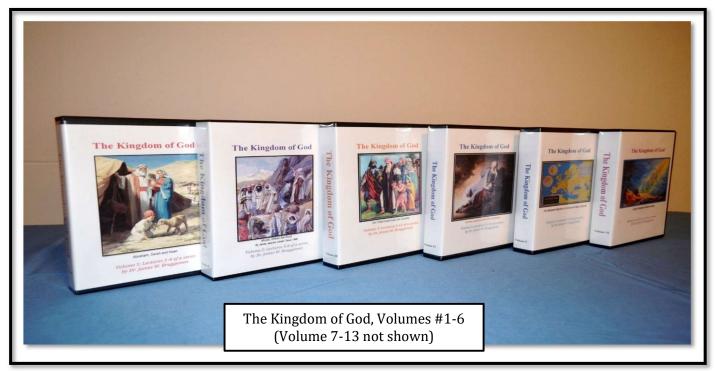
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A Series of Bible Lectures by Dr. James W. Bruggeman

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Lecture #1 (CDs #656) Introduction to the Kingdom of God This lecture was initially broken into two parts, the first half being an Addendum and final thoughts by Dr. Bruggeman on his Mystery Babylon and the Stone Kingdom series. That was then followed by this second half which introduces the subject of this series. Therefore, this CD is a bit shorter than most. Is there a relationship between the tone kingdom, the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God? Lecture #2 (CD #657) A Journalist Investigates the Kingdom The first half of this lecture is James and his SK Fellowship playing "journalist" as they seek out the who-what-when-where-why-and-how of the Kingdom of God. That much is semi-tongue-in-cheek and yet it is utterly serious as James draws lessons from such an exercise. He closes with an astonishing answer to the question: where is the Kingdom first found in the Bible. Lecture #3 (CD #658) The Genesis of the Kingdom James begins by expounding on one of the very few Old Testament verses heard often in evangelical Christianity, "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee:" He explains how even that verse is woefully mistaught. The Kingdom is found promised to Abraham and Sarah, and Isaac and Jacob-Israel, and James lists 22 modern nations descended from Abram through his concubine, Hagar; followed by a list of many modern nations descended from Abraham through Jacob-Israel. Lecture #4 (CD #659) The Battle for the Kingdom Begins: Jacob and Esau, Then and Now The kingdom of God was announced and promised to Abraham, confirmed to his son, Isaac, and then—boom!—by the third

generation and *before* the kingdom family had even been started by Jacob-Israel, his wicked brother, Esau, begins murderous plots to steal or subvert and destroy the kingdom! Discussions include: Jacob's "DNA ladder" dream, who are Isaac, Israel and Esau's descendants in our era, the Balfour Declaration, how the Jewish nation called

"Israel" is fulfilling prophecy (but not in the way the churches usually teach), and who are the Khazars.

Lecture #5 (CD #660) <i>The King of the Kingdom</i> Two themes emerge from this study. First, in what could be an "aha" moment for some, James discusses the ideas of who is the king: God the Father or God the Son? Yahweh (the "LORD"), or Yahushua-Jesus or Jesus Christ or just Christ?, or are we splitting hairs here? Much to be gleaned from this. James then spends the last segment detailing how the descendants of Esau were waiting to rob murder and plunder Israel almost as soon as they emerged from their deliverance from Pharaoh's armies. It is that millennia-old love of money which still clings to the descendants of Edom.
Lecture #6 (CD #661) <i>The People of the Kingdom</i> With a particular focus on Exodus 19 for this lecture, James reveals and discusses two of three crucial layers of meaning found therein: First is the giving of the law in the form of the Mosaic Covenant. The second thread of study is the <i>commissioning</i> —or we could use the word, the <i>deputizing</i> of the Israel family as special agents in service to the King. Of the four essential elements of a kingdom, we have now discussed three: the king, the people, and the law of the kingdom. Only the domain (the realm, the land or territory) of the kingdom remains to be found.
Lecture #7(CD #662) <i>Did You Know That God Was Married?!</i> In this lecture James reveals several plain and simple truths about the King and His Kingdom which are seldom explored in "churchianity;" namely, that God (the King) chose the Israel nation as His bride. But the young bride went whoring around, committing adultery with numerous false gods of other nations. The King suffered this behavior for a time (many centuries), but finally divorced the ten-tribed Kingdom of Israel. But there is good (GREAT!) newswhat an awesome God is He!
Lecture #8 (CD #663) <i>Democracy, Theocracy, Republics and the Rule of Law</i> Here James discusses how God's Plan for Israel was to use her failure(s) to bless the world. It happened millennia ago—and it is still happening! We have just had an earth-shaking event with the election of Mr. Trump. It will be a change in administration, if not more, in our government. This lecture explores several forms of government and what type of government God will ultimately have—the (Stone) Kingdom.
Lecture #9 (CD #664) <i>Tragedy? —The Kingdom Divided</i> This lecture spans from the time of the last of the judges, the prophet Samuel, through the reigns of King Saul, King David and King Solomon, and pauses at the division of the Kingdom of God after the death of Solomon. This lecture was delivered after the national election of Trump vs. Hillary and James could not refrain from making known his observations as it ties in with this lecture. Was the division of the kingdom a tragedy? Surely, in many real ways it was! Yet, James concludes the message with a very poignant passage from the book of Ezekiel which should give hope to all Christians today (who are paying attention)!
Lecture #10 (CD #665) <i>The Two Kingdoms—Critical Distinctions and Vital Differences</i> A mini-series within the overall series commences with this lecture. What is covered here is <i>terra incognita</i> (Latin for <i>an unknown land</i>) to most Christians. We are speaking of the fact that the two kingdoms had entirely different histories and destinies, but the only thing heard from the pulpits is about the Jews; nary a word about the ten-tribed kingdom except perhaps some mention that essentially they were lost in history never to be found again. Nonsense! Come explore this <i>terra incognita</i> from the Bible and see how it was/is being fulfilled in history!
Lecture #11 (CD #666) <i>War!—The Jews vs. Israel! Critical Distinctions and Vital Differences, part 2</i> More details on the respective histories of the <i>two</i> kingdoms of God in the Old Testament. Were all the tribes eventually to be found among the Judahites (later called "Jews")? James gives three examples of the two kingdoms at war with each other; one which occurred early in the era of the two kingdoms, one which occurred near the middle of that era, and a third example which occurred just before the destruction of the northern, ten-tribed Kingdom of Israel. In one of the wars, James discovers that the carnage <i>in one day</i> between the two sister nations was much worse than the combined Allied and Axis deaths during D-Day in World War II.
Lecture #12 (CD #667) Sons of the Living God—Jews and Israel: Critical Distinctions and Vital Differences, part 3 Here James elaborates on another critical distinction between the two Houses: Israel was discovenanted; the House of Judah was not. This is a deeper study of the discovenanting of the House of Israel and the superior nature of the Abrahamic Covenant. James also shows a serious difficulty in seeing how a key verse in Hosea could be fulfilled and then shows how—rightly understood— it actually was and is fulfilled in a much greater way than meets the eye—fulfilled in millions of families throughout history, including James' familyand perhaps yours?

Israel—its existence as an independent kingdom, its demise, the Assyrian Captivity of the people and their dispersion—is <i>terra incognita</i> to most Christians. However, when the whereabouts of the ten tribes <u>is</u> addressed by modern ministers, two basic theories are common: (1) that the ten tribes were amalgamated with the heathen and are never to be found again, or (2) that a representative number of the ten tribes returned with the Jews from the Babylonian Captivity, and therefore, the Jews represent all of Israel. These theories stand in direct contradiction to (1) Bible history, (2) Bible prophecy and (3) secular history. In addressing those blaring contradictions, James demonstrates the falsehood of those theories.
Lecture #14 (CD #669) <i>The Enormous Challenge for Christian Orthodoxy</i> As the study continues tracing the Kingdom of God/Heaven in the Old Testament, one is confronted with what should be a faith-testing fact. There it is in the Bible in plain and stark language—a fact so startling that most Christians have never heard of it, and that is because their ministers and theologians avoid it as though it were a red hot flame. But there is a very marvelous and awe-inspiring answer to this seemingly insurmountable dilemma.
Lecture #15 (CD #670) <i>Another Enormous Challenge for our Fellow Christians</i> This lecture is a continuation from lecture #14 of the story of the demise of the Judahite king, Zedekiah, of the murder of his sons, of the Babylonian Captivity, and of the call and commission of the prophet Jeremiah. As the story proceeds, it appears once again that God has failed in His promises and that all hope is lost, not only for the Judahites of that era, but for all of us. For if traditional Christian teaching is to be believed, logically, there should be no Christianity, for God cannot be trusted! Of course, the truth is "out there," and it is a wondrous story of how God does keep His word—ALWAYS!
Lecture #16 (CD #671) <i>Israel's Early Migrations</i> Herein Dr. Bruggeman continues providing the evidence that God has indeed kept His promises even though the church cannot see it and they have no sensible answer to the apparent failure of prophecy. History shows that branches of the Israelites broke off from the main body very early on—even <i>before</i> the death of Joseph in Egypt! They began exploring and settling all over the Mediterranean world and even beyond, to the British Isles. The tribe of Dan was in the vanguard of exploring and colonizing <i>all over Europe</i> —and most prominently and important for our story—in what is now called Ireland. This is thrilling history which you will never learn in school or in the churches!
Lecture #17 (CD #672) <i>The Migrations of Dan and Judah</i> Having shown previously that pioneers from the tribe of Dan were among the earliest settlers of Ireland, Dr. Bruggeman reveals more of the European destinations of the pioneers of Dan—and of other Israelite tribes, most notably, of the tribe of Judah. He further explains how the strange interlude in the story of Joseph which concerns the patriarch Judah's sexual relationship with his daughter-in-law had enormous repercussions over a thousand years later in the life of Jeremiah. What does all this have to do with the kingdom of heaven?!
Lecture #18 (CD #673) <i>Jeremiah and the Princess Go to Ireland</i> Here's a riddle for you: What do the following have in common with a study of the kingdom of heaven: the late Hugh Hefner's Playboy empire, a certain dark beer of the stout variety, and government red tape? This lecture is the beginning of the culmination of solving the grave dilemma concerning how God secretly fulfilled His prophecies concerning the throne and the kingdom. (The dilemma was laid out in detail in lectures 14 & 15.)
Lecture #19 (CD #674) <i>The Kingdom Moves from the East to the West</i> Having in the previous lecture arrived at the culmination (in Ireland) of a most exciting and captivating story, Dr. Bruggeman goes back to flesh out the story and show how certain formerly obscure prophecies can now be clearly understood. For example, we can now perceive how God kept His promise to David concerning an everlasting throne and His prophecy of the work of Jeremiah "to plant and to build." Also revealed: a private statement just a few years ago by Queen Elizabeth. Remarkable!
Lecture #20 (CD #675) The <i>Parable of the Two Eagles</i> This lecture fills in more of the gaps, the "back story," of how the kingdom was moved by God from the (Middle) East to the West, specifically, to the British Isles. This lecture focuses on a peculiarly puzzling parable—and along the way, we find ourselves taking related sidetrips into the reigns of Queen Elizabeth I (1500s) and Queen Elizabeth II, and the powerful family which has

assisted the monarchy for over 400 years! Their impact on world history has been enormous and reverberates to this very day!
Lecture #21 (CD #676) <i>The Riddle of the Tender Twig Princess</i> This is actually a continuation of <i>The Parable of the Two Eagles</i> . Herein we learn the secret code given in the parable and how it allowed the Israelites of Ezekiel's day, and those today who understand it, to solve this most astonishing riddle. For those who have ears to hear, it once again makes our jaws drop in wonder at how God works behind the scenes to accomplish His purposes in keeping His word about the continuation of the kingdom. He does that <i>despite</i> what appears to many Christian scholars to be a failure of His Word!
Lecture #22 (CD #677) A Harp, a Beer and 17 Shekels of Silver Having previously demonstrated how God transferred the Kingdom of God (the kingdom of the royal House of David) from the East to the West, Dr. Bruggeman now backtracks to discuss several of the items which the ancient Irish histories record that Jeremiah, Brugh (Baruch) and Princess Tea Tephi brought with them to the emerald isle. One item was likely the Ark of the Covenant and James elucidates a theory of where the Ark was finally hidden—it will "blow your mind!"
Lecture #23 (CD #678) <i>Jacob's Pillar—The Coronation Stone</i> In this lecture, Dr. Bruggeman dives deeply into the details of the Lia Fail, as it is called in the ancient Irish-Celtic tongue. It translates to Stone of Destiny. By the end of this lesson, you will surely agree that it was and is indeed a <i>stone of destiny</i> . Furthermore, you will marvel as you comprehend why it was such an <i>exceedingly</i> important item to be taken to Ireland by the Princess, later, Queen Tea Tephi.
Lecture #24 (CD #679) <i>Water from the Rock—Jacob's Pillar, part 2</i> More information on the Stone of Destiny is presented, beginning with Jacob's "stairway-to-heaven" dream at Luz-Bethel. Was this the stone (rock) that accompanied the Israelites in the wilderness? Was this the stone from which water flowed like a river to save the Israelites from dying of thirst? James also incorporates insights from Bonnie Gaunt's book, <i>The Stones and the Scarlet Thread</i> . A fascinating discussion!
Lecture #25 (CD #680) <i>The Scarlet Thread in the History of Nations</i> This study continues our exploration and explanation of details associated with the transfer of the Kingdom from the East to the West. In particular, this lecture focuses on the lesser known branch of the tribe of Judah, the line of Zerah. During Zerah's birth, a midwife tied a scarlet thread around his wrist. The Zerah branch disappears early from the biblical history. The ancient emblem of the Irish province of Ulster shows a red hand surrounded by a scarlet cord. This is one of many intriguing signs pointing to the early settlement by Judahites in Ireland.
Lecture #26 (CD #681) <i>Scarlet and Red—The Scarlet Thread, part 2</i> Sherlock Holmes created a detective novel in 1887 called <i>A Study in Scarlet</i> in which he described his work to Dr. Watson: "There's the scarlet thread of murder running through the colourless skein of life, and our duty is to unravel it, and isolate it, and expose every inch of it." Here, Dr. James further unravels and exposes the biblical <i>scarlet</i> thread in history and contrasts it with the <i>red</i> of Esau-Edom, and even connects the " <i>red</i> man" in America through an interesting "coincidence" with the Hebrew language, with James' boyhood hometown and a currently prominent Congressman.
Lecture #27 (CD #685) <i>The Openly Secret Legitimacy of King Jesus</i> With nearly all the previous lectures in this series examining the kingdom of God in the Old Testament, this lecture commences a detailed look at the kingdom in the New Testament. The first topic to be examined concerns the lawful qualifications of Jesus to be the King. Of course, all Christians believe the He <i>is</i> the rightful heir, but <u>one word</u> in the gospel of Matthew leads us to discover another remarkable providence of the Father to cement that fact. It is virtually guaranteed you have never heard this study in church.
Lecture #28 (CD #686) <i>The Kingdom Defined—The Kingdom Enlarged and Expanded</i> Now being 28 lectures into <i>The Kingdom of God/Heaven</i> series, Dr. Bruggeman presents working definitions of the kingdom (1) as found in the OT, (2) as will be found in the NT, and (3) as it will be in the Age of Tabernacles. Is it possible that after being personally tutored by our Lord for over three years, that at His ascension, the disciples had a totally erroneous concept of the kingdom and still did not have a clue as to what the kingdom of heaven was all about?

Lecture #29 (CD #687) If the kingdom was "at Hand"—what Happened to it? When Jesus first bega	an His
public ministry, He proclaimed that the kingdom of heaven was "at hand." Jesus was alerting His listeners tha kingdom about which Daniel had prophesied was then near—near, either in time or in space, or both. The ph "at hand" appears 14 times in the gospels. Did Jesus <i>fail</i> in His mission to establish the kingdom? James explo	rase
these 14 occurrences and shows how we can deduce from the Scriptures what happened to the kingdom, and	
course, that Jesus did NOT fail one iota!	
Lecture #30 (CD #688) <i>Did God Divorce the House of Judah?</i> The title question becomes very important as we are now learning about the kingdom of God in the New Testament. Serious Bible students have no doubut that God did, in fact, divorce the ten-tribed, northern Kingdom of Israel centuries before the first advent of Christ. But what about the southern kingdom, the kingdom of Judah? Was it also divorced? If so, when? Are to clear Scriptures which could assure us about the answer to this question? It is an intriguing study!	bt, of
Lecture #31 (CD 689) <i>Parables of the Kingdom, an Introduction</i> The New Testament is replete with parables—dozens of them. The vast majority of them teach us about the kingdom of heaven, aka (also known the kingdom of God. Before undertaking a detailed study of kingdom parables, James first sets forth some important principles—principles which should be understood whenever we study <i>any</i> of our Lord's parables. There are at least three; two of which James explains in this message.	
Lecture #32 (CD #690) <i>The <u>Real</u> Reason Jesus Spoke in Parables—According to Some. Parables of the Kingdom #2</i> Herein James explains the third basic principle which is a prerequisite for studying any of our L parables. He then demonstrates how a large portion of the church has learned about the parables incorrectly centuries, due to the ignorance and/or blindness of their pastors, priests and scholars.	.ord's
Lecture #33 (CD #691) <i>The Sower and the Seed—Parables of the Kingdom, #3</i> In Matthew 13, the figure parable Jesus spoke was the parable of the sower. He even provided the explanation of it to his little flock. The explanation has been available to Christians ever since. Yet today, two millennia later, perhaps as much as 95 percent of Christians (and ministers) who read the parable cannot interpret it correctly. Why not!? In step-byfashion, James leads the listener through the symbols and their true meaning.	nat
Lecture #34 (CD #692) <i>The Sower and the Seed, part 2—Parables of the Kingdom, #4</i> James begins to making some comments, clarifications and an apology for some of the things he said in the previous two lecture. Our Lord shows how there are four types of hearers of the word of the kingdom. James illustrates from his personal life experience how fowls try to steal the word and devils (adversaries) accuse him falsely because of Word.	ures.
Lecture #35 (CD #693) <i>The Sower and the Seed, part 3—Parables of the Kingdom, #5</i> James reviews three basic principles for correct interpretation of the parables, then continues explaining the remaining three types of soil (representing different types of hearers of the Word). On another level, the four types of soil represent each Christian believer as he journeys through life and grows in his spiritual walk, ultimately bringing forth fruit fit for the King and His kingdom.	e
Lecture #36 (CD #696) <i>Decoding the Wheat and the Tares, part 1— Parables of the Kingdom, #6</i> W this parable, we no longer have Jesus to give us the correct interpretation, <u>but</u> we have His Holy Spirit to guid into a proper understanding of the remaining parables. This one in particular is wholly relevant to our time as appears that we are on the threshold of the great separation of the tares from among the wheat. What could modern tares possibly have to do with <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> ?! Many critical keys to understanding are given here	e us it I the
Lecture #37 (CD #697) <i>Decoding the Wheat and the Tares, part 2</i> — As James concludes the analysis the wheat and the tares parable, he identifies some tares in American history from the founding until the preday, with mentions of some of the current stable of politicians, including Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Joe Biden, Lindsey Graham, Senators "Bolshevik Bernie" Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Kamala Harris and others. The raptualso discussed along with a surprising, but totally logical conclusion about the harvest at the end of the age.	sent ,

Lecture #38 (CD #700) Decoding the Parable of the Net, part 1— Parables of the Kingdom, #8 Many similarities exist between the parable of the wheat and tares and this parable of the net. Chiefly, both describe conditions at the end of this age. Hidden within this parable are connections to a wide range of topics: from the calling of the fishermen-apostles to the impeachment of President Trump. The signs are clear; we are at the end of the age. The net is just about full and the angels will soon come forth to separate the wicked from the just.	of
Lecture #39 (CD #701) <i>Decoding the Parable of the (Inter-)Net, part 2: The Great Voice of Mystery Babylon</i> James continues his extensive exegesis of the symbolism of the sea, including the connections between ancient Babylon's fall and how modern Mystery Babylon is now falling. This is evident from how the "great voice" of Mystery Babylon is in the process of imploding. Likewise, many of tares (e.g., the Schiff, Pelosi, Nadler and Schumer-types) are arrogantly sticking up their fruitless heads even as they scurry like rats to find safety from the impending storm which will separate them from the wheat and from the good fish in the net.	
Lecture #40 (CD #702) <i>Decoding the Parable of the (Inter-) Net, part 3: Facebook, Google and the Net — Parables of the Kingdom, #10</i> James continues to show how we can understand more fully the net parable by examination of certain passages in Jeremiah and Revelation dealing with Mystery Babylon. Did Jesus have foreknowledge of the impact that the tech giants mentioned above would have on our society? If you believe He was God, He did! Then, what can be gleaned from His parable if we see the inter-net as the "net" that catches both the good and the wicked? How is America like the net?	
Lecture #41 (CD #704) <i>Tiny Parables: Mustard and Leaven</i> — <i>Parables of the Kingdom, #11</i> You won't believe! Actually, we hope you will believe all that is hidden in these two tiny parables. James uses the Bible itself to discover the meanings of the symbols which Jesus included in these parables, and how they are very applicable to our present-day situation. James expounds the meaning of the earth vs. the world vs. the garden, the birds vs. the fowls, the branches, the leaven, the three measures of meal, and more.	ne
Lecture #42 (CD #705) <i>Prophetic Update: Mid-year 2020: Impeachment, Coronavirus, Shutdown, Riots and More</i> One of the core questions many Americans wonder about is: why did President Trump call upon the "experts" (Fauci, Birx et al.) for advice to the American people, and why did he follow their advice shut down the country for a time? What does Bill Gates have to do with all this? James names names and reveals the hidden agendas of "the wicked" who are seeking to destroy God's people and America. The Bible says they will fail! Vital information for everyone!	I
Lecture #43 (CD #706) <i>Tiny Parables: The Pearl & the Hidden Treasure — Parables of the Kingdom, #12</i> It is a delight to explore these tiny parables. These two have so many similarities that James intertwines the two showing how they both teach many of the same truths. Almost all churchmen miss the fundamental truths hidden beneath the surface of these magnificent parables. They speak of our past, present and future and buoy our hope for the glory of the kingdom of heaven even now upon US (A)!	n
Lecture #44 (CD #707) <i>Gematria of the Parable of the Good Samaritan — Parables of the Kingdom, #13</i> James revisits the parables of the net and the wheat and tares to add further insights to further identify the angel (reapers), the wicked, the just, the hell fire, the end of the world, etc. There is an eighth parable in Matthew 13 which James explains. Then he presents a most unusual exposition of the parable of the good Samaritan drawing upon Bible gematria (number codes) from the work of Bonnie Gaunt. No ministers, priests, theologians or Bible commentators past or present could possibly have understood the parable in this astounding manner!	ls
Lecture #45 (CD #708) <i>The Parables of the Talents and the Pounds — Parables of the Kingdom, #14</i> Most Christians have heard this parable preached numerous times—superficially and incorrectly. Many teach tha Jesus was approving of interest/ usury by this parable. This exposition shows the exact opposite. Jesus was upholding Old Testament law. This parable also teaches the goodness of the free and private enterprise system with private investors expecting to make a reasonable return on investment.	t

Lecture #46 (CD #709) <i>To the 11th Hour Workers—Parables of the Kingdom, #15</i> This parable often makes Christians wonder if our Lord was being fair when paying the 11th hour laborers the same wage as those who had been working all day. This parable shows the injustice of the socialist-communist systems and the godliness of (true) capitalism and free and private enterprise economic systems. James also shows a prophetic chronological layer in this parable. We are in the 11th hour!
Lecture #47 (CD #710) <i>The Wedding Feast—Parables of the Kingdom, #16</i> As with all the parables, if we do not correctly identify the "players," we will come up with a grave misunderstanding. More often than not, most churches come up with personal salvation applications from this parable while missing the correct interpretation. One of the central characters in this parable is not even mentioned: the bride! This is a parable for our era. Who is the bride? Is she ready? There is so much in this parable that it has to be continued in the next lecture.
Lecture #48 (CD #711) <i>God's Divorce and Remarriage: The Wedding Feast (Conclusion)—Parables of the Kingdom, #17</i> The bride is Israel, of course. Anyone who does not understand the kingdom-Israel-identity message cannot possibly understand this parable. James refreshes our Israel history: the marriage at Mt. Sinai, the divorce of ten-tribed Israel, and how Paul teaches about her (our) re-marriage to our King-Husband. All this, without breaking His own laws on divorce and remarriage—it is marvelous in our eyes!
Lecture #49 (CD #712) <i>The Dragon, the Serpent, the Devil & Satan—in the Kingdom!?</i> Are you ready for a Red Pill Bible study? This lecture is not a study of one of the parables. The terms in the title, as used in many churches, are in need of much clarification. Herein we undertake to demonstrate from the Scriptures the proper meanings of these terms and how this then allows us to comprehend with much greater clarity the events happening in our nation today. Beware the Nephilim. They're back!
Lecture #50 (CD #713) <i>The Vineyard and the Stone—Parables of the Kingdom, #18</i> Actually, there are two parables about the householder and his vineyard which we expound in this lecture. We discover that Jesus was aiming both barrels right at the hoity-toity Jewish publicans and religious leaders. Talk about painting a target on yourself! Of course, our Lord knew exactly what He was doing because the time of His self-sacrifice was only days away. Then there is His self-identification as the Stone
Lecture #51 (CD #714) <i>The Prodigal Son: A Parable about Church and State, part 1. Parables of the</i> Kingdom #19 Every churchgoing Christian has heard how this parable is a story of personal salvation. One could ook at it that way, but Jesus said His parables were for those with eyes to see, to learn about the Kingdom! As we delve into the details, we find that a correct interpretation of the parable cannot possibly be related to personal salvation. Instead, this parable is about God's chosen people, Israel's two functions: to (ultimately) administer both church and state in righteousness to the world.
Lecture #52 (CD #715) <i>The Prodigal Son: A Parable about Church and State, part 2. Parables of the Kingdom, #20</i> This lecture concludes the study of this parable. It also concludes our series on The Kingdom of God, aka, The Kingdom of Heaven — at least for now. Clearly, the subject matter of this series can never be exhausted. We shall return to it from time to time, but our national crises lead me to now turn to a new series of studies; one which is intimately connected with the Kingdom, but which will be a series of its own. It will be tentatively entitled The Laws of the Stone Kingdom.

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