

The Book of Daniel Part 6
miscellaneous passages

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I. TRANSITION FROM EXTERNAL KINGDOM TO INTERNAL KINGDOM: the spiritual level of "The Times of The Gentiles"

EXTERNAL KINGDOM	INTERNAL KINGDOM
localized in Israel	everywhere: "the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:22)
<hr/> <p>--Jesus talks to the Samaritan woman at the well: --John 4:21-24: "Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain [Mount Gerizim], nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. ... 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." --Romans 14:17: "For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking [following the ceremonial law given to Israel], but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."</p>	

external kingdom based on righteousness of man - dependent on man's ability to keep the law and therefore failed (rise and fall of Israel)

internal kingdom based on righteousness of Jesus Christ

--Acts 4:8-12: "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, " ... **[Jesus Christ] is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'** 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

--**foundation shift...** foundation of two kingdoms...

--**righteousness of man** --> rise and fall of Israel

--**righteousness of Jesus Christ** --> God's Spirit in our hearts --> new bodies --> eternal Kingdom of God in heaven

--Romans 3:19-24: "Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, **that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God....** 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 **being justified freely by His grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, **being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even** the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, **to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."**

--Galatians 3:24-25: "Therefore **the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.** 25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor."

--Matthew 24:14: "And **this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world** as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

--Galatians 5:5: "For **we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith."**

--Galatians 2:21: "I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

--**the "mystery of His will..."** Ephesians 1:7-10: "**In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins,** according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us **the mystery of His will,** according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might **gather together in one all things in Christ,** both which are in heaven and which are on earth

old heart... works based on fear

new heart... works based on love

--**promise of a new heart...** fulfilled when we trust in Christ (when this eventually happens for Israel as a nation, Christ will return to the earth):

--Ezekiel 11:16 "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Although I have cast them far off among the Gentiles, and although I have scattered them among the countries, ... I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel." 18 And they will go there, and they will take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there. 19 Then I will give them one heart, and **I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, 20 that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them;** and they shall be My people, and I will be their God."

--**spiritual birth...** Jesus explained to Nicodemus that we must be "born again":

--John 3:3-17: "Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**' 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? ... 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, **even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.** 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

--2 Cor. 5:17: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is **a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

--**works based on love instead of fear...**

--Romans 8:15-16: "For **you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'**"

--1 John 4:19: "We love Him because He first loved us."

--1 John 3:16: "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

--**good works are evidence that we truly have faith in Christ...**

--James 2:26: "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead** also."

--1 Peter 1:13-16: "**Therefore [because you are a "new creation" in Christ]** gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, 'Be holy, for I am holy.'"

--**power behind obedience...**

-Romans 8:13: "if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

-untapped potential...

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-Paul's prayers in Ephesians (Eph. 1:15-21, Eph 3:14-19)