

The Kingdom of God

A brief overview

Jesus begins by teaching the Kingdom

- ◆ 'Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'" ' Mark 1:14-15 ESV
- ◆ IT IS VERY GOOD NEWS!

What is the Kingdom of God?

- ◆ ' Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in my wrath I struck you, but in my favor I have had mercy on you. Your gates shall be open continually; day and night they shall not be shut, that people may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings led in procession. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste. ' Isaiah 60:10-12

What is the Kingdom of God?

- ◆ ' The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will make the place of my feet glorious. The sons of those who afflicted you shall come bending low to you, and all who despised you shall bow down at your feet; they shall call you the City of the Lord , the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you majestic forever, a joy from age to age. ' Isaiah 60:13-15

What is the Kingdom of God?

- ◆ 'He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ' Luke 1:32-33
- ◆ 'Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.
'Revelation 20:6

What is the Kingdom of God?

- ◆ 'Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.' 1 Corinthians 15:24-25

Telescoping Prophecy

One prophetic section of scripture
may cover events in several
different time periods



Jesus ends by teaching the Kingdom

- ◆ 'He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.' Acts 1:3 ESV

Paul preached the Kingdom of God

- ◆ 'strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.' Acts 14:22 ESV
- ◆ He is saying this happens in the future.
- ◆ It is not the Church now.

Paul ends with the Kingdom of God

- ◆ At the end of Paul's life and ministry, he is preaching and teaching the kingdom of God.
- ◆ That is different than teaching and preaching about the Church, which Paul also did.
- ◆ 'He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.' Acts 28:30-31

Paul ends with the Kingdom of God

- ◆ 'I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

2 Timothy 4:1-2

- ◆ The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. '2

Timothy 4:18

The Church is not the Kingdom

- ◆ The Church is now, the Kingdom is when the King returns
- ◆ Members in the Body of Christ will be in the Kingdom
- ◆ We will be in our new bodies reigning with Jesus Christ
- ◆ There will still be mortal humans, both Jews and Gentiles

Kingdom Blessings NT

- ◆ The Lord Jesus gathers (raptures) the Church
- ◆ Jesus Christ returns in glory
- ◆ He conquers antichrist
- ◆ Devil imprisoned for 1,000 years
- ◆ Believers have new immortal bodies like him and reign with him and no sin nature
- ◆ Earth is restored and blessed

Kingdom Blessings OT

- ◆ Messiah reigns as king on earth from Mt. Zion
- ◆ Brings righteousness and peace
- ◆ All the people Israel will be regathered to the land of Israel.
Ezek. 34:12-13, 39:23-28
- ◆ Many mortal humans, both Jews and Gentiles survive the final seven years.

Kingdom Blessings OT

- ◆ Israel's sins will be forgiven. Ezek 36:25
- ◆ All Israel will have the Spirit of God. Ezek 36:27, Crops will be very abundant. Ezek. 34:29
- ◆ No more enemies attacking Israel. Zech 14:9-11, Ezek 34:28,
- ◆ Leaders from Gentile nations will bring tribute to the king. Isa. 60
- ◆ People from all over will come to Jerusalem to worship. Isa. 60-62
Zech. 14:16-19

Transferred into but not “entered”

- ◆ 'giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ' Colossians 1:12-13 ESV
- ◆ We will be in it when it comes, but it is not here yet.
- ◆ Now we are heirs, emissaries and preachers of the Kingdom

Worthy of the Kingdom

- ◆ 'we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ' 1 Thessalonians 2:12
- ◆ 'Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring. This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— ' 2 Thessalonians 1:4-5

The Kingdom of God Restores

- ◆ Restores the Nation of Israel to the blessed state God promised
- ◆ Takes away sin and its curse
- ◆ Takes away the devil
- ◆ No separation between God and man
- ◆ Restores the dominion over creation to man as God's under-ruler

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