

GOD'S KINGDOM HAS COME

When Jesus Christ was asked by the Pharisees as to when the Kingdom of God would come, he answered and said that "...The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within (or among) you" (parenthesis ours) – meaning that he (Jesus Christ) being the future King of the kingdom was then in their midst. – Luke 17:20,21; John 18:36-37.

After his resurrection, Jesus told his apostles that all power had been given to him. (Matthew 28:18) But he did not immediately use the power. He remained on earth for forty days before he ascended quietly into heaven in the presence of his apostles. – Acts 1:3,6-11.

On reaching heaven, the Father commanded him to sit down at His right Hand until He would put all his (Christ's) enemies under his feet. – Psalm 110:1; Matthew 22:44; Acts 2:34-35

Christ, being an obedient Son, sat patiently until the waiting period came to an end in 1914 when he was brought before JEHOVAH – the Ancient of Days – and was crowned with a crown of pure gold. – Daniel 7:13,14; Psalm 21:3.

After the coronation of Jesus Christ, God commanded him to rule in the midst of his enemies. (Psalm 110:2.) In executing his Father's command, war broke out in heaven. Jesus Christ with his angels fought against Satan the devil with his demons. Satan was conquered and driven out of heaven, with all his wicked angels down to the earth. Thereafter God's Kingdom was set up in heaven. – Revelation 12:7-12.

The devil knowing fully well that he has a short time to live, plunged the nations of the world into the First World War of 1914-1918 in his desperate attempt to destroy all flesh. Jesus Christ however stopped the war suddenly in 1918 for the sake of his elect particularly the remnant of the 144,000 chosen and anointed Christians. – Matthew 24:7,8,22,31; Revelation 12:17.

After the international war of 1914-1918, Jesus Christ came to his temple to raise the dead saints to meet him in heaven and to select the remnant of the 144,000 chosen and anointed Christians (Malachi 3:1) whom he commissioned to preach the good news of God's established kingdom in all the earth as a witness to all nations before the greatest tribulation of the world would begin. – John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Revelation 10:7-11; Matthew 24:14,21.

The anger of the nations as expressed in the World War 1 was a clear proof that God's Kingdom has been set up and that Christ Jesus has taken up his power to reign in fulfillment of Bible prophecies.- Revelations 11:17,18; Matthew 24:7, 8.

Daniel the prophet made a statement concerning the establishment of God's Kingdom when he said: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever". (Daniel 2:44) This means that when the kingdoms of the world are complete and are operating in one body, then JEHOVAH (the God of heaven) would set up His righteous Government.

The kingdoms that ruled the world were seven in number and each of these governments had in its turn ruled the world under the influence of Satan the devil, as it is written, "And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition." (Revelation 17:10,11) The five that had fallen at the time of the prophecy were Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece. The one that was ruling at that time, was Rome, and the other that was not yet come was Britain. The eighth referred to as "the beast that was, and is not", which was the League of Nations which was formed in 1919, after the World War 1, but went into partial destruction at the outbreak of the World War 2. It came up again when the war ended with the name United Nations Organisation, now United Nations.

The "abomination of desolation" prophetically referred to by our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 24:15,16, also fulfilled on the defunct League of Nations that was wrongly called "the political expression of God's Kingdom on earth" by the political and religious leaders of the world. It became an abomination in the sight of God because it was full of lies and hypocrisy and it brought destruction or desolation to many countries during the Second World War. Christ said: "...that which is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God". (Luke 16:15) The League of Nations was highly esteemed or praised by ungodly men and therefore became an abomination in the sight of God. Jesus Christ warned that when we see such an organisation existing at the end of the world, we should read and understand and tell people who love to praise JEHOVAH (those who are in Judea) to flee into the "mountains" meaning God's organisations for safety and protection.

Concerning the establishment of the Kingdom, the Prophet Isaiah under inspiration said: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it." (Isaiah 2:2) Physical facts which have fulfilled in line with Biblical prophecies show that we are now in the last days. These signs include the First World War, pestilences, earthquakes, increase of knowledge, availability of easier and faster means of transportation, unprecedented rise in violence and crime among nations, etc. – Matthew 24:7,8; Daniel 12:4,8-10; 2 Timothy 3:1-5,13.

In fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah, "the mountain of the Lord's house", which refers to God's Kingdom belonging to Jesus Christ and his body members, has been set up "in the top of the mountains", which is Satan's entire organisation, both visible and invisible, in these last days. (Hebrews 3:6; 1 Corinthians 3:16,17) The declaration of the angel about the setting up of God's Kingdom in heaven following the casting out of the Devil from heaven to this earth show that God's Kingdom in heaven has been established on top of Satan's entire organisation. (Revelation 12:7-12) The Kingdom so established shall be raised higher than "the hills" which symbolise the petty clubs, unions and societies of the world. "All nations" refers to all lovers of truth and righteousness in every nation who will flee into the kingdom knowing that it is the only place of safety and protection.

Jesus Christ likened the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth to a grain of mustard seed, which was sown in the field and which grew and became a tree in whose branches the birds of the air took shelter. – Matthew 13:31, 32.

The "grain of mustard seed" represents (individually or collectively) the remnant of the 144,000 anointed Christians, selected and sent into the world in this last day by Jesus Christ, the "sower"

of the seed. The “field” is the world into which the anointed ones are sent; the “herbs” represent the petty clubs, unions and societies of the world. The “tree” represents the kingdom while the “birds” picture all lovers of truth and righteousness who on hearing God’s truth will associate themselves with the Kingdom Organisation wherever it may be established.

The parable of the mustard seed fulfilled on St. G. M. Urhobo of the blessed memory – the instrument used by the Almighty God to found the God’s Kingdom Society. “A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.” – Isaiah 60:22.

Any church organisation that is preaching the truth without compromise, having being founded by one of the anointed remnant, in any part of the world is the Kingdom of God. Without fear of criticism we say with all sincerity and by strength of faith that the God’s Kingdom Society (GKS) is God’s Kingdom in this part of the world. Jesus Christ said, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, (in truth of course, Psalm 145:18) there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20) Parenthesis ours. And where Christ the King is, there the kingdom is also.

Indeed, God’s Kingdom has come. But it is when the kingdom has been fully established and the earth made new, with righteousness and peace everywhere, that there will be no more sorrow, pain or death. – Revelation 21:1-5; Isaiah 65:17-25.