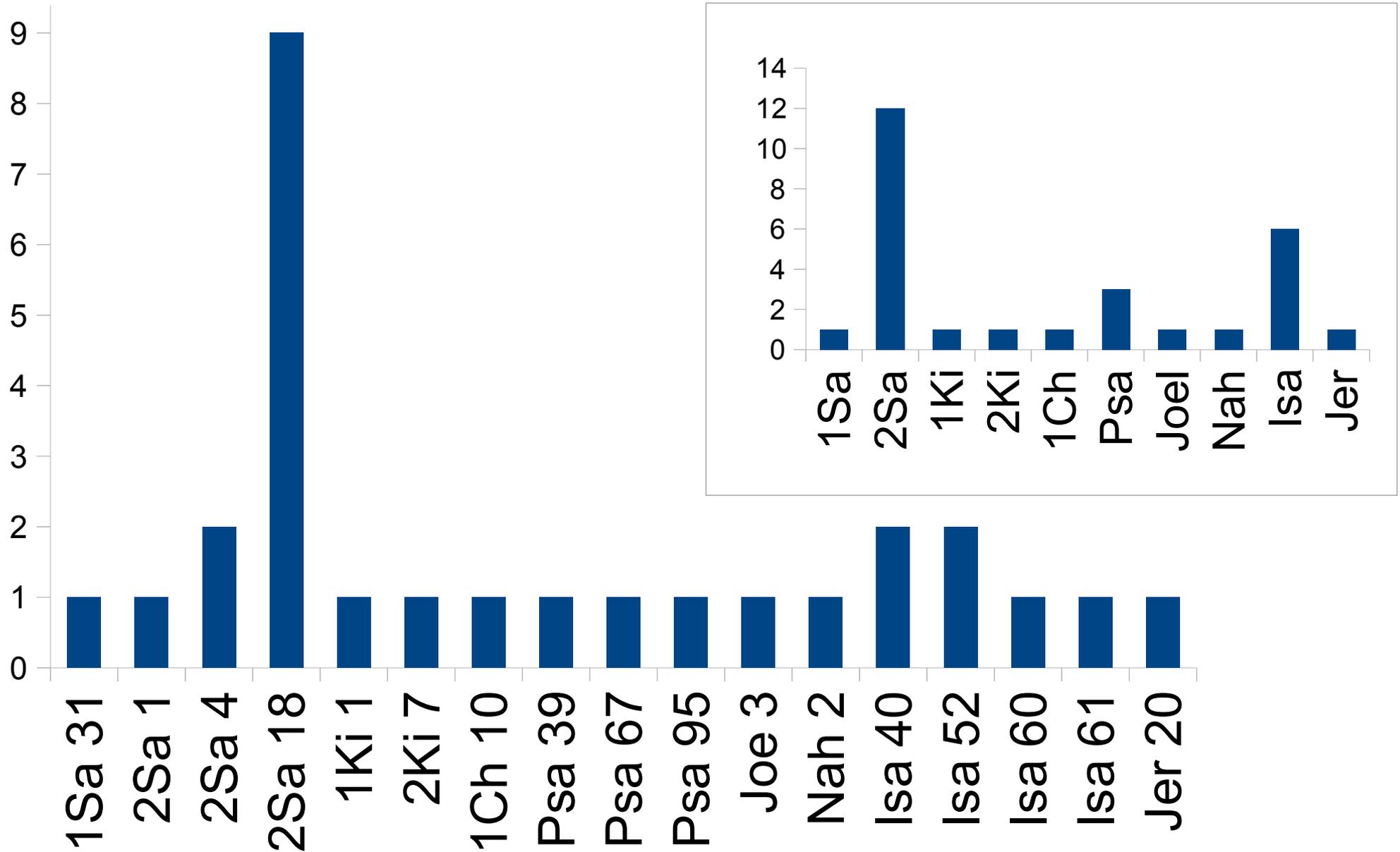


Treasure Hunt

- What does “usurper” mean?
- What does “good news” usually mean in the Old Testament?
- What Usurper does our Lord have in mind when he preaches “the gospel of the kingdom”?
- What is the relation between our Lord’s gospel and the one we preach?
- What is the difference between “the gospel of the kingdom” and “the gospel of the grace of God”?

“Gospel” ευαγγελια and “Evangelize” ευαγγελιζω in the OT



“Gospel” ευαγγελια and “Evangelize” ευαγγελιζω in 2 Sam 18

2 Sam 18:19 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and **bear** the king **tidings**, how that **the LORD hath avenged him of his enemies**. 20 And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear **tidings** this day, but thou shalt **bear tidings** another day: but this day thou shalt **bear** no **tidings**, because the king's son is dead. 21 Then said Joab to Cush, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cush bowed himself unto Joab, and ran. 22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cush. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no **tidings** ready? 23 But howsoever, *said he*, let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cush. 24 And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone. 25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he *be* alone, *there is* **tidings** in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near. 26 And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold *another* man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth **tidings**. 27 And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He *is* a good man, and cometh with good **tidings**. 28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, **Blessed be the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king**. 29 And the king said, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and *me* thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what *it was*. 30 And the king said *unto him*, Turn aside, *and* stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still. 31 And, behold, Cush came; and Cush said, **Tidings**, my lord the king: for **the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee**.

Other OT Instances of “Gospel” εὐαγγελία and “Evangelize” εὐαγγελίζω

Death of Saul

- Celebrated by Philistines: 1 Sam 31:9 = 1 Chr 10:9/ 2 Sam 1:20
- Unexpectedly not celebrated by David: 2 Sam 4:10

Adonijah expecting that his grab for the kingdom is successful: 1 Ki 1:42

Lepers on discovering that the Syrians have lifted the seige of Samaria: 2 Ki 7:9

David, summary of deliverances: Ps 40:9

Women declaring victories in battle: Ps 68:11

Declaration of God’s rule over all the earth: Ps 95:2, Joel 2:32

Announcement of the destruction of Nineveh: Nah 2:1
(Birth of a son: Jer 20:15)

“Evangelize” in Isaiah

The Jewish Mission

40:9 O Zion, that **bringest good tidings**, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that **bringest good tidings**, lift up thy voice with strength; lift *it* up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

The Gentiles

60:6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall **shew forth** the praises of the LORD [LXX “**tell the good news** of the salvation of the Lord”].

A single individual

52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that **bringeth good tidings**, that publisheth peace; that **bringeth good tidings** of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to **preach good tidings** unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

Gospel as Removal of the Usurper

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; **it shall bruise thy head**, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Mat 12:28-29 But if I **cast out devils** by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. 29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first **bind the strong man?** and then he will spoil his house.

Joh 12:31-33 Now is the judgment of this world: **now shall the prince of this world be cast out.**

Col 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, **triumphing over them in it.**

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might **destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**

The Kingdom of God in the Apostolic Message

Mat 24:14 And **this gospel of the kingdom** shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Act 8:12 But when they believed Philip **preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God**, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, ...

Act 14:21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, 22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that **we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.**

Act 19:8 And [Paul] went into the synagogue [in Ephesus], and spake boldly for the space of three months, **disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.**

Act 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify **the gospel of the grace of God.** 25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone **preaching the kingdom of God**, shall see my face no more.

Act 28:23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into *his* lodging; to whom he **expounded and testified the kingdom of God**, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and *out of* the prophets, ...

Act 28:30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, 31 **Preaching the kingdom of God**, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

The Kingdom of God in 1 Cor 15

How God saves us:

1Co 15:1-4 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that **he rose again the third day** according to the scriptures:

What this salvation entails:

1Co 15:24 Then *cometh* the end, **when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God**, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 **For he must reign**, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit **the kingdom of God**; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

The Gospel of X

The Gospel of ...	# times	Emphasis
Christ, Jesus Christ	14	Messenger
God	8	Source
The Kingdom	4	Content
Circumcision, uncircumcision	2	Audience
Peace	2	Effect ← Isa 52:7
Grace of God	1	cf. Source
Your Salvation	1	cf. Effect