



Building Wholehearted Disciples of Jesus

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**Of Kings, Kingdoms and Economies**

**Revelation 11:14-19**

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### Prayer:

### Introduction:

- Last week we looked at the two witnesses who have been preaching the gospel for 3 ½ years in Jerusalem.
- I shared the different interpretations of who these men are and I shared that I believe that these are Elijah and Moses.

### Rev. 11:14-19

- This is the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet and all of heaven is stirred.
- This is a heavenly perspective; the earth can't see what is happening, but we will.
- This is the most momentous thing since the Lamb took the scroll in chapters 4 and 5.
- This is the last of the 7 trumpets and the last of 3 woes.
- We are now moving into the Great Tribulation of the tribulation time, "Jacob's Trouble"
- We are moving into the second half of the 7-year tribulation period.
- These are the Trumpets of God warning the earth that judgment is coming
- This is a proclamation of victory!!

## Revelation 11:14

***The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.***

***Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”***

- Jesus is proclaimed as sovereign over His kingdom.
- All that He has created is acknowledged as His.
- Ex. Even now, this earth does not acknowledge that His creation is His. Rather, we have the theory of evolution that uses the theories of a man who never quite completed his work, and, incidentally, still has not been provable by any scientific theories. Mr. Darwin made observations based on what we call “micro evolution” but even today, with millions of dollars given to research, there has never been any evidence of “macro evolution.”
  - o I do believe in micro evolution, wherein we can observe which refers to smaller evolutionary changes of allele frequencies within a species or population.
    - The general term “evolution” simply means, “change over time.” In biology it is the term used to describe how living organisms change and develop within a generation, and from generation to generation.
    - When the change undergone is within the species it is called “micro-evolution.”
    - e.g. sheep growing longer wool in colder climates.
    - The term is also used to explain the changes within a species when subjected to genetic manipulation by an intelligent agent. For example, a dog breeder can make genetic modifications by selecting desirable traits (artificial selection) to change the size, appearance and capabilities of a dog.

- o Macro evolution in the realm of a species change, we've never observed. Yet Darwin's theory rest entirely on this being true.
  - The term macro-evolution is used when the micro-evolutionary processes are theoretically extrapolated to account for the origin of new species, i.e., that change goes beyond the limits of micro-evolution.
  - It was Darwin's "big idea" that if the mutation (Darwin called it random variation) was great enough, the "selection process" would eventually create a new species, i.e., the dog would eventually turn into another species.
  - Further extrapolations by macro-evolution could eventually produce all the species. Every creature on earth could then be shown to ultimately descend from a "universal common ancestor."
  
- o Macro-evolution has never been observed in living organisms; has not been produced in the laboratory; nor can it be shown by the fossil record to have operated in the past.
  
- o Ex. You would think that if macro evolution had any semblance of truth, we would have at least one example of a monkey in the halfway process of becoming a man! A fish, a third of the way to becoming a squirrel! Where is it? Not one, not even one example!!
  
- This was God's kingdom! Until Satan rebelled against God and was cast to the earth, which we will look at next week, then this kingdom became his.
  
- This earth is Satan's kingdom right now, it has been given to him for now ... even Jesus so acknowledged.
  
- **Luke 4:5-8**  
*Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all*

***will be Yours." 8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' " NKJV***

- Note that Jesus does not dispute what Satan says about his kingdom.
  - Since the original sin of Adam, when Satan took over the human race, we've been having problems ever since.
  - Have you noticed? Wrong king, wrong kingdom, wrong results.
  - Before the flood: wrong king, wrong results
  - Egypt: wrong king, wrong results
  - Babylon: wrong king, wrong results
  - United States: wrong king, wrong results
- Who is your king? Who is king over your kingdom? Wrong king, wrong kingdom, wrong economy, wrong results.
- Ex. Many are trying to find the kingdom of happiness but we are crowning the wrong king: king of selfishness brings a selfish economy, selfish results.
  - Kingdom of sex outside of the Sovereign King's plan will result in emptiness, guilt and loneliness.
  - Kingdom of greed will result in the lust for more and more and a lack of peace.
- Wrong king, wrong kingdom, wrong economy, wrong results.

But our passage speaks of a Sovereign who is coming! This sovereign will be king! The right king will not be seated in the White House, but rather, seated on a white horse. But when the right king comes you will know!!

- There will be no presidents.
- There will be no congress.
- There will be no prime ministers.
- No admirals
- No military
- No wars
- No weapons
- No revolutions
- No courts
- No abortion
- No pornography
- No custody battles

### **Revelation 11:16**

***And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, <sup>17</sup> saying:***

***“We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty,  
The One who is and who was and who is to come,  
Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.***

- There can't be the right kingdom until there is the right king.
- We saw these 24 elders in chapters 4 and 5; they represent the church worshipping the Lord.
- When we come together each week we are practicing for heaven.
- They are worshipping because the kingdom of God has come upon the earth!
- This king really is sovereign: who is (present), who was (past), who is to come (future).
- Do you know that the Lord has your life in His hand: He knows your present, past, and future!! He knows your days and He wants you to number your days with a heart of wisdom.
- Will you give Him control of your present, past and future?

- If you do, a miracle will happen: **right king, right kingdom, right results! Right fruit! The king's fruit, the king's results.**
- Ex. As a high school student, as a freshman in college I could not control my passions and desires because I had the wrong king: I was the king of my life.

### **Revelation 11:18**

***The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come,  
And the time of the dead, that they should be judged,  
And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints,  
And those who fear Your name, small and great,  
And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”***

- The world doesn't want the Sovereign King Jesus ruling!
- We didn't want the Sovereign One ruling over us, do we?
- Turn to Romans 1:18-32:

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup> because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, <sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.*

*<sup>24</sup> Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.*

*<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. <sup>27</sup> Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.*

*<sup>28</sup> And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; <sup>29</sup> being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, <sup>[a]</sup> wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, <sup>30</sup> backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, <sup>[b]</sup> unmerciful; <sup>32</sup> who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.*

- **God gives us over to our desires: God gives us what we want. God gives us total freedom to pursue what we want!**
- Look at the nations today! God is giving them over to just what they lust for.
  - The kingdoms of the earth are a wild beast.
  - A wild animal will turn on you; a wild beast cannot be tamed.
  - Our country is a wild beast going after sex, greed, and comfort, but without the right king, you will not find the right kingdom.
  - Ex. I remember playing so freely as a kid in our neighborhoods all day...you can't do that today.
  - Ex. I remember taking off at the malls and heading to the Sports department while my mom shopped ... can't do that today.

- **I always heard growing up what a great nation we live in: opportunities, great leaders, but oh how it has changed in the past 30 years!**
  - o Wrong king, wrong kingdom, wrong results
  - o Until Jesus is king over our nation, we will continue to slip into the Abyss.
  - o We are not a Christian nation! We are a secular nation and some are saying, it's the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest mission field in the world!!
  - o According to the Barna Report there are over 195 million unchurched people in America today. According to reports, over 120 million of these have no substantial Christian or church memory.
  - o America's unchurched population is more people than all but 11 of the 194 nations of the world.
  - o If it were a nation, it would be the 5<sup>th</sup> largest nation on the planet.
  - o According to Gallup, the secularization of our society has gone from 15% in the 1950's to 40% in 2001 to 60% by 2010. What we mean by "secularization" is where Judeo Christian values and biblical values are no longer the foundation for one's worldview.
  - o Colorado Springs has 79% of the city do not attend any religious institution on Sundays!! That is half the U.S. average...we are a secular city! All around us we have been given a needy people.

The law will not change hearts! Laws are for impeding evil. Laws are for enforcing righteousness and goodness, but they don't change one's heart.

We are proclaiming a King, a kingdom, and a new economy!

## **Luke 4:18-19**

***"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,  
Because He has anointed Me  
To preach the gospel to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives  
And recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;  
To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."* NKJV**

- o This is our message! Make Jesus Great in our City!!
- Ex. We must share the kingdom of God wherever we go, time is short, this is our charge, this is our time! Right King, Right Kingdom, Right economy.
  - o Everything we long for and search for is in Him!!
  - o You want peace? Come to the Prince of Peace.
  - o You want love? Come to the One who said, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..."
  - o You want real life? Come to the One who "I came that you might have life and life abundantly."
  - o You want joy? Come to the One who says he will "give you the oil of joy for mourning."

## **Revelation 11:19**

***Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.***

- There is the sanctuary in heaven ... the temples on earth were copies of the temple in heaven.
- The Temple on earth and the Ark of Covenant were only replicas of the true temple and the true Ark.

- There is a covenant in heaven ... it is a covenant of grace, peace and love.
- Give your life to the right King, the right kingdom, and the right economy.
- Accept Christ as your Savior! Admit your emptiness! Admit that you have been living for the wrong king and the wrong kingdom.
- Come under this King today!
  - o You can be cleansed of all your past mistakes and sin.
  - o You can be set free from the tyranny of sin.
  - o Satan and sin are cruel taskmasters.
  - o Sin knows nothing but its desire to devour you.
  - o Come to the Prince of Peace! Come to the lover of your soul! Come to the joy of the nations!

## **Appendix:**

The general term “evolution” simply means, “change over time.” In biology, it is the term used to describe how living organisms change and develop within a generation, and from generation to generation. When the change undergone is within the species it is called “micro-evolution.” It explains such things in nature as a species adapting to a change in climate, e.g. sheep growing longer wool in colder climates. The term is also used to explain the changes within a species when subjected to genetic manipulation by an intelligent agent. For example, a dog breeder can make genetic modifications by selecting desirable traits (artificial selection) to change the size, appearance and capabilities of a dog, e.g. Chihuahua to Great Dane. Micro-evolutionary changes, however, have limits and breeders at some point will create more defects than desirable traits. At the end of the day, dogs remain dogs.

The term macro-evolution is used when the micro-evolutionary processes are theoretically extrapolated to account for the origin of new species, i.e., that change goes beyond the limits of micro-evolution. It was Darwin's "big idea" that if the mutation (Darwin called it random variation) was great enough, the "selection process" would eventually create a new species, i.e., the dog would eventually turn into another species. Further extrapolations by macro-evolution could eventually produce all the species. Every creature on earth could then be shown to ultimately descend from a "universal common ancestor." Darwin's theory paints a picture of the history of life on earth as a branching "Tree of Life" beginning with a simple one-celled organism that gradually evolves over many generations into new and more complex life forms. The modern version of the theory (Neo-Darwinism) imagines molecules in motion producing the first cell by accident, and then macro-evolution taking over to eventually produce the chimpanzee and finally human beings ("Molecules to Man").

There is no argument as to the scientific validity of micro-evolution. The mechanism (mutation and selection) is well understood and verifiable. We see it in operation every day within the lab and in nature. Macro-evolution, however, has never been observed in living organisms; has not been produced in the laboratory; nor can it be shown by the fossil record to have operated in the past. Even so it is universally and dogmatically held (by many as fact) as the best explanation for the history of life. The theory is hotly contested by many in the theistic, as well as in the agnostic and atheistic communities.

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