

### **Prayer List**

Cyndie, Nichole & Lauren  
Wallace  
Sheila  
Ophelia  
Josh  
Daniel  
Olene

### **Services:**

#### **Sunday**

Bible Class 9:00 a.m.  
Assembly 9:50 a.m.  
Assembly 6:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday**

Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

# *Pinole Tidings*

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### **This Week's Question:**

What book mentions the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley?

### **Answer To Last Week's Question:**

Abraham - Genesis 18:1

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## **"He Will Reign"**

**By Jon W. Quinn**

The angel announced to Mary that a son would be born by her and that she was to call His name "Jesus." The angel continued to explain, "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 1:32,33). Jesus was to fulfill the many Messianic prophecies of the previous centuries. With the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the king entered the world and would return to heaven only when His mission was accomplished and the prophecies were all fulfilled.

John taught that the "kingdom of heaven is at hand" as he prepared the way for the Lord. As Jesus began His ministry He announced the same thing (Matt. 3:1,2; 4:17,23).

Jesus told His disciples that "some of those standing here shall not taste of death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power." (Mark 9:1). There can be no mistake about it - Jesus planned to begin His rule over His kingdom in the first century during the lifetimes of those that stood with Him. Jesus told Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world." (John 18:36). His kingdom is spiritual and He reigns over it today. It is present, and it is eternal. The King will come again one day to take His people home.

The Holy Spirit affirms in the New Testament that the kingdom prophecies of the Old Testament have been fulfilled in Jesus (Acts 3:24). Jesus reigns today over His spiritual kingdom. He has sat down at God's right hand and all authority has been given to Him in heaven and on earth.

Following the ascension of Jesus, the apostles and preachers of the gospel went about preaching and teaching "the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ" (Acts 8:12). The phrase "kingdom of God" refers to the authority and reign of Jesus in the hearts of faithful men and women today.

The Bible says, "For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the

kingdom of His beloved Son." (Col. 1:13). With our citizenship in His kingdom come both privileges and responsibilities. It is "a kingdom which cannot be shaken" though many have tried (Heb. 12:28). The last book of the Bible says, "He has made us to be a kingdom" (Rev. 1:6) and that at the end of time Jesus will "deliver up the kingdom to the God and Father" after He has defeated the last enemy... death itself (1 Cor. 15:24-26). King Jesus is coming again and eternal victory belong to His people. From Expository Files 13.8; August 2006

### **Revelation 11:15 (NASB)**

Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."