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For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. (2 Peter 1:12 NKJV)

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Kingdom Seed

The Seed of the Kingdom

Jesus presented the Kingdom like a small seed, a mustard seed, that is planted and grows into a large tree [*Matthew 13:31-32*]. He also presented the word of the Kingdom as a seed [*Matthew 13:19*] and the Sons of the Kingdom as seeds [*Matthew 13:38*]. It is the seed concept that explains the way the Kingdom of God works.

And He was saying, "The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil; and he goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grows--how, he himself does not know. "The soil produces crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head." But when the crop permits, he immediately puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." (*Mark 4:26-29 NASB*)

We don't know exactly how the Kingdom of God grows. It is like a seed. First, it sprouts and puts forth the first blade, then the stalk, then the head. Then the head ripens with a full head of grain and then the harvest. The parables of the Kingdom in Matthew 23 show us that the word of the Kingdom is planted in us to produce fruit, and we are planted in the world as sons of the Kingdom to produce fruit.

Jesus is the first seed of the Kingdom planted in the earth and He follows the pattern.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. (*John 12:24 NASB*)

His death, burial, and resurrection is the process of planting the seed in the earth and having it grow up and produce fruit to be harvested. Scriptures tell us that Jesus and those that rose with Him [*Matthew 27:52-53*] at His resurrection were the first fruits of the harvest [*I Corinthians 15:23*]. We see in this seed-to-harvest process the unfolding of the Eternal purpose of God in the earth. This is part of the manifestation of the manifold wisdom of God unfolding as the mystery hidden through the ages but now revealed as Paul said in Ephesians.

Jesus—The Kingdom Seed

The eternal purpose of God has three components: 1) a family for the Father; 2) a body and a bride for the Son; and 3) a temple, a dwelling place, for the Holy Spirit. These three components are but facets of the same purpose that is contained in the “mystery” covenant that God made with Himself that is unfolding in time. These three components are expressed in the Scriptures as seeds. These three seeds compose the full seed of the Kingdom of God.

The Seed of the Woman

The first prophecy recorded in the Scriptures is given to us directly by God in Genesis.

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel." ([Genesis 3:15 NASB](#))

This was spoken to the serpent as part of the judgment of God of the disobedience of Adam as a result of the temptation from the serpent. The scholars all agree that this is a messianic prophecy that speaks of Jesus as The Seed that will crush the devil's head. Eve certainly believed this because in the first verse of Genesis 4 Eve says, "I have acquired a man from the LORD."(NKJV) showing that she thought that she had given birth to the redeemer Seed. Of course, we know from our perspective that the Seed would not come forth “until the fullness of time” [[Galatians 4:4-5](#)].

Based on what God said in Genesis, we can determine that the primary purpose of The Seed of the woman was to deal with Satan and his works.

the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. ([1 John 3:8 NASB](#))

When we say that Jesus came to save us for heaven, or save us from our sins, or anything of the other by-products of the first coming of Christ, we fail to see the full purpose of God and reveal our lack of understanding of the fullness of His purpose.

The Son of God was manifested, revealed, shown, in order to destroy the works of the devil. While this would include the devil's work in the Garden with the temptation, it primarily refers to the rebellion of the devil and the “fracturing” of the Kingdom of God and the creation of an alternative kingdom—the kingdom of darkness.

The fall of Adam by his disobedience cut him off from God and made him an ally of the enemy. However, God has a purpose for man so He did not leave man in that condition. Instead of simply destroying man along with the devil, His manifold wisdom is revealed by the Lord redeeming man from the enemy's grasp—translating him out of the kingdom, the realm, the rule, the power of darkness into the Kingdom of His dear Son [[Colossians 1:13](#)]—and providing a way for man to fulfill His original intention for him. The Seed of the woman accomplished all of this completely and thoroughly.

To complete this work required the Son to be incarnated as a man [[Philippians 2:5-11](#)] and that the disobedience of Adam and the devil would be defeated by the obedience of the Second Man, the Last Adam [[1 Corinthians 15:45-47](#)]. This obedience included death, the shedding of blood as an atonement for sin, so that man could be restored back into a relationship with God that was

lost in Adam.

When we are delivered from the power of darkness into the Kingdom of the Son, we become citizens of the Kingdom and we are born into the family, the household of God [*Ephesians 2:19*]. This makes us fellow-heirs with Christ of the things of God [*Romans 8:16-17*].

So, the accomplished work of The Seed of the woman has produced:

1. the destruction of the works of the devil
2. the restoration of man back to a place where he can fulfill the purpose of God
3. the heirs of God, the joint heirs with Christ, as a family.

The first facet of the Eternal Purpose of God has been accomplished by The Seed of the woman—the Father has a family of many sons who will inherit the things of the Father.

The Seed of Abraham

Abraham was promised a son, an heir, by God and Abraham in faith believed God. God promised Abraham that his descendants would be as numberless as the stars [*Hebrews 11:8-13*]. We recognize today that the Jews, Israel, are the natural descendants of Abraham, but we also need to recognize that there is a spiritual lineage of Abraham.

Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ. (*Galatians 3:16 NASB*)

The promise to Abraham was about one seed, Christ, The Seed of Abraham. Those of us who are in Christ are also descendants of Abraham.

and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them, and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised. For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. (*Romans 4:11-13 NASB*)

Abraham believed God and through the righteousness of faith entered into the promises of God and all who are of like faith are heirs of the promise of Abraham.

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED." That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants. (*Romans 9:6-8 NASB*)

Paul puts the clincher on this in Galatians. He clearly says that we who are not natural descendants of Abraham are still of the seed of Abraham, sons of the promise.

Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. (*Galatians 3:7 NASB*)

And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to

promise. (Galatians 3:29 NASB)

Christ Jesus, as The Seed of Abraham, procured for us an inheritance—the same inheritance promised to Abraham and to his descendants [*Genesis 17:7-9*]. As we have seen, The Seed was a spiritual version of the natural promised son; so it is with the inheritance. Our inheritance, as descendants of Abraham, is a spiritual version of the natural Promised Land—a land of Promises. Since all of the promises of God are in Christ [*II Corinthians 1:20*], the King, our land of promises is the Kingdom of God—our inheritance [*Ephesians 5:5*].

We have the second facet of the purpose of God accomplished by the Seed of Abraham. The sons have received an inheritance in The Son [*Ephesians 1:11*]. This relates to the Kingdom of God and to the summing up of all things in Christ as part of the mystery of His will [*Ephesians 1:9-10*].

The Seed of David

We need to remember that just as the Eternal Purpose of God is one purpose with three components, which overlap to bring completeness, the unfolding in time of The Seed into three components does not separate the function of the seed. There is overlap between the seeds to bring completeness to the work of Christ as the seed of the Kingdom. The Seed of David deals with the Kingship of the Lord and of His throne.

concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, (4) and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. (Romans 1:3-4 NKJV)

When God sent the angel Gabriel to tell Mary about what was to happen to her, he spoke of David and the throne of David and that Jesus would be a Son and a King who would reign over the house of Jacob forever.

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." (Luke 1:31-33 NASB)

Jesus is the fulfillment of the promise of God made to David concerning his son and throne [*Jeremiah 33:17*].

So, in The Seed of David we have the establishment of a Kingdom which will endure as long as there is night and day and on the throne of this Kingdom will sit a descendant of David—Christ Jesus [*Jeremiah 33:20-21*].

The Kingdom in the Earth

When Jesus came, He came as THE SEED of the woman, THE SEED of Abraham, and THE SEED of David. He, Himself, was THE SEED of the Kingdom that was planted in the earth and was raised with resurrection life. In Him we have all aspects of the purpose of God coming together as one.

Christ Jesus finished all of the work of the Father that was given to Him. He made two “it is finished” statements. The first was in His high priestly prayer to the Father as shown in John.

“I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to

[do.](#) (John 17:4 NKJV)

The statement by Jesus that is shown above was before the more famous one that was made while on the cross, which is shown below.

“So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **"It is finished!"** And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. (John 19:30 NKJV)

We see from this that two aspects of the work of Jesus was completed during His earthly life. The cross completed the work of Jesus as the Seed of the woman, making atonement for man and being made victorious over the devil. The priestly prayer showed that Jesus completed His work as the Seed of Abraham—the way was now open for the sons to receive an inheritance to the glory of the Father. Since these two aspects of the seed have been completed, how was His work as the Seed of David finished? The simple answer is that it is not complete, that is, not in time.

In temporal reality, time, this work of Jesus is still unfolding, even though it is complete in the spiritual reality of the heavens from the viewpoint of the Father and His purpose. The completion process began when Jesus was raised from the dead.

By His life and His death, Jesus became Christ. "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified." (Acts 2:36 NASB)

By His life and His death, Jesus became Christ. By His resurrection, He became Lord—sovereign Ruler of the Kingdom of God. His rule will continue until all rule that is opposed to Him is completely dealt with, that is, until all things are put under His feet.

then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death. For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him. When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all. (1 Corinthians 15:24-28 NASB)

Where we are now in the timeline of God that extends from Eternity past to Eternity future is the time frame of the King being seated at the right hand of the Father to rule until all operations of illegitimate authority and power are brought to a halt. After that the Kingdom will be turned over to the Father.

Now we are in between. The next step in the completion of the work of the Seed of David is the physical return of our Lord and King to establish the physical 1000 year reign of Christ on earth. During the millennial reign, the last enemy, death, is put under His feet and destroyed at the close of the millennium. Then, the Kingdom is turned over to the Father. The Eternal Kingdom continues in the new heavens and the new earth throughout Eternity without end.

When the seed of the Kingdom is planted in us it grows and produces first the blade or shaft, which is the application in our lives of the work of Jesus as the seed of the woman; then, it produces the head, which is the application in our lives of the work of Jesus as the seed of Abraham; then, it produces the mature fruit, which is the application in our lives of the work of Jesus as the seed of David. This is the growing of the Kingdom seed in us.

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