

**Your Kingdom Come – October 26 & 27, 2019**  
**Follow-up Bible Studies**

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**Day One: 1 Kings 4:20-34**

- During Solomon's reign, what were things like for "the people of Judah and Israel" (20)? Imagine this world of prosperity: everyone has enough food, love, etc. No matter the number of people, all needs are met. What is one specific way to pray for the prosperity of God's kingdom to come into our midst?
- Describe Solomon's reign (21-27). Re-read verse 25. Today, both nearby and across the globe, who needs this peace and provision? Pray for them now, that God's kingdom would break in.
- What did God give to Solomon (29)? Describe this heavenly wisdom (29-34). Consider Solomon's overall abilities as a leader. Would you trust him to be in charge? Is he someone you'd want to serve? Would you go to him for guidance? Whatever kingdom abilities God gave to Solomon, pray the same prosperity, peace, stability and wisdom would invade our world today.

**Day Two: Isaiah 35**

- In Isaiah's multi-chapter vision of the promise of the kingdom, what is his picture of the land's transformation (1-2, 6-7)? Rejoice, shout, blossom, burst, gush and grow: what do these action words tell us about the promise of the kingdom?
- As we await the age to come, what are some ways we can pray (3-4)? Ask the Lord to meet you where you are. May he bring strength and reassure you that something better is coming.
- What physical healing is found in the kingdom (5-6)? Take a moment to pray for those whose bodies are unwell. May the age of glory break into their lives now.
- Describe Isaiah's picture of the kingdom's safety (8-9). How hopeful this is for victims of violence; they will be safe! What will entrance to the kingdom be like (10)? Today, who needs your prayers for the safety and joy of God's fully-established kingdom?

**Day Three: Matthew 13:10-17**

- What did the disciples ask Jesus (10)? In response, what did he say about "the secrets of the kingdom" (11)? The disciples may have thought, "surely, Jesus is talking about someone else, right?" What do you think God wants you to do with your own imperfect knowledge of the kingdom? How does he want you to pray?
- How will it go for those who understand the mystery (12, 16)? And what about the state of those who do not (13-15)? Besides the hard-heartedness prophesied about in Isaiah, what else do you think keeps the kingdom from being fully revealed? In this mysterious in-between time, what role can prayer play?
- What did "many prophets and righteous people" of long ago miss out on (17)? How *would* someone like the prophet Isaiah respond to encountering Jesus? Would he echo Peter's words in Matthew 16:16? What about you – what are some ways to live and pray as though Messiah Jesus is the embodiment of the kingdom?

**Day Four: Ephesians 6:10-20**

- Where does a Christian derive strength (10)? How do we stand against Satan (11)? What does Paul then remind us of (12)? What light does this shed on the Old Testament's collision of kingdoms, as depicted in passages like Exodus 7:8-13 and

10:21-29? Where do you see this struggle at play today? In prayer, how can you take a stand against the kingdom of evil?

- Summarize Paul's advice for engaging in this sort of warfare (13-17). Note Paul says to put on the *full* armor of God. For every tool God offers, we should use it to its fullest potential. Imagine this level of engagement at work in the prayer life of believers everywhere. What ground could we take back from the Enemy?
- Describe the Holy Spirit's role in prayer (18). What are Paul's specific prayer requests (18-20)? Consider the phrase "fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel." Pray it for yourself; may God reveal the mystery of the kingdom to you *and* through you.

#### **Day Five: Revelation 11:15-19**

- Set the scene of this vision (15). What did the "loud voices in heaven" say (15)? In both scripture and in your experience, in what ways has this transfer of kingdoms already begun? What of God's full and everlasting reign do you most look forward to? How do these longings influence your prayer life?
- Describe the "twenty-four elders" (16). Summarize what they proclaimed as they worshipped God (17-18)? Which of their proclamations are already underway? What do we still await? As we live in this "already" and "not yet," what are some specific ways the Lord is asking you to pray "your kingdom come"?
- What happened next (19)? Engage your senses to imagine this moment. What do you see, hear, feel and sense in your spirit? Beginning in Revelation 4, this is a dramatic glimpse of God's kingdom – one no longer mysteriously concealed, like in Matthew 13 – but fully revealed and established. Respond to the Lord.