

THE CHURCH AND THE KINGDOM. Isa.12:4-5.

Note the difference in the two:

The Church.

1. Began at Pentecost. Acts 2.
2. Has a Head. Eph.1-2; Col.1:18.
3. Has a limited scope. Acts 15:14
4. Has no King--but a Head. 1 Tim.1:17.
5. Invisible in hearts of men. 6:15

The Kingdom.

1. Long before Pentecost.
2. It has a King. Isa.35; Ps.2; Isa.32:1.
3. Includes all men.
4. Has King who reigns in Person.
5. Visible and manifest to all.
Cf. Zech.14:4. "His feet shall stand"
Zech.12:10. "They shall look on Him"
Ezek.36:23-29. The "I wills" of Jehovah
Isa.11 "The character of the Kingdom"

Note the phrase. "IN THAT DAY"

1. IT WILL BE A DAY OF REALISATION.

Rev.1:7; Zech.12:10

- a. Of the true nature of past sin.
Isa.53 will be plain to them.
Realise sin of killing Messiah.
- b. Of the true nature of anti-Christ,
with whom they have been allied.
- c. Of the true nature of the destiny to
which God has called Israel.

2. IT WILL BE A DAY OF VISITATION. "Judg"

- a. Upon dragon, beast, false prophet.
Rev.19:19-21.
- b. Upon nations that have sold themselves
to the devil. "Mark of beast" Rev.19:19

3. IT IS TO BE A DAY OF SALVATION. Rev.19.

- a. For the faithful "Remnant" who cry "Praise the Lord". Isa.12
- b. For the nation of Israel. Ezek.36-48
They will be restored
The temple will be built.
Jerusalem the center of world's activities. "Jehovah Shammah" Ezek.48.
- c. For the whole earth. "All men shall know Me, from least to greatest"

4. THEREFORE WE HAVE:-

- a. The church--An elect gathering out
- b. The Kingdom---A universal gathering in.
cf. Rom.11:5-26
- c. The history of Israel is similar in its character to the history of the church.
Cf. Exodus. with Rev.2-3 Ephesus to Laodicea.