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The Bible is a book of fantastic prophecy! One of the major themes of the Old Testament is the prophecy of God's kingdom. Isaiah 2:1-4 is a key prophecy regarding God's kingdom, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.." This prophecy was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. First, the time of fulfillment was "in the last days". Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2, 1 Peter 1:20 all identify the day of Pentecost as being within "the last days". Second, both Jew and Gentile will be within the kingdom. That is exactly what Peter said on Pentecost in the first recorded sermon ever preached in the church. He said in Acts 2:39, "The promise is for you (Jews), your children, and for all who are far off (Far off = Gentiles: see Eph 2:13f)". God's kingdom that was prophesied in the Old Testament was established on the day of Pentecost!

Another Prophecy is in Daniel 2 where a great image of a statue was seen by the King of Babylon. Daniel interpreted the vision with God's help and told him that there would be a series of four kingdoms that would rise and fall. Daniel identified the head of gold on the statue as being the Babylonian kingdom (606-539 BC) The chest of silver was the Medo-Persia kingdom (539-331 BC) The thighs of bronze represented the kingdom of Greece (331-30BC). The fourth and final kingdom of Rome was represented by the legs and feet of iron and clay (30BC-397AD) Then Daniel made that fantastic prophecy about God's kingdom, Dan 2:44, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." This is a crystal clear time prophecy that God's kingdom would be established sometime during the Roman empire! Is it just random chance that Pentecost in Acts 2 was during the Roman empire? (Luke 2:1) No way! God is able to bring His will to pass! God established the kingdom on the day of Pentecost! If the kingdom is not yet established, then the prophecy fails and God is a liar, for Rome has been gone for over 1500 years!

At the very beginning of Jesus' ministry our Divine Savior said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mark 1:15). Yet, there are those who say that Jesus didn't mean what he said about the kingdom being "at

hand". For them "at hand" has been 2000 years and still counting! Again Pentecost is a perfect fulfillment.

In the middle of Jesus' ministry He said, "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who shall not taste death (die physically) until they see the kingdom of God come with power" (Mark 9:1). What could be more clear? Jesus promised that the kingdom prophesied in the Old Testament would come during the lifetime of those standing before Him. But Jesus even gave us an additional detail by saying that the "kingdom would come with power" Amazingly, Jesus told the disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait for this power. Jesus said, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." (Luke 24:49). Again Pentecost is a perfect fulfillment since it was only 50 days later when God, the Father, sent the miraculous power of God, the Holy Spirit upon them. (Acts 2:1-4)

The final proof that God fulfilled all Old Testament kingdom prophecies on the day of Pentecost is found in Col 1:13, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." Christians are in the Kingdom of God right now! It is not a physical kingdom but a spiritual kingdom where Jesus is the king, Christians are His subjects, the New Testament is the law. (Galatians 6:2) Jesus confirmed this when he said, "My kingdom is not of this world." (John 18:36). In the light of such scriptural proof, the conclusion that God established His kingdom on Pentecost is undebatable! Yes the Bible is a book of divine inspiration filled with prophecy. Although skeptics may attack the Bible, it stands as a monument for the world to admire!

With this in mind we invite you to attend the Seventeenth Annual Four States Lectures Our theme this year is **Premillennialism - True or False?** Premillennialism, a doctrine taught by many denominations, teaches that the Kingdom of God has not yet been established. This view is false and troubles many people. We encourage you to attend and weigh out the evidence for yourself. The time and topics to be discussed can be found on the back of this publication. Please, come and be our honored guest.

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