



ADVENT

HOPE

PEACE

JOY

LOVE

³ You have enlarged the nation
and increased their **joy**;
they **rejoice** before you
as people **rejoice** at the harvest,
as warriors **rejoice** (lit. "as they rejoice")
when dividing the plunder.

Isaiah 9:3

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his **joy** went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Matthew 13:44

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news **that will cause great joy for all the**

people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:8-12

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The providence which has ordered the whole of our life, showing concern and zeal, has ordained the most perfect consummation for human life by giving to it Augustus, by filling him with virtue for doing the work of a benefactor among men, and by sending in him, ...



...as it were, a **savior (sōtēr)** for us and those who come after us, to make war to cease, to create order everywhere...; the birthday of the god [Augustus] was the beginning of the world of the **good news (euaggelion)** that have come to men through him....

Priene Inscription, 9 BC.

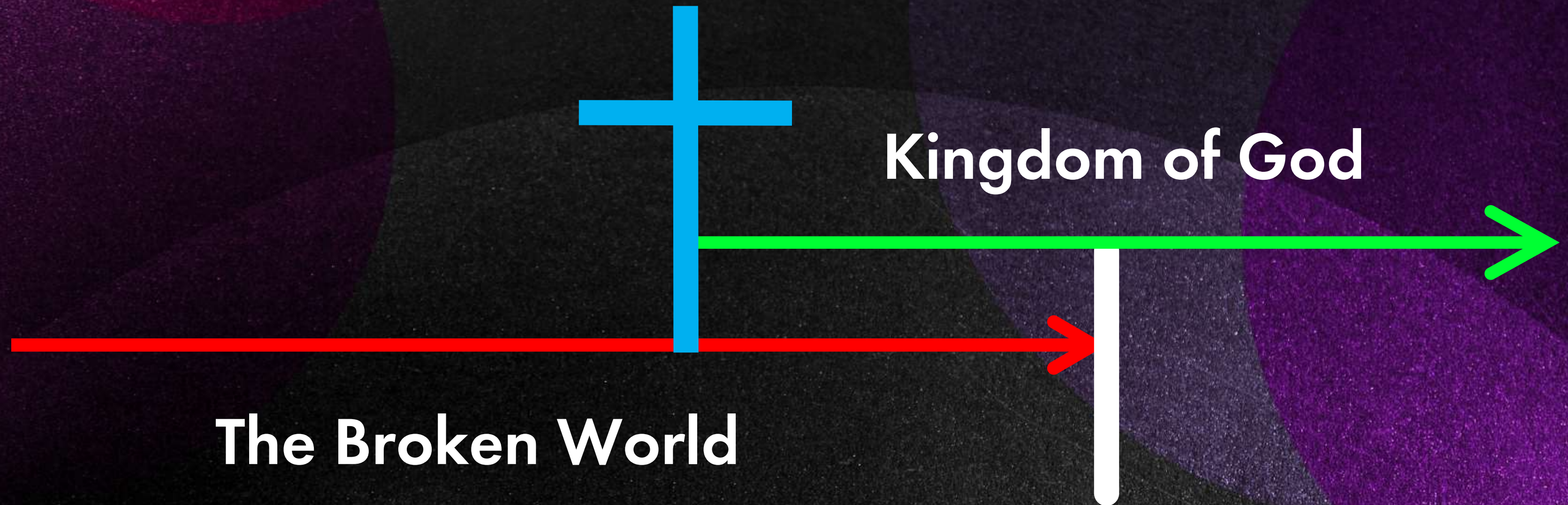


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The Now and the Not Yet



¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror;
then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part;
then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

1 Corinthians 13:12



sorrowful, yet always rejoicing

2 Corinthians 6:10a