

**Lesson No.9 Thy Kingdom Come****1 Chronicles 29:1-36**

<sup>1</sup>¶And David the king said to all the assembly, “Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is great; for the palace will not be for man but for the LORD God. <sup>2</sup>So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able, the gold for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, besides great quantities of onyx and stones for setting antimony, colored stones, all sorts of precious stones, and marble. <sup>3</sup>Moreover, in addition to all that I have provided for the holy house, I have a treasure of my own of gold and silver, and because of my devotion to the house of my God I give it to the house of my God. <sup>4</sup>three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, for overlaying the walls of the house. <sup>5</sup>and for all the work to be done by craftsmen, gold for the things of gold and silver for the things of silver. Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself today to the LORD?” <sup>6</sup>Then the heads of fathers’ houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and the officers over the king’s work. <sup>7</sup>They gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and a hundred thousand talents of iron. <sup>8</sup>And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, in the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. <sup>9</sup>Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD; David the king also rejoiced greatly.

<sup>10</sup>¶Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly; and David said: “Blessed art thou, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. <sup>11</sup>Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. <sup>12</sup>Both riches and honor come from thee, and thou rulest over all. In thy hand are power and might; and in thy hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. <sup>13</sup>And now we thank thee, our God, and praise thy glorious name. <sup>14</sup>”But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from thee, and of thy own have we given thee. <sup>15</sup>For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were, our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. <sup>16</sup>O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building thee a house for thy holy name comes from thy hand and is all thine own. <sup>17</sup>I know, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness, in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen thy people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to thee. <sup>18</sup>O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep for ever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of thy people, and direct their hearts toward thee. <sup>19</sup>Grant to Solomon my son that with a whole heart he may keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, performing all, and that he may build the palace for which I have made provision”. <sup>20</sup>Then David said to all the assembly, “Bless the LORD your God.” And all the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and bowed their heads, and worshiped the LORD, and did obeisance to the king. <sup>21</sup>And they performed sacrifices to the LORD, and on the next day offered burnt offerings to the LORD, a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with the drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel. <sup>22</sup>and they ate and drank before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and they anointed him as prince for the LORD, and Zadok as priest. <sup>23</sup>¶Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and he prospered, and all Israel obeyed him. <sup>24</sup>All the leaders and the mighty men, and also all the sons of King David, pledged their allegiance to King Solomon. <sup>25</sup>And the LORD gave Solomon great repute in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel. <sup>26</sup>Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. <sup>27</sup>The time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. <sup>28</sup>The he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his stead. <sup>29</sup>Now the acts of King David, from first to last, are written in the Chronicles of Samuel the seer, and in the Chronicles of Nathan the prophet, and in the Chronicles of Gad the seer. <sup>30</sup>with accounts of all his rule and his might and of the circumstances that came upon him and upon Israel, and upon all the kingdoms of the countries.

### **Luke 11:2-4**

<sup>2</sup>And he said to them, “When you pray, say “Father, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread; <sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive every one who is indebted to us, and lead us not into temptation.”

### **Isaiah 62:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>¶For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her vindication goes forth as brightness and her salvation as a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My delight is in her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. <sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall you sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. <sup>6</sup>¶Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest. <sup>7</sup>and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth.

### **Isaiah 65:17-25**

<sup>17</sup>¶”For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their children with them. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, says the LORD”.

### **1 Kings 11:13**

However I will not tear away all the kingdom; but I will give one tribe to your son, for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen.”

### **Ezekiel 21:2-27**

<sup>25</sup>And you, O unhallowed wicked one, prince of Israel, whose day has come, the time of your final punishment. <sup>26</sup>thus says the Lord GOD; Remove the turban and take off the crown; things shall not remain as they are; exalt that which is low, and abase that which is high. <sup>27</sup>A ruin, ruin, ruin I will make it; there shall not be even a trace of it until he comes whose right it is; and to him I will give it.

### **Luke 1:31-33**

<sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David. <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end.

### **Genesis 22:1-24**

<sup>1</sup>¶After these things God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>¶So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; and he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the ass; I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So

they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood; but where is lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. <sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham put forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup>¶But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place The LORD will provide; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.” <sup>15</sup>¶And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven. <sup>16</sup>and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will indeed bless you, and I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore. And your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. <sup>18</sup>and by your descendants shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.” <sup>19</sup>So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba. <sup>20</sup>¶Now after these things it was told Abraham, “Behold, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor; <sup>21</sup>Uz the first-born, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram, <sup>22</sup>Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel.” <sup>23</sup>Bethuel became the father of Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham’s brother. <sup>24</sup>Moreover, his concubine, whose name was Reumah, bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.

### **Galatians 3:1-29**

10 Foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? 2Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law, or by hearing with faith? 3Are you so foolish? Having begun with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? 4Did you experience so many things in vain? – if it really is in vain. 5Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith? 6¶Thus Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” 7So you see that it is men of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” 9So then, those who are men of faith are blessed with Abraham who had faith. 10For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be every one who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, and do them.” 11Now it is evident that no man is justified before God by the law; for “He who through faith is righteous shall live”, 12but the law does not rest on faith, for “He who does them shall live by them.” 13Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us – for it is written, “Cursed be every one who hangs on a tree” - 14that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. 15To give a human example, brethren; no one annuls even a man’s will, or adds to it, once it has been ratified. 16Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many; but, referring to one, “And to your offspring.” which is Christ. 17This is what I mean: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. 18For if the inheritance is by the law, it is no longer by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. 19¶Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions till the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was ordained by angels through an intermediary. 20Now an intermediary implies more than one; but God is one. 21Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not; for if a law had been given which could make alive, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. 22But the scripture consigned all things to sin, that what was promised to faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. 23Now before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. 24So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. 25But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian. 26for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all in one in Christ Jesus. 29And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

## Daniel 2:1-49

1¶In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him. 2Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be summoned, to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. 3And the king said to them, "I had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream." 4Then the Chaldeans said to the king, "O king, live for ever!. Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation." 5The king answered the Chaldeans, "The word from me is sure; if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be torn limb from limb, and your houses shall be laid in ruins. 6But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. Therefore show me the dream and its interpretation." 7They answered a second time, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show its interpretation." 8The king answered, "I know with certainty that you are trying to gain time because you see that the word from me is sure 9that if you do not make the dream known to me, there is but one sentence for you. You have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the times change. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me its interpretation." 10The Chaldeans answered the king, "There is not a man on earth who can meet the king's demand; for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean. 11The thing that the king asks is difficult, and none can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh." 12Because of this the king was angry and very furious and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed. 13So the decree went forth that the wise men were to be slain and they sought Daniel and his companions, to slay them. 14¶Then Daniel replied with prudence and discretion to Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to slay the wise men of Babylon; 15he said to Arioch, the king's captain, "Why is the decree of the king so severe?" Then Arioch made the matter known to Daniel. 16And Daniel went in and besought the king to appoint him a time, that he might show to the king the interpretation. 17Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, 18and told them to seek mercy of the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. 19Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. 20Daniel said: "Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. 21He changes times and seasons: he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding: 22he reveals deep and mysterious things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. 23To thee, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for thou hast given me wisdom and strength and hast now made known to me what we asked of thee, for thou hast made known to us the king's matter." 24¶Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and said thus to him, "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show the king the interpretation." 25Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus to him: "I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who can make known to the king the interpretation." 26Then the king said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?" 27Daniel answered the king, "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery which the king has asked, 28but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these: 29To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be hereafter, and he who reveals mysteries made known to you what is to be. 30But as for me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living has this mystery been revealed to me, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind. 31¶"You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. 32The head of this image was of fine gold, its breast and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze. 33its legs of iron, and its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. 34As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it smote the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces; 35then the iron the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and

became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. 36”This was the dream; now we will tell the king its interpretation. 37You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, 38and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the sons of men, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the air, making you rule over them all – you are the head of gold. 39After you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. 40And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things; and like iron which crushes, it shall break and crush all these. 41And as you saw the feet and toes partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the miry clay. 42And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. 43As you saw the iron mixed with miry clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. 44And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand for ever; 45just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be hereafter. The dream is certain and its interpretation sure.” 47¶Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and did homage to Daniel, and commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him. 47The king said to Daniel, “Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery.” 48Then the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. 49Daniel made request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel remained at the king’s court.

## **2 Samuel 7:1-29**

1¶Now when the king dwelt in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies round about, 2the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” 3And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart; for the LORD is with you.” 4¶But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, 5”Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? 6I have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. 7In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar? 8Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel; 9and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11from the time that I appointed Judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. 12When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom for ever. 14I will be his father, and he shall be my son. When he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men. 15but I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 16And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.” 17In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David. 18¶Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and said, “Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that thou hast brought me thus far? 19And yet this was a small thing in thy eyes, O Lord GOD; thou hast spoken also of thy servant’s house for a great while to come, and hast shown me future generations, O Lord GOD! 20And what more can David say to thee? For thou knowest thy servant, O Lord GOD! 21Because of thy promise, and according to thy own heart, thou hast wrought all this greatness, to make thy servant know it. 22Therefore thou art great, O LORD God; for there is none like thee, and there is no God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 23What other nation on earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name, and doing for them great and terrible things, by driving out before his people a nation and its gods? 24And thou didst establish for thyself thy people Israel to be thy people for ever; and thou, O LORD,

didst become their God. 25And now, O LORD God, confirm for ever the word which thou hast spoken concerning thy servant and concerning his house, and do as thou hast spoken; 26and thy name will be magnified for ever, saying. 'The LORD of hosts is God over Israel.' And the house of thy servant David will be established before thee. 27For thou, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, hast made this revelation to thy servant, saying, 'I will build you a house'; therefore thy servant has found courage to pray this prayer to thee. 28And now, O Lord GOD, thou art God, and thy words are true, and thou hast promised this good thing to thy servant; 29now therefore may it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee; for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken and with thy blessing shall the house of thy servant be blessed for ever."

### Acts 7:1-60

<sup>1</sup>¶And the high priest said, "Is this so?" <sup>2</sup>And Stephen said: "Brethren and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, <sup>3</sup>and said to him, 'Depart from your land and from your kindred and go into the land which I will show you.' <sup>4</sup>Then he departed from the land of the Chaldeans, and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living. <sup>5</sup>yet he gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot's length, but promised to give it to him in possession and to his posterity after him, though he had no child. <sup>6</sup>And God spoke to this effect, that his posterity would be aliens in a land belonging to others, who would enslave them and ill-treat them four hundred years. <sup>7</sup>'But I will judge the nation which they serve,' said God, 'and after that they shall come out and worship me in this place.' <sup>8</sup>And he gave him the covenant of circumcision. And so Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs. <sup>9</sup>"And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him, <sup>10</sup>and rescued him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him governor over Egypt and over all his household. <sup>11</sup>Now there came a famine throughout all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction, and our fathers could find no food. <sup>12</sup>But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent forth our fathers the first time. <sup>13</sup>And at the second visit Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to Pharaoh. <sup>14</sup>And Joseph sent and called to him Jacob his father and all his kindred, seventy-five souls; <sup>15</sup>and Jacob went down into Egypt. And he died, himself and our fathers. <sup>16</sup>and they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham had bought for a sum of silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem. <sup>17</sup>¶"But as the time of the promise drew near, which God had granted to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt <sup>18</sup>till there arose over Egypt another king who had not known Joseph. <sup>19</sup>He dealt craftily with our race and forced our fathers to expose their infants, that they might not be kept alive. <sup>20</sup>At this time, Moses was born, and was beautiful before God. And he was brought up for three months in his father's house; <sup>21</sup>and when he was exposed, Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and brought him up as her own son. <sup>22</sup>And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds. <sup>23</sup>"When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the sons of Israel. <sup>24</sup>And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking the Egyptian. <sup>25</sup>He supposed that his brethren understood that God was giving them deliverance by his hand, but they did not understand. <sup>26</sup>And on the following day he appeared to them as they were quarrelling and would have reconciled them, saying 'Men, you are brethren, why do you wrong each other?' <sup>27</sup>But the man who was wronging his neighbour thrust him aside saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?' <sup>28</sup>Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?' <sup>29</sup>At this retort Moses fled, and became an exile in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons. <sup>30</sup>¶"Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush. <sup>31</sup>When Moses saw it he wondered at the sight; and as he drew near to look, the voice of the Lord came, <sup>32</sup>'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob.' And Moses trembled and did not dare to look. <sup>33</sup>And the Lord said to him, 'Take off the shoes from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground, <sup>34</sup>I have surely seen the ill-treatment of my people that are in Egypt and heard their groaning, and I have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt.' <sup>35</sup>"This Moses whom they refused, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge? God sent as both ruler and deliverer by the hand of the angel that appeared to him in the bush. <sup>36</sup>He led them out, having performed wonders and signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea, and in the wilderness for forty years. <sup>37</sup>This is Moses who said to the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you a prophet from your brethren as he raised me up.' <sup>38</sup>This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers; and he received living oracles to give to us. <sup>39</sup>Our fathers refused to obey him, but thrust him aside, and in their hearts they turned

to Egypt, <sup>40</sup>saying to Aaron, ‘Make for us gods to go before us; as for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ <sup>41</sup>And they made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and rejoiced in the works of their hands. <sup>42</sup>¶But God turned and gave them over to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets; ‘Did you offer me slain beasts and sacrifices, forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? <sup>43</sup>And you took up the tent of Moloch, and the star of the god Rephan, the figures which you made to worship; and I will remove you beyond Babylon.’ <sup>44</sup>”Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, even as he who spoke to Moses directed him to make it, according to the pattern that he had seen. <sup>45</sup>Our fathers in turn brought it in with Joshua when he dispossessed the nations which God thrust out before our fathers. So it was until the days of David, <sup>46</sup>who found favor in the sight of God and asked leave to find a habitation for the God of Jacob. <sup>47</sup>But it was Solomon who built a house for him. <sup>48</sup>Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made with hands; as the prophet says, <sup>49</sup>‘Heaven is my throne, and earth my footstool. What house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? <sup>50</sup>Did not my hand make all these things?’ <sup>51</sup>¶”You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>62</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” <sup>54</sup>¶Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth against him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, <sup>56</sup>and he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together upon him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

## **Lesson No.11                    The Kingdom of God – Peace on Earth**

### **Isaiah 35:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>¶The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of fearful heart, “Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you! <sup>5</sup>¶Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not pass over it, and fools shall not err therein. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

### **Psalms 72 1-20**

<sup>1</sup>¶A Psalm of Solomon. Give the king thy justice, O God, and thy righteousness to the royal son! <sup>2</sup>¶May he judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with justice! <sup>3</sup>Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! <sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor! <sup>5</sup>May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations! <sup>6</sup>May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth! <sup>7</sup>In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more! <sup>8</sup>May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth! <sup>9</sup>May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust! <sup>10</sup>May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts. <sup>11</sup>May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him! <sup>12</sup>For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. <sup>13</sup>He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. <sup>14</sup>From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight. <sup>15</sup>Long may he live, may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day! <sup>16</sup>May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the

tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may men blossom forth from the cities like the grass of the field! <sup>17</sup>May his name endure for ever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May men bless themselves by him, all nations call him blessed! <sup>18</sup>¶Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. <sup>19</sup>Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth! Amen and Amen! <sup>20</sup>The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

#### **Isaiah 2:1-4**

1¶The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it. 3and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

#### **Isaiah 55:6-11**

6¶”Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD. 9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10”For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

#### **I Corinthians 15:28**

When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things under him, that God may be everything to every one.

#### **Micah 4:1-7**

1¶It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, 2and many nations shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 3He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; 4but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. 5For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever. 6In that day, says the LORD, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away, and those whom I have afflicted; 7and the lame I will make the remnant; and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and for evermore