

# **CK1 The Coming Kingdom**

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## **I. Introduction**

### **1. The Kingdom of God is a central theme throughout the Bible from beginning to end**

- **The Kingdom of God is the rule, the reign, the government of God:**
  - In **this age** in the hearts and lives of those that yield to Christ
  - In the **next age** over all the world

### **2. God's reign is manifested in the present and also in the future**

- It means there is both a present realm and a future realm where we can encounter and experience the blessings of His reign
- The Kingdom of God, although it seems insignificant at this time, it is a reality that is destined to fill and dominate the whole earth
- All of History is moving towards this great event

### **3. God's Eternal Purpose has always been that His Kingdom and rule would be extended in the earth through man**

- *Gen 1:28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*
  - **The Dominion Mandate**
  - **The Fruitfulness Mandate**
- *Psa 8:4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?*
- *Psa 8:5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.*
- *Psa 8:6 You have **made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands**; You have put all things under his feet,*
  - **Man is created for Dominion and to carry the glory of God**
  - **Man was created to be in relationship with God as a son and extend His Kingdom**

## **II. What do we mean Kingdom of God?**

### **1. There is much confusion about what is meant by The Kingdom of God**

- For some it is an inward power
- For some it is totally future
- For some it is the Church
- For some it is the mission to win the world to Christ
- For some it is the ideal pattern for society and solving its social problems

## **2. What is The Kingdom of God?**

- *Kingdom....basileia....the right or authority to rule, royal power, dominion, a territory subject to a King*
- **Definition of Kingdom:**
  - **The primary meaning of Kingdom is the Rule of a King**
  - The rank sovereignty and authority exercises by a King. The rule of a King (Ezra8:1)
    - *Psa 103:19 The LORD has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all.*
    - *Luk 19:12 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.*
    - The nobleman needed authority, the right to rule. He went to get a Kingdom..right to rule, Kingly power
  - **It can also refer to a realm over which a King rules and exercise authority**
    - *Psa 145:13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.*
  - **It can also refer to a people belonging to the realm of a King**
  - *Exo 19:6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."*
- **When we receive the Kingdom we receive God's Rule in our lives**
  - To enter the future realm of the Kingdom we must receive the Rule of Christ now
  - We are to make this our priority and our pursuit
    - *Mat 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

## **3. The Message of the Kingdom of God**

- The message of the Kingdom of God is throughout the Bible
- **John preached The Kingdom**
  - *Mat 3:1 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,*
  - *Mat 3:2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"*
- **Jesus preached The Kingdom**
  - *Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*
- **The Apostles preached The Kingdom**
  - *Act 8:12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.*

### III. The Invisible Kingdom: The Kingdom Now

#### 1. Jesus Spoke of the Kingdom in Two ways

- Kingdom **Now**... invisible
- Kingdom **Yet to Come** ... tangible physical in great glory whole earth

#### 2. The Kingdom of God is an invisible Kingdom accessible Now

- **The Kingdom is experienced by Faith in the King**
- Col 1:13 *He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,*
  - The Kingdom of God is a realm which we enter when we become believers
  - *Delivered.....to rescue , to set free from slavery or bondage to spiritual powers*
  - *Conveyed....to transfer, remove from one place to another, to change our situation*
  - *We have been legally set free from the demonic kingdom and become part of the Kingdom of God*
- **The Kingdom is a New Government and Citizenship**
- Php 3:20 *For our **citizenship** is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,*
  - *Citizenship.....politeuma...belonging to a new form of government and community*
  - Citizen....one who enjoys the privileges and freedoms of a city, a person whose legal status and allegiance is to a government
  - We are citizens of the Kingdom Now, and yet we await the coming of our King and the establishment of His Kingdom
  - Those who receive the message of Christ are those who enter His Kingdom now
  - Luk 16:16 *"The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.*
- **The Kingdom cannot be seen with the eyes**
  - Luk 17:20 *Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does **not come with observation;***
  - Luk 17:21 *nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."*
    - The Pharisees were set on a coming future Kingdom
    - Jesus told them the Kingdom of God is already present in the midst of men
    - An inner transformation is essential to accessing the coming future Kingdom

- **The Kingdom brings Inner Transformation**
- *Rom.14: 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*
  - Righteous , peace and joy are internal spiritual realities that can be experienced
  - Jesus is the Prince(Ruler) of Peace (Is.9:6)
  - The Kingdom is available now as an invisible Kingdom that is established in the hearts of men
  - The Holy Spirit manifests the fruit of the Kingdom nature when we yield to His rule in our lives
- **The Message of the Kingdom is like a Seed**

Mat 13:18 "Therefore hear the parable of the sower:

Mat 13:19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

Mat 13:20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

Mat 13:21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

Mat 13:22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

Mat 13:23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

  - The Message or Word of the Kingdom enters the heart like a seed that brings forth fruit
  - Seeds are small but produce a harvest of fruit
  - There is contention over this message of the Kingdom..the rule of Christ The condition of our heart determines if we produce fruit or not , and how much

### 3. The Kingdom of God comes upon Men in Power Now

- Mat 12:28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, **surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.**
  - Deliverance is a demonstration of the reality and power of the kingdom of God
  - Deliverance demonstrates the superior power of the Kingdom of God over the kingdom of Satan
  - The message of the invisible Kingdom of God is confirmed by the *power of God*
- 1Co 4:20 For the kingdom of God is **not in word but in power.**
  - Paul made it clear that the Kingdom of God is just not a message but a message with power

- Power....dynamis....supernatural power originating from an invisible but real Kingdom
- 1Co 2:4 *And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in **demonstration of the Spirit and of power**,*  
1Co 2:5 *that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*
  - Paul again emphasises the importance of the power of the Kingdom of God in bringing change
  - The Message of the Kingdom is accompanied by demonstrations of power
- Mat 10:7 *And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'*  
Mat 10:8 *Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.*
  - Jesus commanded His disciples to preach of the Kingdom of God
  - He also commanded them to demonstrate its present reality and power by miracles

### III. The Coming Kingdom: Yet to Come

#### **1. The Kingdom of God will come in a tangible physical way**

- Mat 16:27 *For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.*  
Mat 16:28 *Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."*
  - Jesus is referring to the coming of the Kingdom as a future event
  - The coming of the Kingdom will be with great power and glory Jesus then goes on to reveal to three disciples His coming in a resurrected body when He is transfigured before them on the mount
  - 2Pe 1:16 *For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the **power and coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were **eyewitnesses of His majesty**.*
- Mat 25:34 *Then the King **will say** to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*
  - This is referring to a future event the judgment of the nations at the return of Christ
  - The Kingdom is presented as a future inheritance at the second coming of Christ
- 2Pe 1:10 *Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;*  
2Pe 1:11 *for so an **entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*
  - Peter describes the Kingdom as a future realm which is the focus of our calling in Christ

- Peter is referring to a future event closely connected to the coming of Christ Peter warns believers to live in such a way that they make this calling to the Kingdom sure
- **Mat 8:11 And I say to you that many *will come from east and west, and sit down* with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.**
  - Jesus is speaking of a future event, the coming of His Kingdom in power
- **Heb 2:8 YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But *now we do not yet see all things put under him.***  
**Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.**
  - Christ has defeated sin and death and Satan by His work on the cross
  - Legally all things have been made subject to Jesus. He has the **legal Right to Rule**
  - **However, we do not see this in practice in the world yet**
  - He will exercise this right to rule **in the future** when He returns in Power and Glory

## 2. **Confusion exists over the Meaning of The Kingdom**

- Many believers are confused regarding the Kingdom
  - Some passages refer to the Kingdom as God's rule or reign
  - Some passages refer to the Kingdom as a realm we can enter and experience the blessing of His reign **now**
  - Some passages refer to the kingdom as a **future realm** that will only come with the return of Jesus Christ
- Different scriptures reveal different facets of the Kingdom of God When we pray Your Kingdom come we are also asking that God's will be done here and now today

## IV. **The Coming Kingdom will be Visible and Tangible and Global**

### 1. **Daniel's Vision of The Coming Kingdom**

- **Dan 7:9 "I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;**
- **Dan 7:10 A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. **The court was seated,** And the books were opened.**
- **Dan 7:13 "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the **Ancient of Days,** And they brought Him near before Him.**
- **Dan 7:14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an**

*everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.*

- **The Ancient of Days** refers to Father who is seated upon His throne surrounded by the hosts of heaven
- **The Son of Man is Jesus Christ** Himself
- The scene is that of a court setting.. *"thrones were put in place, the court was seated*
- God the Father is administering His Kingdom through Law that is adjudicated in a court
- Jesus is given the right to rule the Kingdom....dominion, power and glory
- It is a real physical Kingdom...All people nations and languages

## **2. Daniels' Vision of the Rock**

- *Dan 2:31 "You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome.  
Dan 2:32 This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze,  
Dan 2:33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.  
Dan 2:34 You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.  
Dan 2:35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.  
Dan 2:36 "This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.  
Dan 2:37 You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;*
- *Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.  
Dan 2:45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."*
- **Daniel interprets the dream given by God to the King of Babylon**
- **The Vision:**
  - The King sees four different successive Kingdoms arise into power
  - Each Kingdom represents both a natural and spiritual Kingdom
  - Religion, Economics, education/culture, Politics/military

- **The Rock**
  - The *rock without hands* signifies divine origin
  - That rock represents the Kingdom of God coming in great irresistible power
  - The rock struck the image and shattered the whole image into pieces
  - The Kingdom of God shall shatter all earthly and spiritual Kingdoms
- **The Mountain**
  - The Mountain that grew from the rock is the Kingdom of God
  - The Kingdom of God will shatter all other Kingdoms by force
  - The Kingdom of God never be destroyed. It will stand forever
  - The Kingdom of God will fill the whole earth
  - Jesus will literally reign as King over all the earth
- **The Latter Days**
  - *Dan 2:28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the **latter days**.*
  - *Dan 2:45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has **made known to the king what will come to pass after this**. The **dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure**."*
  - The vision will be fulfilled in the End Times

## V. Other References to God's Global Kingdom (God's Great Reset)

### 1. Jesus shall be King over all the earth

- *Psa 89:27 Also I will make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth.*
- *Zec 14:9 And the **LORD shall be King over all the earth**. In that day it shall be "The LORD is one," And His name one.*
- *Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and **the ruler over the kings of the earth**. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,*

### 2. Jesus will come to replace all current rulers

- *Isa 24:21 It shall come to pass in that day That the LORD will punish on high the host of exalted ones, And on the earth the kings of the earth.*

### 3. Kings and Nations shall Fear The Lord

- *Psa 102:15 So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD, And all the kings of the earth Your glory.*
- *Psa 102:16 For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory.*

### 4. Nations will come to Worship The Lord

- *Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.*



- *Isa 2:2* Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; **And all nations shall flow to it.**
- *Isa 2:3* Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

#### 5. Jesus will Judge all nations

- *Isa 2:4* He shall judge **between the nations**, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

#### 6. The whole earth will experience the reality of the Kingdom

- *Num 14:21* but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD
- *Hab 2:14* For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea.

#### 7. The Forerunner was King Solomon

- *1Ki 10:23* So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.
- *1Ki 10:24* Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.
- *1Ki 10:25* Each man brought his present: articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year.

#### 8. The Kingdom of God Comes in Stages

- **The Stages**
  - **The First Coming of Jesus**
  - **The Second Coming of Jesus**
  - **The End of the Millennium and Beginning of the Eternal Age**
- **The Defeat of Satan also takes place in stages**