



Matt. 4:23

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the **good news of the kingdom**, and **healing every disease and sickness among the people.** (NIV)

Gen. 1:26, 28b

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind **in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule** over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."... ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "**Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.** ..." (NIV)

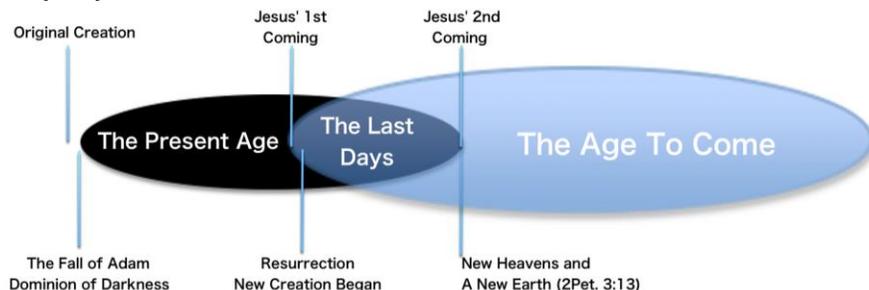
God's good creation was vandalized before His plan was finished.

Ex. 19:5-6

'Now then, **if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant**, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; ⁶ **and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel." (NASB)

John 1:1-5, 12-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ **In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.** ⁵ **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.** ... ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ **children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.** ¹⁴ **The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.** (NIV)



1Cor. 15:45, 49

⁴⁵ So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; **the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.** ... ⁴⁹ **And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.** (NIV)

2Cor. 3:18

And we all... **are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory**, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (NIV)

2Cor. 4:6

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," **made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.** (NIV)

Col. 1:12-14

... ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people **in the kingdom of light.** ¹³ For **he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,** ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (NIV)

Matt. 5:14, 16b

¹⁴ **"You are the light of the world.** ... ¹⁶...**let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.**" (NIV)

1Pet. 2:9-10

But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, **so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;** ¹⁰ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY. (NASB)

Because of the Kingdom of God:

1. We are a different Kind of **PEOPLE**.
2. We have a different **PURPOSE**.
3. We have Resurrection **POWER**.
4. We have the **PROMISE** of Eternal Life / Life in the Age to come!

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have **eternal life.**" (NASB)

- Eternal Life (Aionios Zoe) literally means "life in the age" to come.