

The Meaning of Year 5779

^{KJV} Proverbs 4:7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

I'm going to begin tonight's Teaching with some very important terms and principles you must understand!

➤ The Kingdom Now and Not Yet!

Is a concept of being born again into The Kingdom of God; as we learn we grow in it, it grows in us and gradually manifests in every area of our lives until Jesus gets the final victory at Armageddon and delivers The Kingdom over to The Father.

This is why Jesus asked us to pray, **Thy Kingdom come!**

Because other kingdoms exist concurrently and simultaneously, we pray for the sick and believe God for miracles signs and wonders from His Kingdom, we understand at the same time other kingdoms are resisting the complete manifestation of God's will for people, communities and nations.

^{NIV} 1 Corinthians 15:24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

In **Revelation 11: 15** the seventh angel blew his trumpet and declared...

*"The kingdoms of this world **has become** the kingdoms (Plural) of our Lord and His Christ!*

Becoming is a process of change that takes place over time!

It is a process that began back in ^{GWN} **Genesis 3:15** *I will make you and the woman hostile toward each other. I will make your descendants and her descendant hostile toward each other. He will crush your head, and you will bruise his heel."*

I believe, like many men and women of God, that we have come to a time in human history when The Kingdom of God is pressing in on the darkness of this world with greater force than ever and greater manifestations of God's glory are about to be seen.

Those who are prepared will advance The Kingdom and prosper gaining new ground along with new souls and experiencing new victory through the power of God!

The Kingdom of God is **both** a **rule** and a **realm**, yet it first manifests as a rule in the hearts and minds of its citizens and then a realm at the consummation of all things. **One can't enter the realm until they come under the rule!**

^{KJV} Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Jesus says the first and most important thing is seeking to be in The Kingdom of God! Under the Dominion and Rule of God!

Every kingdom has a king, a sovereign ruler who governs all things in his kingdom.

A king is not like a president, dictator, emperor or despot!

A king is the legal hereditary ruler, in other words—he is the king by birth right!

It's critical that we as believers move from a religious identity to our kingdom identity!

1 Peter 2:9 However, you are chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, people who belong to God.

This is what it means to be born again!

*^{ESV} 1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you..*

Jesus told Nicodemus *"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."* (John 3:3)

The word "see" here means **to perceive with any of the senses!**

We have to perceive the **king among us** before we can see the **king within us!**

The word **king** is mentioned over 2000 times in the Bible, it comes from the word "**kin**" meaning of or related to the people. So, a **king** is the ruler from/of the people.

Therefore, The Son of God had to be born of a woman and enter this earth, Jesus often referred to Himself as the son of man!

^{ESV} Deuteronomy 17:14 "When you come to the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, 'I will set a king over me. like all the nations that are around me.'

15 you may indeed set a king over you whom the LORD your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.

Almost 400 years before Israel got a king God made provision for their king!

The king must be from among us, our king must be our brother!

- **Tell your neighbor King Jesus is our Big brother!**

Being born again also means being born into a new family & governmental system.

It's a **brand-new system of government on earth** with a new **Ruler** and a totally new set of laws that govern it's citizens. **We'll talk more on this later!**

When one kingdom conquers another, they kill the defeated king, tear down their monuments, replace their leaders and change the old system of government along with their gods, worship and way of life.

❖ One of the most basic and fundamental changes is in times and seasons!

When Jesus was asked when the kingdom of Israel going to be restored:

^{ESV} Acts 1:7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

Being of this world places you under the authority of the god of this world!

Being in Christ by faith places us in The Kingdom of God under the rule and authority of Jesus Christ!

^{ESV} Ecclesiastes 3:1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

The Anti-Christ will be a **dictator** who changes the times and seasons (Dan 7:25).

In changing the laws, times and seasons he will wear down the saints with new holidays, celebrations and mandatory taxes etc.

The Feasts God gave Israel were times and seasons God commanded the people to celebrate His goodness and remember His blessing and protection over them.

Jesus observed and participated in The Feasts celebrating what God does for His people.

The Gregorian Calendar was introduced in 1582 by Pope Gregory The 13th and

Before it, the **Julian Calendar** was used to determine times and seasons, it was introduced in 45 B.C. by **Julius Caesar** ruler of the known world at that time.

As **globalism and secularism** gains strength in the world and **new time designation** has entered the world, **C.E. and B.C.E.!**

C.E. means **Common Era** and B.C.E. means **Before the Common Era!**

This is done to try an erase the **impact and influence Jesus Christ** has on history when **B.C. and A.D.** were used to designated time **before Christ** and the history changing events *Anno Domini* or **after Christ!**

Whoever controls TIMES AND SEASONS controls activities and destinies!

❖ The **Gregorian Calendar** says the year is **2019**, however the **lunar calendar** given to Israel by God (who declares **times and seasons**) says this years **5779**.

God gave Israel a calendar to control their activities and destiny that's governed by the moon, a **lunar calendar!**

The apostle Paul who was a Jewish Pharisee was converted when he met Jesus, taken to heaven and given tremendous revelation about Judaism and Christianity being one.

In **Rom chp 11** Paul says The Church is grafted into Israel, so our roots are the same as Jews, which means our **destinies are the same.**

In order to truly understand our **destiny**, we **must** understand the **times and seasons** which The Father has established.

^{KJV} 1 Chronicles 12:32 And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do;

Sunday we'll continue our teaching on what 5779 means to Kingdom minded people!

