

Key to Unit 8 HE ARRIVES !

Thank you for persevering with the course
Here are our suggested answers for Unit 8.

Question: 1 Did Satan tempt the Lord Jesus in the same three ways that Eve was tempted?

Please refer to Unit 2 in the answer to unit 1 question 1 and the supplementary information.

Matt.4:1-11. Satan appealed 1) to sight: He showed him the glory of all the kingdoms of the world. 2) to the physical: a) to hunger - "turn these stones into bread", b) to greed - all the glorious kingdoms of the world could be his. 3) to pride: a) twice to prove himself with a show of power with the words "if you are the Son of God", b) with the offer of total world power with no effort involved other than simply bowing down to Satan.

Question: 2 What is the difference between the kingdom the Jews expected and Jesus' kingdom? They expected the Messiah to overthrow the Romans and rule Palestine [Luke 24:21, Acts 1:6]. The jesting at the cross was because they thought the Lord Jesus had intended to do just that [Matt.27:37-44 Mark 15:26-32]. Jesus made it clear that his disciples did not fight to defend him because his kingdom was spiritual and not earthly [John 18:36 Luke 17:21].

RECAPING

1. Satan slandered God, causing man to sin.
2. **The woman's seed** promised.
3. Abraham offered up Isaac
4. Promises made to Abraham and Isaac.
5. "Shiloh" to come from Judah's tribe.
6. Job expected to meet God on the earth.
7. Passover and Day of Atonement instituted.
8. A prophet like Moses promised.
9. David of **Judah's tribe** succeeds Saul.
10. Solomon builds the temple **on Moriah**.

11. The nation splits into two and degenerates.
12. The Virgin's son: Immanuel predicted.
13. The New Covenant predicted.
14. Israel and Judah taken captive into Babylon.
15. The temple and Jerusalem totally destroyed.
16. The restoration of the remnant predicted.
17. The Anointed One {the Messiah} predicted.
18. Termination of the Old Covenant Predicted.
19. Israel and Judah re-united as Jews.
20. The remnant return and rebuild the temple.
21. The remnant enjoy about 300 golden years.
22. Crises come before the Messiah comes.
23. "Elijah" is to be the Messiah's herald.
24. John the priest's son heralds the Messiah..
25. The Ultimate Sacrifice/The New Covenant.
26. Messiah Enthroned. His kingdom established.
27. It spreads from Jerusalem - world wide.

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THE OUTCOME

The New Covenant

The night the Messiah was betrayed, whilst observing the Passover Feast he instituted a new feast. Using a loaf of unleavened bread to represent his body, broke it and gave it to his apostles.^A He also passed a cup of grape juice to them saying, "This is my blood of the New Covenant^B being shed to remove many people's sins".¹ Ever since then Christians have come together in groups on the first day^C of every week to commemorate how the Lord died for them. In the Bible this is called "The Lord's Supper" or "The breaking of the Loaf".²

In English translations of the Bible these groups are called "churches"^D and all of them world-wide are called "the church".³ The Lord Jesus is building his church by adding to it repentant baptized^E believers.⁴ The word "church" never means a building. The early churches mostly met in houses.

Two distinctions between the Old and New Covenants are: 1) Jews were members of the Old from birth, but only those who have had a change of heart can be members of the New,⁵ 2) the Old Covenant was for the nation of Israel,⁶ whereas the covenant of the heavenly kingdom is open to people of any nation. God said to Abraham "All the nations of the world will be blessed in your seed."⁷

The Heavenly Kingdom

The kingdom of heaven (Jesus' kingdom) is here on earth. Because it is heavenly, its citizens are to do God's will on earth the way it is done in heaven. They are to beat their swords into ploughshares and people who are like wolves are to live in harmony with those who are like lambs.⁸ Becoming a citizen is called being born again - from above.⁹ Citizens are called new creatures because of the change from being sinful self-centred people to Christ centred loving people.¹⁰ They strive to be more and more like the Lord Jesus who loves us and gave himself for us. So he will not be ashamed to call us his brothers and sisters.¹¹

The letters (epistles) in the New Testament were written to advise Christians and churches to be good servants of God, to remain faithful in adversity and to reassure them of their eternal inheritance. They also warn us of the grim end awaiting disbelievers and the disobedient.¹² The book of Revelation is written in highly figurative language but has the same purpose.

The Lord Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and on earth. He will reign over his kingdom until the end of the world. Then he will hand it over to God. God's purpose will then be fully accomplished.¹³

The Future

Many see death as a fearful leap into the unknown. It need not be so. Faithful Christians eagerly look forward to the day when the Lord Jesus will take them to be with him in God's glorious presence eternally.¹⁴ God will bring the creation to an end and the Lord Jesus will judge everyone. God has assured us of this and confirmed that Jesus was everything he claimed to be, by raising him from the dead. Disbelieving and rebellious people will be shut out from God's presence and suffer perpetual torment along with Satan and his angels.¹⁵

God Vindicated.

In Unit 1 we saw how Satan slandered God and destroyed man's fellowship with God. That raised the issue: does God care about us? and: Is he just?

In God's son we see what God is like.¹⁶ Looking at Jesus' life and how he died for us - we realize that God loves us and wants us all to be saved.

"God Himself verified His love for us, in Christ dying for us whilst we were still sinners." Rom.5:8.

Readings:-

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| <u>Romans</u> | 1. 2. 6. 8. 16. |
| <u>1 Corinthians</u> | 10:15-22. 11:17-34. 15. 16. |
| <u>2 Corinthians</u> | 4:1-6. 5. |
| <u>Galatians</u> | 2:20 to 3:29. 6. |
| <u>Ephesians</u> | 1. 2. 4. 5. |
| <u>Philippians</u> | 1. 2. |
| <u>Colossians</u> | 2. |
| <u>1 Thess.</u> | 4. |
| <u>1 Timothy</u> | 3. |
| <u>Hebrews</u> | 1. 2. 8 to 10. |
| <u>2 Peter</u> | 2. 3. |
| <u>Revelation</u> | 1 to 5. 21. 22. |

Question: What are the similarities and differences between man's relationship with God in the garden before the fall and in the eternal kingdom of heaven?

Notes:-

- A) "apostle" - an envoy, usually of Christ.
- B) The Greeks had no word for "covenant", so in the N.T. their word for "testament" was used.
- C) "first day of the week" is a Hebraism for:-
from sunset Saturday to sunset Sunday
- D) "church" (ἐκκλησία) a company of people.
- E) "baptize" (βαπτίζω) immerse, dip under.

References:-

- 1 Matt. 26:14-50. Mark 13:10-35. Luke 22:1-23.
- 2 Acts 2:41-42. 2:42. 20:6-12.
- 3 Matt.16:28. Acts 2:47 A.V. 9:31. 20:28.
- 4 Acts 2:37-41,47 A.V.
- 5 Jeremiah 31:31-35.
- 6 Exodus 19:4-6. Deuteronomy 5:1-3.
- 7 Genesis 12:3. 18:18. 26:4. Isaiah 2:2.
- 8 Isaiah 2:2-4. 11:1-10. 65:25. John 18:36
- 9 John 1:12-13. 3:3-6.
- 10 2.Corinth. 5:17, Galatians 6:14-15
- 11 2.Corinth. 3:18, Galatians 2:20, Hebrews 2:11
- 12 Matt. 19:29. 22:13. 25:31-46.
- 13 Matt. 28:18-20.
- 14 John 12:25-26. 14:1-4.
- 15 John 5:22-29. Acts 9:30-31. Heb. 12:14,26-28.
- 16 John 1:14-18. 14:1-11. 17:25-26.

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