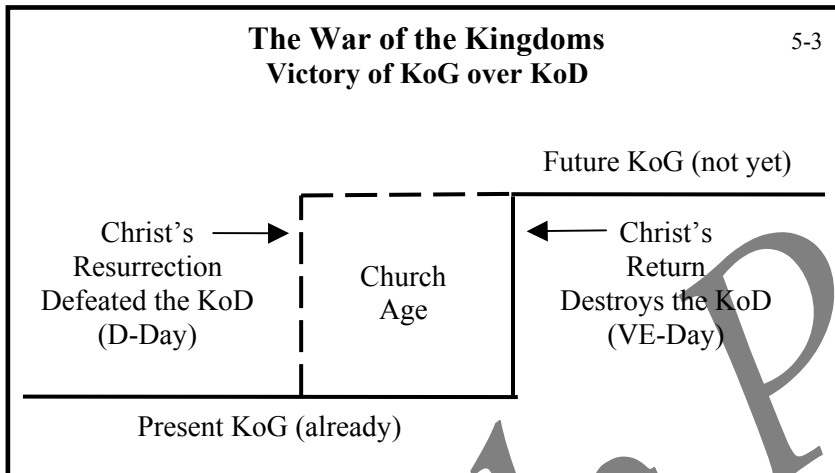


2. The victory of the Kingdom of God.



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a. The kingdoms remain constantly at war.

- Since Satan's rebellion, the two kingdoms remain at war with Satan seeking to destroy the KoG (Jn 10:10).
- Satan is the "ruler of the kingdom of the air" (Eph 2:2), and he uses his evil influence in the battle for souls.
- God prophesied His counterattack plan to Satan after he deceived Adam & Eve: *he [the coming Messiah] will crush your head, and you will strike his heel* (Gen 3:15).

b. Christ's resurrection defeated the Kingdom of Darkness.

- The turning point of the war was the arrival of Christ on earth. The KoG had invaded the KoD. God sent his Son to gain back authority over the earth (Lk 17:20-21).
- The death and resurrection of Christ defeated the KoD. Jesus took away the power of sin and death, and stripped Satan of his authority over humankind (1Co 15:55-57).
- With Satan defeated, God's power is available to believers in this age (Eph 1:18-23).
- Although Satan was defeated at the cross, he is not yet destroyed (similar to the D-Day invasion of WW II).

Remind your group that the D-Day invasion of WWII was the decisive moment that defeated the enemy. However, the enemy kept fighting for another year and many lives were lost during that period.

c. Christ's return will destroy the Kingdom of Darkness.

- When Christ returns, Satan will be judged, cast into the lake of fire, and destroyed (Rev 20:1-15, 2Pe 4, Jude 6).
- This is similar to VE-Day of World War II, when the enemy was destroyed and surrendered completely.

← VE-Day of WWII was when the enemy completely surrendered.