



“Do not despise these small beginnings, for Adonai rejoices to see the work begin...” (Zechariah 4:10)

“Your beginnings will seem small, but prosperity will be your future!” (Job 8:7)

Whatever you think you know about the Kingdom of Yahweh is contaminated by your desperate sense of needing it to come. You really need the Kingdom to come and soon. But it is this very need that causes you not to see its appearing.

The New Day – the Day of the Bridegroom

Take for instance, what King Messiah YahShua says about His cousin and the man that should have been Israel’s High Priest: **“I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than Yochannan the Immerser. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is! And from the time Yochannan the Immerser began preaching until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and violent people are attacking it. For before Yochannan came, all the prophets and the Torah that came through Moses looked forward to this present time. And if you are willing to accept what I say, he is Elijah, the one the prophets said would come. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!” (Matthew 11:11-15)** Messiah YahShua is not disrespecting Yochannan, rather He says that he is greater than all the prophets before him because he is selected to declare the imminent arrival of the Kingdom. And yet all the righteous that lived down through the ages are not as great as this present generation. You will see what the prophets could only dream about.

As Yochannan, himself, said: **“A man can receive only what is given him from Heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not Messiah but am sent ahead of him.’ The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom’s voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less.” (John 3:27-30)**

A similar point is made concerning the Kingdom by Messiah YahShua chronicled by Rabbi Yochannan Marcus: **“Once when Yochannan’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, some people came to YahShua and asked, ‘Why don’t your disciples fast like Yochannan’s disciples and the Pharisees do?’**

YahShua replied, ‘Do wedding guests fast while celebrating with the groom? Of course not. They can’t fast while the groom is with them. But someday the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. Besides, who would patch old clothing with new cloth? For the new patch would shrink and rip away from the old cloth, leaving an even bigger tear than before. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the wine would burst the wineskins, and the wine and the skins would both be lost. New wine calls for new wineskins.’” (Mark 2:18-22)

Messiah YahShua doesn’t even deal with the question, instead he gets to the crux of the matter. Though the old wine and the old garment of Judaism was good for their day, a new day dawns – the day of the Bridegroom – that means new, more regal, clothes and a robust, sparkling, new wine must be served. We have a fuller message.

“To the Torah and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn.” (Isaiah 8:20)

We are **“those who obey Yahweh’s commandments and hold to the testimony of YahShua.” (Revelation 12:17)** Those that only speak of Judaism, don’t listen to them to be carried away– they don’t have enough light! Those that speak only of the teaching of Christianity, don’t listen to them to be carried away – they

don't have enough light! I don't mean we cannot glean anything from them, I mean don't build upon their doctrine they don't have enough light! Those that come preaching the Torah and the Testimony listen to them— they have the Full Messianic Message of Redemption!

“Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.” (Psalm 19:4, 5)

“... for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall...I do these things,’ says Yahweh Almighty.” (Malachi 4:2, 3)

“Therefore every Rabbi of the Torah who has been instructed about the Kingdom of Heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures (the Testimony of YahShua) as well as old (Torah).” (Matthew 13:52) It takes both to produce enough light against these days of gross darkness (Isaiah 60:2).

King Messiah YahShua calls disciples to follow Him, and they formed a movement around him but He limits their number to twelve (Mark 3:13-19), one for each of the Twelve Tribes of Israel, signifying a New Israel with a New Beginning.

“YahShua said to them, ‘I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the Twelve Tribes of Israel.’” (Matthew 19:28)

“The disciples came to him and asked, ‘Why do you speak to the people in parables?’”

He replied, **“The knowledge of the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and he will have abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. This is why I speak to them in parables: ‘Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: “You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.”** (Isaiah 6:9,10) **But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.** For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.” (Matthew 13:10-17)

King Messiah YahShua called His disciples blessed because of what they “saw” and “heard.” And what brings the disciples to that special level of “blessedness” is that they were seeing, hearing, and experiencing the signs associated with the New Day of the Bridegroom. (Matthew 11:5)

“Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed,

because only in Messiah is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now Yahweh is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of Yahweh is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect Yahweh's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from Yahweh, who is the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 3:7-18)

"I delight greatly in Yahweh; my soul rejoices in my Elohim. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels." (Isaiah 61:10)

The newness consists in the power of revelation – the revelation of the New Day of the Bridegroom – that King Messiah YahShua brings, in the knowledge that only He can bring about the Kingdom and in the fellowship we experience sitting at His table.

"Blessed *be* the Elohim and Father of our King Messiah YahShua, Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Messiah, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Messiah YahShua to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved." (Ephesians 1:3-6)

The new aspect of our ministry is that we are proclaiming the fullness of the salvation that all the prophets foretold. Here is our message: Israel is witnessing the dawn of Yahweh's salvation and final restoration of His magnificent Kingdom – DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF IT?!

The Unpresumptuous Kingdom

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares Yahweh. 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.'" (Isaiah 55:8, 9)

The Kingdom's arrival is unpresumptuous. When Yahweh leads us to start out small in our service for Him, we mustn't look down on our small beginnings. If you look at the people Yahweh used most throughout the centuries, you'll see that even the greatest of these started out small.

Abraham was called out of Ur of the Chaldeans though he did not know where he was going to become the father of many nations he had not even heard of yet (Genesis 12). In **Genesis 12:2,3** Yahweh promises Abraham, **"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be mixed."**

David, a shepherd boy, a Cinderella hero, one that could have been voted "most likely not to be anointed" had seven brothers but none of them were selected by the priest and prophet Samuel as the new king of Israel. He asks Jesse **"Are these all the sons you have?"** and Jesse answers, **"There is still the youngest but he is tending the sheep."** David is brought to Samuel, and Samuel says: **"Yahweh said, 'Rise and anoint him; he is the one.'" (1 Samuel 16:11, 12)**

Elijah heard the whispering voice of Yahweh. (1 Kings 19) He wasn't in the cataclysms He was in the still small voice. **"Yahweh did not reject His people (Israel), whom He foreknew. Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to Yahweh against Israel: 'Yahweh, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me'?" (1**

Kings 19:10, 14) **And what was Yahweh's answer to him? 'I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Ba'al.'** (1 Kings 19:18) **So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace."** (Romans 11:2-6)

The apostle Rabbi Sha'ul himself wrote, **"I thank Messiah YahShua our King, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service."** (1 Timothy 1:12) As we prove ourselves faithful in each assignment Yahweh gives us, He will reward us with greater opportunities to serve Him. Rabbi Sha'ul went through some incredibly hard times during his years of ministry, but he fiercely fought against the urge to quit and give up, and he inspired others to do the same. He said, **"Yahweh has been kind enough to trust us with this work. That's why we shall never give up."** (2 Corinthians 4:1)

And the liberating Redeemer of Israel would come as a Suffering servant. (Isaiah 52-53)

The Day of the Bridegroom is certainly a new day in the annals of Israelite history. But when I say new I do not mean different. For Messiah YahShua taught us that this present move of the Spirit in regathering Israel and slowly forming a Kingdom out of us was in continuity with Jewish but more importantly prophetic expectation. The very things King Messiah YahShua did in His ministry – the healings, the inclusion of the displaced and downtrodden the sending of His emissaries to the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel, were the very things expected of the Age of Salvation.

"The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the full message is preached to the poor." (Matthew 11:5)

This is not a new hope but a fulfillment of the ancient hope of an Israel turned back to Yahweh. (Deuteronomy 30)

During the earthly ministry of Messiah YahShua the prospect of war was on the minds of the people of Israel. The heroic images of the brave Hasmonean priests rising up leading the people in revolt against their Greco-Syrian occupiers throwing of the yoke of captivity led many to think the Messiah would come militarily bringing a mighty assault from Yahweh with Israelites leading the Heavenly Army as the final act in bringing the Kingdom of Israel coming down from Heaven. (1, 2 Maccabees; 1QM Dead Sea Scrolls) And this He will do in due course. Just not now! Once again, Messiah YahShua proved that Yahweh's ways were not the popular way; His thoughts were not predicated by the opinion poll of the day.

How did YahShua, the Crown Prince enter the capital city of Jerusalem He rode in on the unpretentious donkey. **"They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,**

'Hoshannu to the Son of David!'

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of Yahweh!'

'Hoshannu in the highest!'

When YahShua entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?'

The crowds answered, 'This is YahShua, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.'" (Matthew 21:7-11)

The various facets of Messiah YahShua's own ministry cohered to the unpretentious character of the history of Yahweh's own redemptive work for Israel. Thus we see YahShua being immersed into the ministry of Yochannan having allied Himself to the theocratic renewal movement (Mark 1:1-11; Matthew 11:7-10; Luke 7:31-35).

King Messiah YahShua avoided the big city of Jerusalem and centered his mission, instead on the lowly agricultural hillsides of Galilee that was already a hotbed of revolution where He called the people to join his personal expansion of Yochannan's call for renewal.

“When YahShua heard that Yochannan had been put in prison, He returned to Galilee... From that time on YahShua began to preach, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.’” (Matthew 4:12-17)

When the people became too zealous and clamored after him to put him on the throne, He withdrew because He knew He was on Yahweh's timetable. (Luke 4:16-30; Mark 1:35-38; 6:30-33; John 6:14, 15)

“Therefore when YahShua perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.” (John 6:15)

Everything He did was mindful of Scripture. Even the way He entered Jerusalem, on a donkey, was because Yahweh said he was to enter that way:

“This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ‘Say to the Daughter of Zion, ‘See, your King comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” (Zechariah 9:9)” (Matthew 21:4, 5) YahShua staged the event to make a royal statement.

Nonetheless, to speak of another Kingdom that would usurp Rome and to act out a passage of Scripture that the people understood was a nationalistic act was to make a statement of revolution.

When Pilate gave YahShua His out, YahShua pressed the point: **“‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ asked Pilate. ‘Yes, it is as you say,’ YahShua replied.” (Mark 15:2)** YahShua could have said, “No it's all a misunderstanding. I don't mean a literal Kingdom I'm speaking in metaphor about a esoteric belief system.” But He did not, because He did mean that He was the literal King of the Jews and one day, in its time the whole world will know it.

So the indictment hung over His head: **“The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS.” (Mark 15:26)**

“Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where YahShua was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, ‘Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.’”

Pilate answered, ‘What I have written, I have written.’” (John 19:20-22)

“The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’” (Luke 23:36, 37)

“YahShua said, ‘My kingdom is not of this age. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.’” (John 18:36) In its time His Kingdom will manifest on this plane of existence at the right time.

Especially the way He ascended to the throne was illogical. Yet, He predicted He would be coronated by offering Himself up by being the sacrificial lamb. (Mark 8:31; 9:30-32; 10:32-34; Matthew 26:2) He ascended by being sacrificed!

“...when this Priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of Yahweh. Since that time He waits for His enemies to be made His footstool, because by one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: ‘This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says Yahweh. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.’ Then he adds: ‘Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.’ (Jer. 31:33, 34)” (Hebrews 10:12-17)

King Messiah YahShua knew that it was through His death that Yahweh would win a decisive victory for Israel over the Sitre HaRa (Dark Forces) for he was laying down His life as a sacrifice for returning Israel.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

Small Beginnings

“Do not despise these small beginnings...”(Zechariah 4:10)

There are four pieces of evidence that prove the New Kingdom of the Commonwealth of Israel would begin humbly:

“What shall we say the Kingdom of Yahweh is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade.’

With many similar parables YahShua spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.” (Mark 4:30-34)

The Kingdom would start out small, unpretentious, and humble but the Kingdom would grow into a universal, world-encompassing movement in radical contrast to its beginnings.

This same prophecy was heralded by Ezekiel:

“This is what the Sovereign Yahweh says: “I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. All the trees of the field will know that I Yahweh bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.” I Yahweh have spoken, and I will do it.” (Ezekiel 17:22-24)

We can see from this passage, there will be a Gentile contention – **“Birds of every kind”** – in the Kingdom, they just will not be allowed to keep their identity as Gentiles, they must become Israel. (Ephesians 2)

The Kingdom, though deriving from the smallest of seeds, the mustard seed, rises from its inauspicious and insignificant beginnings to taking over the world.

“The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Elohim and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever!” (Revelation 11:15)

A movement that began with a Galilean artisan and a band of fishermen (Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11) and one tax collector (Mark 2:13-17) will eventually conquer the whole world.

“And again [Messiah] said, “To what shall I liken the Kingdom of Yahweh? It is like leaven, which a

woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.” (Luke 13:20-21)

“... **three measures of meal**”, crushed grain, enough to make enough bread maybe to feed 100 people. You might say to yourself, “Hey, that’s not a bad beginning!” It isn’t when your building a congregation but it is when you’re trying to establish a Kingdom!

“If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy.” (Romans 11:16)

Instead of speaking about numbers, this parable is speaking of our message. Usually leaven represents sin, but our message is the very antidote for sin. Our message, though beginning in the small “**firstfruits**” faith of Judaism will permeate the whole world with the Netzarim Faith.

The second piece of evidence is the kind of people Yahweh would initially use to set up the Commonwealth. Besides calling together a band of fishermen and a tax collector and other like them, the Messiah taught that the Kingdom itself would be populated by the unlikely.

“Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when YahShua saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the Kingdom of Yahweh. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of Yahweh as a little child will by no means enter it.’ And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.” (Mark 10:13-16)

In a world in which children were neither regulated to the margin nor treated as worthy of full acceptance, Messiah YahShua is offering the Kingdom to those that would come in childlike faith. YahShua, though the Crown Prince, surrounded himself with people that were not priestly, nor rabbinical, none with royal pedigree nor opportunity to rule. King Messiah YahShua began His Kingdom with the most unlikely of people.

“At that time the disciples came to YahShua, saying, ‘Who then is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?’

Then YahShua called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.’” (Matthew 18:1-5)

In another passage Messiah YahShua thanks the Heavenly Father that He has revealed the Kingdom not to the “**wise and learned**” but to the “**to little children.**”

“At that time YahShua said, ‘I praise you, Father, Sovereign of Heaven and Earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.’” (Matthew 11:25-30)

Do not get lost, King Messiah YahShua isn’t saying that the Kingdom is going to be a nursery, rather He wants those of childlike faith who believe Yahweh is now bringing the Kingdom through His messenger – his Only Begotten Son.

“I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of Yahweh like a little child will never enter it.” (Mark 10:15)

Here Messiah is appealing to those familiar of the “Abba Prophecies.” The Kingdom is for those that have learned to cry out to Yahweh as “Abba” to populate the Kingdom.

“Once again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Have you understood all these things?’ YahShua asked.

‘Yes,’ they replied.

He said to them, ‘Therefore every Rabbis of the Torah who has been instructed about the Kingdom of Heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.’”
(Matthew 13:47-52)

After the casting of the nets and the pulling back in of those nets are both completed, the separation will take place, but for now Messiah invited **“all kinds”** – whosoever will – into the Kingdom.

“It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.” (Isaiah 49:6)

It is a **“small thing”** to gather the Lost Sheep of the house of Israel, it is a hard thing to attract the Gentiles to the Kingdom.

The third piece of evidence is that we do not seek to get rid of the opposition.

“YahShua told them another parable: ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

The owner's servants came to him and said, “Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?”

‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’

...Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.’

He answered, ‘The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the Kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of His Kingdom all the stumbling-blocks, and all who do lawlessness. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”
(Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

This isn't speaking about Covenant-keepers and Covenant-breakers because the practice of expelling Covenant-breakers was common to the Faith: (Exodus 12:15; 22:19; Ezra 10:8; Isaiah 66:5; Luke 6:22; John 9:22; 16:2; 1 Corinthians 5:3-5; 2 Corinthians 6:10; 2 John; 3 John).

“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the Assembly; and if he refuses to listen even to the Assembly, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.” (Matthew 18:15-17)

So if Messiah isn't speaking of Covenant-keepers and Covenant-breakers, who was he speaking of? What He's saying is at the beginning of the Kingdom He is including all sects of Judaism, **“all the stumbling-blocks, and all who do lawlessness”** – legalist to libertarian and everyone in between, even those opposed to Him and His teachings. Remember, King Messiah YahShua's mission is to call all of Israel to repentance.

“As far as the full message is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for Yahweh's gifts and his call are irrevocable.” (Romans 11:28, 29)

But be it understood, King Messiah YahShua does not envision His Kingdom mixed with the repentant and the unrepentant until the end of the age. The Kingdom is coming now, the judgment will come later.

“Yahweh will save the dwellings of Judah first, so that the honor of the House of David and of Jerusalem's inhabitants may not be greater than that of Judah. On that day Yahweh will shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the House of David will be like Elohim, like the Angel of Yahweh going before them. On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem.

And I will pour out on the House of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a Spirit of Grace and Supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.” (Zechariah 12:7-10)

So, the “Coming of the Kingdom” is three-fold: (1) the unpretentious arrival of the Kingdom in YahShua followed by (2) judgment of the Covenant-breakers, those who reject the King and thus the Kingdom, and the pagan, (3) then comes the physical manifestation of the Kingdom in consummated form.”\

As G. R. Beasley-Murray said of the Parable of the Wheat and Tares “signifies a rejection of the impatience of the righteous and a call for the patience of Yahweh.” (“Jesus and the Kingdom,” pg. 134)

And as George E. Ladd said” “The message of the parable ... teaches the Kingdom of [Yahweh] has invaded history without disrupting the present structure of society.” (“Presence,” pg. 263)

The fourth piece of evidence is the “parousia” of the Kingdom.

“Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of Yahweh would come, YahShua replied, ‘The Kingdom of Yahweh does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, “Here it is,” or “There it is,” because the Kingdom of Yahweh is among you.” (Luke 17:20, 21)

Christianity quotes this passage as proof that the Kingdom is an esoteric Kingdom not a physical one. That YahShua's message was one of change and replacement not fulfillment and restoration. That He replaced Israel with the Church upon this principle. By teaching this made up doctrine they have missed the greater truth.

Others have argued that the phrase **“among you”** should be translated “within you” and they contend that once you surrender to Yahweh through the ministry of YahShua the Kingdom comes.

Still other teaches the phrase **“among you”** refers to YahShua’s presence as the “Immanuel.” Since He is “El is with us” that means the Kingdom is with us.

King Messiah YahShua was countering his contemporaries that the arrival of the Kingdom could not be mapped out by **“careful observation”** to some apocalyptic timetable that mapped out events in history to determine the exact hour of the coming of Messiah.

Instead of this approach, Messiah YahShua says **“the Kingdom of Yahweh is among you.”** In other words, the Kingdom is within your grasp. You find it by realizing that Yahweh has chosen you to bring it into operation –NOW!

“This is what you are to say to the House of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a Kingdom of Priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.” (Exodus 19:3-6)

“you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to Yahweh, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of Yahweh; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (2 Peter 2:9, 10)

“You have declared this day that Yahweh is your Elohim and that you will walk in His ways, that you will keep His decrees, commands and laws, and that you will obey Him. And Yahweh has declared this day that you are His people, His treasured possession as He promised, and that you are to keep all His commands. He has declared that He will set you in praise, fame and honor high above all the nations He has made and that you will be a people holy to Yahweh is your Elohim, as He promised.” (Deuteronomy 26:17-19)

The Kingdom is not too hard to enter nor is its constitution too hard to keep: **“Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, ‘Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?’ Nor is it beyond the depths, so that you have to ask, ‘Who will descend into the depths to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?’ No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.”** (Deuteronomy 30:11-14)

“...that is, the Word of Faith we are proclaiming: That if you pledge allegiance with your mouth, ‘YahShua is King,’ and believe in your heart that Yahweh raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you pledge and are saved. As the Scripture says, ‘Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.’ (Isaiah 28:16) For there is no difference between Jew and nations—the same Sovereign is sovereign of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, for, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of Yahweh will be saved.’ (Joel 2:32)” (Romans 10:8-13)

“...for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as Yahweh has said, among the survivors whom Yahweh calls.” (Joel 2:32)

“...on Mount Zion will be deliverance; it will be holy, and the House of Jacob will possess its inheritance.” (Obadiah 1:17)

“The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,” declares Yahweh.
(Isaiah 59:20)

“I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part ‘Fullness of the Nations’. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: ‘The deliverer will come from Zion; He will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is My covenant with them when I take away their sins. (Isaiah 59:20,21; 27:9; Jer. 31:33, 34)” (Romans 11:25-27)

In Psalms 24:1 it says: “The earth [is] Yahweh’s, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.” At first glance you would think that this passage is a nice little scripture lauding the abundance of Yahweh’s possessions. But again

this word “fullness” is translated from the Hebrew word אֵלֶּיךָ “Meelo” meaning that which fills or a mass or multitude. This is talking expressly about “The earth [is] Yahweh’s, [Israel is the fullness of...] the world, and they that dwell therein.”

“When El Elyon (the Most High) gave the nations their inheritance, when He divided all mankind, He set up boundaries for the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel. (Deuteronomy 32:8)”

“...the Kingdom of Yahweh is among you” means that it lies in our power to enter it through the Messiah Who is the **“the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6)** to enter it and secure its blessings. The Kingdom of Yahweh is by nature unpretentious and one must have faith to see its presence and experience its power.



“Yahweh is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.” (Hebrews 6:10) The rewards for doing right are sometimes delayed, but they are guaranteed by Yahweh Himself. If you are struggling with **“small beginnings”** today, I pray that this precious promise from Yahweh will be an encouragement to you— **“Your beginnings will seem small, but prosperity will be your future!” (Job 8:7)**