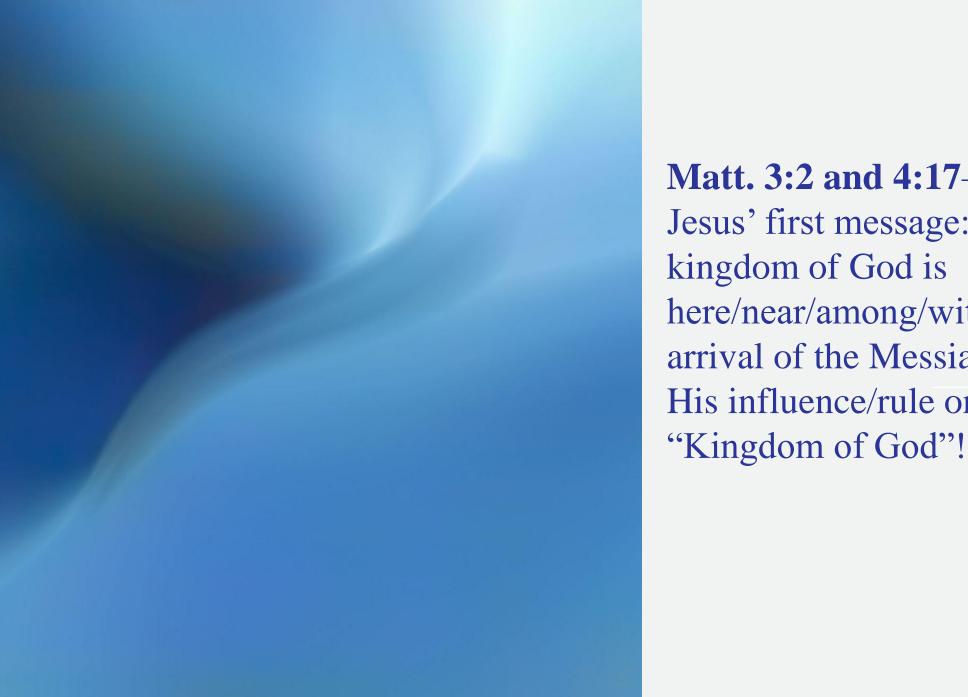


The Kingdom of God: Thoroughly Pro-Life



Matt. 3:2 and 4:17—both John and Jesus' first message: "Repent, for the kingdom of God is here/near/among/within you" – the arrival of the Messiah/King, and in His influence/rule on earth is the

The Kingdom Prophesied in the OT

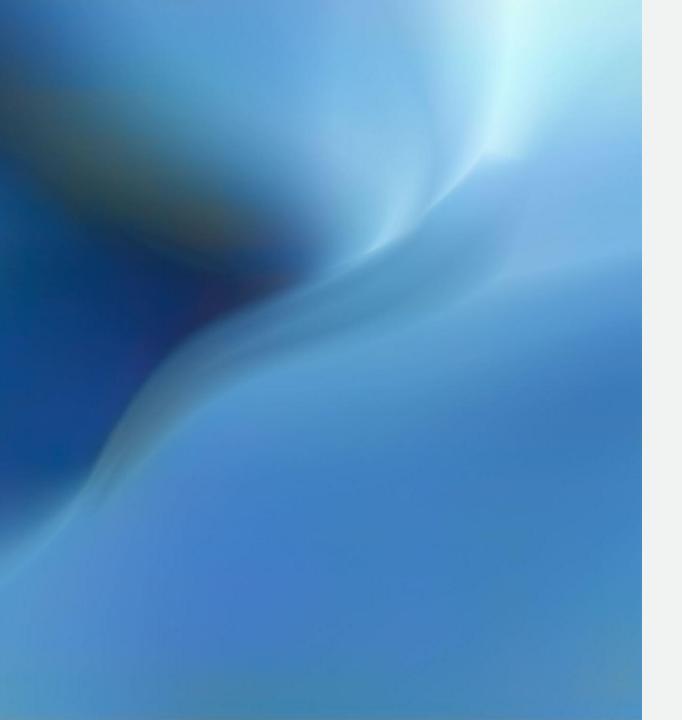
Daniel 7:13,14,18—The Messiah's Coming Kingdom:

- .13-"I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man was coming with the clouds of heaven! He came up to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.
- .14—"And to Him was given dominion, glory, and kingship, that all people groups, nations, and native speakers would worship Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom one that shall never be destroyed."
- .18-"But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever."



Kingdom Power is Spiritual, with Earthly Results-- Luke 11:20

"If I cast out demons by the power (finger) of God, then the kingdom of God has arrived among you."



The Father Gladly Gives Us The Kingdom: Luke 12:32

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is the Father's good pleasure (the Father is delighted) to give you the kingdom."



Four Scriptures on Jesus' Kingdom as Thoroughly Pro-Life:

John 14:6--Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

John 10:10-- "I have come that humanity may have "life—life in its fullest measure!" What is "life" -- the opposite of what "kills and destroys."



John 1:4--"In Him, (the Word) was life, that this life brought light to all humanity."—zoe (life): the animating spiritual dynamic (energy) that transforms the inner man and, therefore, all human behavior --

2 Peter 1:3—"His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness..."



Point Number One: A Charge Against Pro-Life Evangelical Christians

"Pro-life proponents are probirth but not pro-life. They only care about fetuses and do nothing to help children who are already born."

"Titus 1:12-13—"One of them, a prophet of their own, said, 'Cretans (people of the island of Crete) are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.' This testimony is true."



Point Number Two: Many Other Pro-Life Groups—Pro-Life Cuts Across Political and Religious Ideologies

Democrats for Life of America
Pro-Life Across America
CareNet: Pregnancy Centers
The Mennonite Church
The Catholic Church—Hospitals,
Catholic Social Services

Point Number Three: A Call to Anti-Abortion Advocates

To Adopt a "Consistent Ethic of Life" – whole life care—"a culture of life"

Concerning abortion: "Instead of thinking of a pregnant woman and her fetus as adversaries battling over exclusive rights, the right of a woman to control her body versus the right of a fetus to live long enough to control hers, a consistent ethic of life would view both persons as valuable and important and would seek to provide all the support both need to live and to live well."



- (1) Maintain Our Unity Through Mutual Honor
- (2) Leave Our Differences At The Door
- (3) Get to Work Being Thoroughly Pro-Jesus/Pro-Life in All of Life

Quote from Randy Alcorn: Pro-Life or Pro-Choice? – "whole life care"