

Section One: Kingdom of God on Earth (Past)

Category C: Israel – Kingdom Intelligence Report #6

Topic: What If?

The record of Jesus Christ's rejection by the Jewish people is provided for us with tragic clarity throughout the four Gospels and the remainder of the New Testament. The apostle John, in the aftermath of this rejection, begins his Gospel account in such a manner. In doing so, he leaves no doubt in regard to the incomprehensible unwillingness of God's chosen people to receive their promised Messiah, and the Kingdom of God He would establish. He does so in a manner that is as simple as it is solemn, in John 1:11 –

“He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.”

Recently, many of my fellow dispensationalists have become overwhelmingly consumed with the question “what if?” What if they had received Him, instead of rejecting Him? No doubt, there would no longer have been a need for the furtherance of Plan B. It would have fulfilled its purpose as a means to the end of restoring Plan A. But what about God's plan of redemption in providing a permanent and eternal sacrifice for sin; not only for Israel but the entire world?

In response to this ongoing fixation, I have three questions of my own. First, “when are you going to stop asking those questions?” Second, “when are you going to stop obsessing over a no longer relevant ‘what if,’ and resume a laser focus on the actual ‘what is’ of God's plan and purpose?” Third, “have you not noticed that the outworking of God's plan and purpose is being undermined and distorted by an utterly demonic heresy which needs to be confronted and refuted head on?” In case you haven't heard, it's called: “Dominion Theology!” So please, come down out of the ivory tower of your irrelevant preoccupation, or out of the cave where you have been hiding, and engage in this spiritual warfare battlefield, where you are desperately needed.

Jesus, as our ultimate example, displayed such a laser focus on several occasions. There are two instances which stand out and can serve as a practical application for all of us who believe in the soon literal return of our Savior and Lord, for the purpose of establishing God's Kingdom on earth. My hope and prayer is that in reading them, it will motivate you to take a stand for God's prophetic truth. They are found in Matthew 16:21-23 and Matthew 23:37-39 –

“From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day. Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You.’ But He turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's.’”

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’”