



Occupy until I come

12 . . . A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

Luke 19:12-14 KJV

Outline

The ANZACs and Gallipoli

God moving in Muslim communities

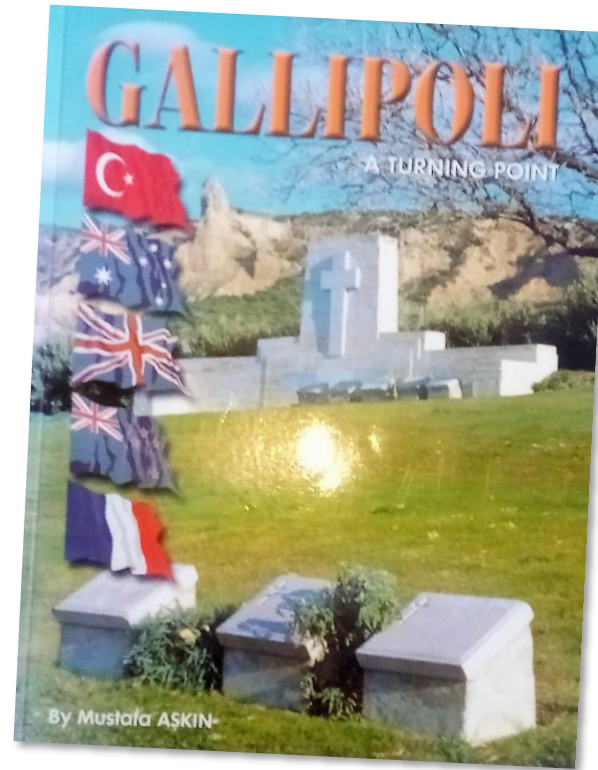
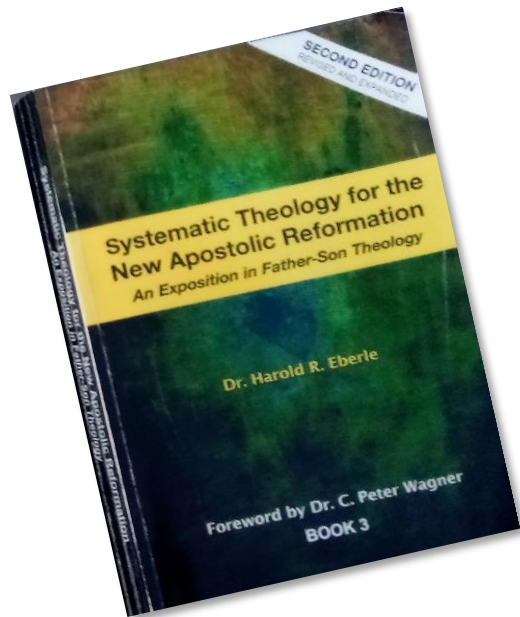
The Sovereignty of God

The Kingdom of God, our role, and praying for the Kingdom

Testimony



- Unless stated otherwise, scriptures are NASB
- Sources of information



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*Greater love has no one than this,
that a person will lay down his life
for his friends. **John 15:13***



The ANZACs

1. The Anzac's were all volunteers. They acclimatised and trained in Egypt
2. "Gallipoli" is an area – not a town
3. Landed at dawn on April 25, 1915
– in a bay now called ANZAC Cove
4. ANZACs evacuated on 15-20 December 1915
5. Inflicted and suffered terrible losses – more than 11,000 ANZAC's died at Gallipoli and a further 23,500 were wounded (at least 87,000 Ottoman soldiers and 44,000 Allied soldiers died over the 8 months)
6. The idea of the ANZAC spirit was birthed
7. 25th April officially named ANZAC Day in 1916
8. Last surviving Gallipoli ANZAC died on May 16, 2002







The Dardanelles and the Gallipoli peninsula, showing the sea attack on 18th. March 1915 and landings.



ANZAK KOYU
ANZAK COVE

Gallipoli – what happened

1. Ottoman Empire had disintegrated including losing the Balkans in 1912/13. They
 - were financially bankrupt, demoralised, and lacked weaponry for modern war
 - were politically divided but neutral and generally wished to stay neutral
 - had crowd funded two Battleships from Britain and paid for them in advance
2. On August 3 1914, Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in view of the emerging European Conflict commandeered the ships
3. Intense popular disappointment and anger swept the Ottoman Empire
4. The German ambassador stepped in and offered two German Battleships
5. On 29 October 1914 the German battleships manned by Germans dressed in Ottoman uniforms steamed across the Black Sea under the Turkish Flag and opened fire on Russian Ports and settlements.



Gallipoli – what happened (2)

8. On 3 November Russia declared war on the Ottoman Empire and Britain and France followed 3 days later.
9. Churchill urged the war council to respond to Russia's request for help
10. The plan was to steam through the Dardanelles and set up a supply chain to Russia by controlling the seaways through the Sea of Marmara, the Bosphorus, and the Black Sea, (and bring the Ottoman Empire into the British Empire)
11. The British assembled a fleet of over a 100,000 troops. (The biggest fleet since 3000 years earlier when the Greeks assembled 'a thousand ships' carrying a 100,000 Greek soldiers to fight the Trojans).
12. On 19 February 1915 the fleet of 18 battleships advanced into the Dardanelles but failed to secure the passage



Gallipoli – what happened (3)

13. On 18 March in a second attempt the fleet suffered heavy losses due to mines and the Royal Navy requested support from the Army
14. In the meantime the Turks established a new separate army under the leadership of German, Liman Von Sanders, who established defenses across the peninsular
15. Von Sanders established defenses in all the strategic locations.
16. Mustafa Kemal, a Turkish military strategist and advisor who had strongly urged Turkey to remain neutral, was posted to defend the central area.
17. The ANZACs landed at ANZAC Cove at dawn on April 25, 2015 as part of a multi pronged attack – there's debate whether they landed in the wrong place or they were deliberately landed in an area that would be least protected.





Gallipoli – what happened (4)

18. The terrain in the area was difficult yet after a day the ANZACs were on the brink of taking the high ground
19. The Turks had run out of ammo and were fleeing when Mustafa Kemal arrived ahead of his men. He told them to fix their bayonets and face the enemy
20. The ANZACs (who by this time had lost most of their command) saw the Turks regathering and paused, uncertain how to proceed
21. The hour or so enabled the Turks to reinforce their numbers and ammo
22. Fighting continued for almost eight months with the Turks eventually prevailing
23. When it became clear the ANZACs were evacuating Mustafa Kemal ordered his men to withhold fire.





. . . From between the two trench lines came a cry for help from an English captain who was very badly wounded in the leg. . . No one could leave their trenches to help, because the slightest movement resulted in the firing of hundreds of bullets. At that moment an incredible event occurred. A piece of white underwear was raised from one of the Turkish trenches and a well-built unknown soldier appeared. Everyone was stunned and we stared in amazement. The Turk walked slowly towards the wounded soldier, gently lifted him, took him in his arms and started to walk towards our trenches. He placed him down gently on the ground near us and then straight away returned to his trench. We couldn't even thank him. This courageous and beautiful act of the Turkish Soldier has been spoken about many times on the Battlefields. Our love and deepest respect to this brave and heroic soldier.

***First Lt Casey, later to become
Australian Governor General 1967-71***









After Gallipoli

1. The war continued to range on a number of fronts but never returned to Gallipoli
2. An armistice was signed in the Harbour of Mudros on 30 October 1918
3. A fortnight later an allied fleet landed an occupation force on the peninsula, blew up the Turkish guns near the Straits, sailed on to establish control in Istanbul and started sharing out Ottoman territory. Istanbul was under Allied occupation.
4. On 14 May 1919 an entire Greek division was landed in Izmir (Smyrna) and started an occupation of West Anatolia.
5. The German supporters from the Ottoman Government fled to Germany
6. Mustafa Kemal, emerging from the war as a great Military hero, set out for Anatolia landing in the Black Sea Port of Samsun on 19 May 1919



The Turkish Republic established

1. Kemal travelled through Anatolia as Inspector General of the 9th Army.
2. Later he declared Istanbul no longer rules Anatolia and started to establish an independent government in Ankara
3. In the meantime the Ottoman Government in Istanbul signed the Treaty of Sevres with the Allies placing various territories under different administrations and occupation.
4. This was not acceptable to Kemal and a war for independence started
5. Although outnumbered the Turks eventually prevailed in September 1922. The Treaty of Lausanne was signed on 24 July 1923 and the Republic of Turkey was proclaimed with Mustafa Kemal as its first president.
6. Kemal modernised Turkey including separating Mosque from State and requiring every Turk to register a surname.
7. Mustafa Kemal received the name Ataturk meaning “Father of the Turks”





THOSE HEROES THAT SHED THEIR BLOOD
AND LOST THEIR LIVES...
YOU ARE NOW LYING IN THE SOIL OF A FRIENDLY COUNTRY.
THEREFORE REST IN PEACE.
THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE JOHNNIES
AND THE MEHMETTS TO US WHERE THEY LIE SIDE BY SIDE
HERE IN THIS COUNTRY OF OURS...
YOU THE MOTHERS
WHO SENT THEIR SONS FROM FAR AWAY COUNTRIES
WIPE AWAY YOUR TEARS;
YOUR SONS ARE NOW LYING IN OUR BOSOM
AND ARE IN PEACE.
AFTER HAVING LOST THEIR LIVES ON THIS LAND THEY HAVE
BECOME OUR SONS AS WELL"
ATATÜRK. 1934

What Gallipoli means for the modern Turk

- They see it as their fight for survival as a nation.
- They were the occupying army.
- It started their emergence as a modern nation.

*Know this is not just earth you walk on,
Think about the thousands buried here without a shroud,
You are the son of a martyr,
Don't make your ancestors grieve,
Don't relinquish this heavenly land,
Even if offered the entire world*

From the Turkish national anthem





*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow
old:*

*Age shall not weary
them, nor the years
condemn.*

*At the going down of the
sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

- Laurence Binyon





Why all the History

Relevance to today

God intervenes in time and has the end in sight

*For while we were still helpless, **at the right time** Christ died for **the ungodly**. **Romans 5:6***

*. . . God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
Romans 8:28*

*³ . . . God our Saviour, ⁴ . . . wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **1 Timothy 2:3-4***





God is sovereign

- He can do whatever he wants when he wants
- He can intervene anytime He wishes to.

God created the world and established it to operate under natural laws. God can predestine things to happen or he can choose to let them run their course

He is sovereign!



Our sovereign God intervenes when He wishes

God is working all things out with a view to the summing up of all things in Christ – both in the heavens and on earth. Ephesians 1: 9-10

The King's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes. Proverbs 21:1

God can direct whoever he chooses whenever he chooses but this does not mean he controls everybody all the time in this manner.

For example, in Ezra 1:1-4 God stirred King Cyrus to release the Hebrews from captivity



God often chooses to work through people

1. God has delegated some authority to humanity

Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it

Genesis 1:28

e.g., Adam names the animals and birds (Genesis 2:19).

2. The realms of authority are declared in Psalm 115:16

The heavens are the heavens of the Lord,

But the earth He has given to the sons of men.



God interacts through individuals – e.g. Esther

*14 For if you keep silent **at this time**, liberation and rescue will arise for the Jews from another place, and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty **for such a time as this?**" **Esther 4:14***

Mordecai knew that God would rescue the Jewish people. He also understood that Esther's involvement was optional. He told her that if she did not speak out then she would be killed, and God would choose someone else.





The Kingdom of God

The Kingdom as predicted in the Old Testament

God's Kingdom foretold to David

I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever.””” 1 Chronicles 17:14 (NASB)

A forever Kingdom!

The Kingdom prophesied by Isaiah

There will be no end to the increase of His government Isaiah 9:7

An ever increasing Kingdom!



Jesus announces the arrival of the Kingdom

¹⁴ . . . “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” Mark 1:14-15

and told His disciples to preach the kingdom

Go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Matt 10:7
He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing. Luke 9:2



Jesus conquered sin and death

Romans 5:6 (NIV) . . . at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Hebrews 2:14 (NASB) . . . that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil

Romans 5:10 . . . while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Reconciled by His death saved by His life!



After His Death and Resurrection Jesus announced

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
²⁰ teaching them to follow all that I commanded you . . .”

Matthew 28:18-19 (NASB)

Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth!



Peter's message at Pentecost

³³ Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

³⁴ . . . 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,
³⁵ UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.'"

Declares that Jesus has been exalted to the Right Hand of God, received and poured out the Holy Spirit, and awaits His enemies to be made a footstool for his feet



Peter's message at Pentecost – continued

³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.” . . .

³⁸ . . . “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Declares that Jesus is now Lord and Christ.
Tells people to repent and be baptised**





Entering God's Kingdom

We enter by confessing and believing in Jesus

Romans 10:9-10 (NASB) that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

1. confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord,
2. believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead,
3. with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness,
4. with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.



He transfers us from darkness into His Kingdom

He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son Colossians 1:13-14

. . . and we become part of God's Family

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, John 1:12

What marvellous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are.

1 John 3:1 (MSG)





**What's God's
Kingdom Like?**

What's happening now?

Jesus often explained the Kingdom using parables

Matthew 13:24-30 Weeds among Wheat

“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and left. ²⁶ And when the wheat sprouted and produced grain, then the weeds also became evident. ²⁷ And the slaves of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’



Matthew 13:24-30 Weeds among Wheat (2)

28 And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?'

29 But he said, 'No; while you are gathering up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and at the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the weeds and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"



Matthew 13:36-43 Weeds among Wheat – Explained

³⁶ Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ And He said, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, ³⁸ and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the weeds are the sons of the evil one; ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels.



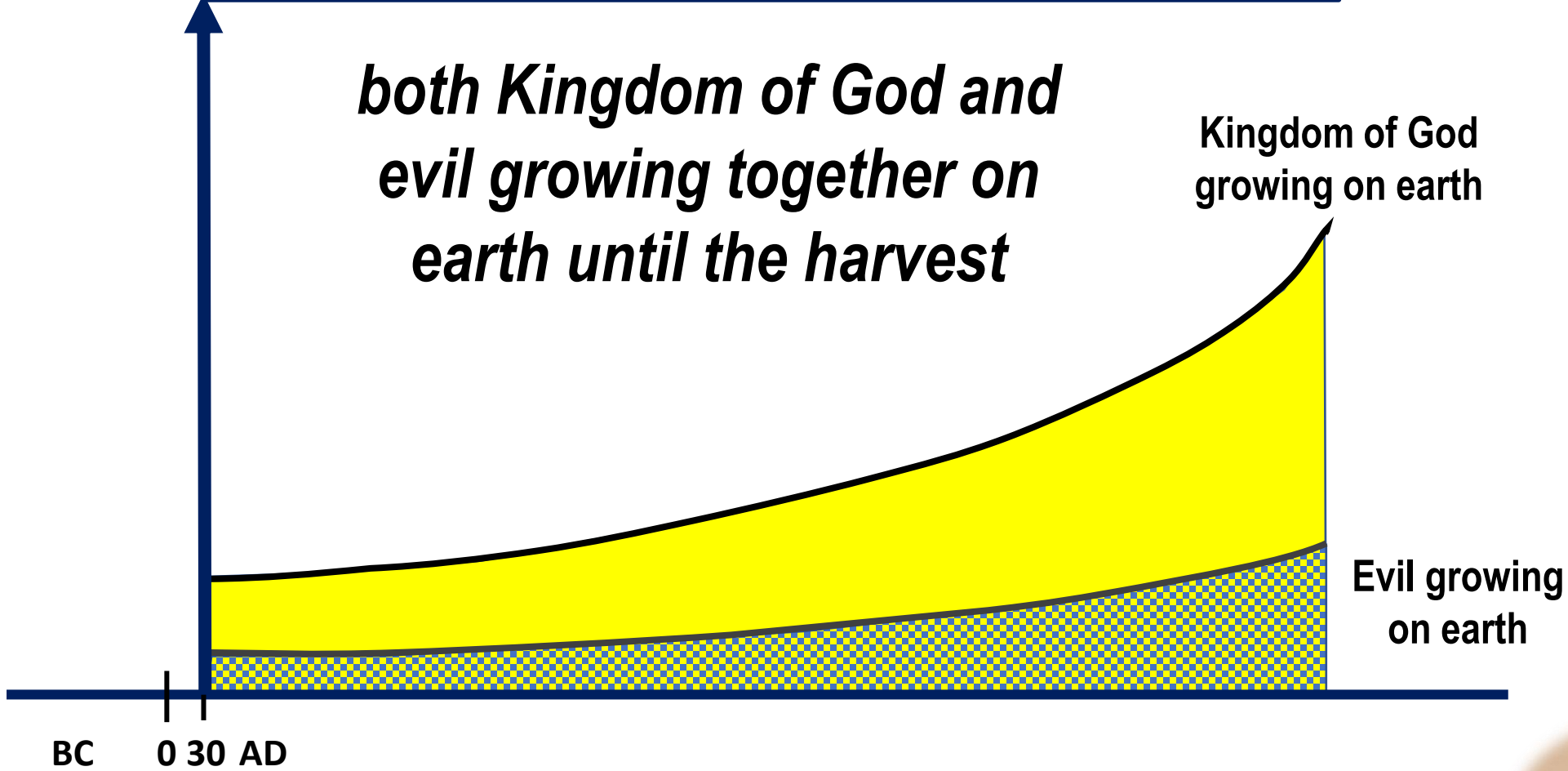
Matthew 13:36-43 Weeds among Wheat – Explained (2)


⁴⁰ So just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH LIKE THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. The one who has ears, let him hear.



Jesus Enthroned Kingdom of God in Heaven

both Kingdom of God and evil growing together on earth until the harvest



A field of vibrant red poppies in full bloom, set against a backdrop of green grass and stems. The flowers are scattered across the frame, with some in sharp focus and others blurred in the background. The text 'What is our role now?' is centered over the image in a large, white, bold font with a black outline.

**What is our
role now?**

We are an occupying army expanding the kingdom by making disciples

Acts 2:34-35 . . . *'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, ³⁵ UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET."*

Isaiah 9:7 *There will be no end to the increase of His government*

Ephesians 6:12 *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.*



Our weapons are supernatural!

*for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. **2 Corinthians 10:4***

*in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **Romans 8:37 (NIV)***

take up the full armour of God, so that you will be able to resist on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Ephesians 6:13



The full armour of God – Ephesians 6:14-17

Stand firm therefore,

1. belt your waist with truth, (*body – watch what you feed yourself on*)
2. put on the breastplate of righteousness, (*protect your heart*)
3. strap on your feet the preparation of the gospel of peace; (*be a peacemaker*)
4. take up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. (*protect your spirit*)
5. wear the helmet of salvation (*protect your mind*)
6. use the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (*know God's word*)



The long history view

1. God creates the heavens and earth including Adam and Eve
2. Adam and Eve given authority to occupy the earth and subdue it
3. Satan deceives Adam and Eve and sin is released on earth bringing death to all men, as all men sin
4. Corruption increases and God resets in the days of Noah
5. God disperses mankind through language due to the Tower of Babel
6. God enters into a covenant with Abraham
7. God covenants with Abraham's descendant's (Hebrews) through Moses
8. The Hebrews break the covenant and spend 70 years in captivity



The long history view (2)

9. The Hebrews return but eventually come under Roman occupation
10. Jesus comes to earth preaching “the kingdom of God is at hand.”
11. Jesus reconciles man to God through his death and saves man through his life
12. Jesus advises he now has all authority on heaven and earth and commissions his followers to make disciples of all men
13. Jesus ascends to heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father and waits for His enemies to be made a footstool for His feet
14. Jesus’s followers continue to expand the Kingdom on earth





Praying for the Kingdom

Our weapons are Spiritual – we depend on God

1. Apart from the "Sword of the Spirit", our armour is defensive.
2. Pray for guidance, don't go hunting for fights. They will find us (our feet are shod with the "Gospel of Peace")
– *'MY HOUSE WILL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER'* **Matthew 21:13**
3. Pray in the name of Jesus
"Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!" **Luke 10:17**
4. *The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.*
2 Corinthians 10:4 (NIV)
5. *Submit therefore to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you.* **James 4:7**



Keeping within our authority

¹⁰ . . . Reckless, self-centred, they speak abusively of angelic majesties without trembling, ¹¹ whereas **angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a demeaning judgment against them before the Lord.** 2 Peter 2:10-11


⁸ . . . these people also, dreaming, defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak abusively of angelic majesties. ⁹ But **Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him an abusive judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”** Jude: 8-9



*I will give you the **keys of the kingdom of heaven**; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.” **Matthew 16:19 (NASB)***

The original Greek text is in the “future perfect past” tense





Prayer testimony