

CHRIST IN THE WORD

"The Scriptures ... testify of Me" (John 5:29)

OLD TESTAMENT ... The King and Kingdom ... PROMISED, PICTURED and PROPHESED

The King and Kingdom are promised (2 Samuel 7), pictured (in both type and symbol), and prophesied for Israel (Isaiah 11, 35; Ezekiel 37, Zechariah 14).

"Behold He COMES"

GOSPELS ... The King and Kingdom ... PROCLAIMED and REJECTED

The King and Kingdom are proclaimed to Israel as "at hand." But the Kingdom is rejected and the Mysteries (Secrets) of the Kingdom are revealed (Matthew 13:11, 34, 35). The King is crucified, but is then raised from the dead and ascends into Heaven.

"Behold He DIES"

ACTS ... The King and Kingdom ... OFFERED and REJECTED

The resurrected and ascended King and His Kingdom are offered to Israel (Acts 3:19-21), but are again rejected. The Mystery of Christ and His Church begins to be revealed (1 Corinthians 2:6-8) through Paul, apostle to the Gentiles (Acts 9:15). The Kingdom offer is withdrawn; the nation of Israel is set aside (Acts 28:25-28).

"Behold He LIVES"

EPISTLES ... The King and Kingdom ... POSTPONED

Pauline Epistles : *"Behold He SAVES"* (Romans 1:16)

The Kingdom being postponed, the King is exalted and made Head over all things to the Church, His Body (Ephesians 1:22-23). The Mystery (Secret) of Christ and His Church is fully revealed, thus fulfilling God's Word (Colossians 1:24-28).

Hebrew Epistles : *"Behold He SUSTAINS"* (Jude 24-25)

The Kingdom being postponed, the King serves as the Example for His earthly people, Israel (1 Peter 2:21), who will suffer much Tribulation (1 Peter 4:12-13) before the King returns to reign.

THE REVELATION ... The King and Kingdom ... ESTABLISHED

The King is enthroned and the Kingdom is set up with Divine power and glory (Revelation 19-20). All promise and prophecy are fulfilled (Acts 3:21). Israel rules and reigns with Him (Revelation 1:6; 20:4).

"Behold He REIGNS"