:14-21)**

- God has poured out his Spirit
- all people can receive the Spirit
- so... we can know him personally

### **(c) From Pentecost all Christians are prophets of God**

- God speaks directly to all Christians
- all Christians can speak for God about Jesus
- the Spirit is given to empower our prophecy  
(Luke 24:46, Acts 1:8, 2:11, 4:8, 4:31, 7:55, 11:22-24, 13:9-10,  
13:49-52, 28:30-31 )

### **3. THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

- **God's people**

1 Peter 2:9, "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God"

- **God's place**

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you"

- **God's rule and blessing**

1 Peter 1:22-25

### **4. CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE IN THE LAST DAYS: THE NOW AND THE NOT YET**

- E.g. Romans 8

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

- Revelation 21-22

### **RECOMMENDED READING / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- Vaughan Roberts, *God's Big Picture*

<b>The kingdom of God</b>	<b>The pattern of the kingdom</b>	<b>The perished kingdom</b>	<b>The promised kingdom</b>	<b>The partial kingdom</b>	<b>The prophesied kingdom</b>	<b>The present kingdom</b>	<b>The proclaimed kingdom</b>
Adam & Eve	No-one	No-one	Abraham's descendants	The Israelites	Remnant of Israel; inclusion of nations	Jesus Christ: new Adam, new Israel	The new Israel: Jewish & Gentile believers in Christ
The garden	Banished	Banished	Canaan, the promised land	Canaan (& Jerusalem & the temple)	New temple; new creation	Jesus Christ: true tabernacle and temple	Each Christian; the church
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	New covenant; holy Spirit