

The Kingdom Is His Plan Philippines

Jesus First Message

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" Mat 4:17

KINGDOM DEFINED

Let's take a look at defining Kingdom

- OT word for kingdom - *mamlakah* = kingdom, dominion, reign, sovereignty
- NT word for kingdom - *basileia* = (Thayer's) royal power, kingship, dominion, rule
 - the right or authority to rule over a kingdom
 - not to be confused with an actual kingdom

From both these words we can grasp that kingdom is:

- Not necessarily a physical or specific location.
- But is **dominion, reign** or rule,
- **It is the right or authority to rule**

PROPHECY OF THE KINGDOM

- *"Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations" (Psalms 145:13).*
- *Dan 4:3 How great [are] his signs! and how mighty [are] his wonders! his kingdom [is] an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion [is] from generation to generation.*
- *Dan 7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion [is] an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom [that] which shall not be destroyed.*
- *"he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:32-33).*

Prophecy more specific for us today

Dan 7: 18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

- *22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. ...*
- *27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom [is] an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.*
- Will get to this a little later

There is a definite word from God that the saints will possess the Kingdom!

JESUS FIRST MESSAGE A TIMELINE

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Mk 1:15 ESV

- "the time is fulfilled" original language is one word - *karios*

Jesus was stating:

- The fixed and appointed, definite time has arrived!
- the specific time for Kingdom manifestation was now!
- the dominion, rule, reign or power of God is here!

REVELATION OF THE KINGDOM

If there was an appointed time or moment for the Kingdom as Jesus said

There must have been a timeline in god's plan.

The Kingdom Established

Gen 1:26, 28 ESV Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ... 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

God created Adam in a special way for a unique purpose
he was given rule or dominion over creation
Through Adam, God planned to manifest himself

The Kingdom In Abraham

God's next manifestation of His kingdom (rule, reign) was to be with Abraham as his representative

Abraham

As father of the Nation of Israel, Abraham was given a ruling, dominion mandate to influence creation

Principles of this "dominion mandate" originally given to Adam is renewed with Abram (now called Abraham):

- *And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing (Gen 12:2)*
- *Gen 17:3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,*

4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a **father of many nations**. 5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. 6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will **make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee**.

After delivering them from Egypt, through Moses God reveals his purpose for them:

- “And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation” (Exodus 19:6).
- For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee **to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth**. (Deu 7:6).

Lord intended Israel to be a separate people as an example

- I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, **for a light of the Gentiles**; Isa 42:6
- **And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising**. Isa 60:3

NEW TESTAMENT MANIFESTATION OF KINGDOM

Jesus Ushered In The Kingdom

Jesus steps on the scene as the ultimate manifestation of God and his rule

- Jesus came preaching and teaching the Kingdom
- He demonstrated the power of the Kingdom
- *Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people” (Matthew 4:23).*

His miraculous demonstration was to prove something greater than the religious system of the Jews.

- “if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you” (Matthew 12:28).
 - Declaration that the miracles performed were proof of the Kingdom.
 - He sent disciples to preach the kingdom
 - *Mat 10:7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand*

THE KINGDOM AND HIS CHURCH

Jesus used the Parable of the Tenants (Matthew 21:33-42) to illustrate Israel’s rejection of himself and the Kingdom.

- “The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof” (Matthew 21:43).
 - The dominion, reing, right to rule would be taken from Israel and given to another group!

Peter Discusses the church and the Kingdom

- “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9 ESV).
- Note similarities in verbiage used by Peter and God’s calling of Israel in Exodus 19:5-6 when he called them to Kingdom manifestation.

It is now God’s intent that through Jesus Christ, the church is the vehicle of Kingdom demonstration.

Just like Adam, Abraham, Israel - He intends you and I to demonstrate His authority or reign

And The church – The born-again believer is to be the representative of Jesus Christ, demonstrating His power and authority!

The Kingdom And Us!

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- 27 *And the **kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High,***

We are presently receiving a kingdom - Heb 12:28

- *Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:*
- *Lk 12:31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.*
- *32: Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

Church Today

- Church = the corporate spiritual body, established by the Gospel of the Kingdom
- It is how the good news of the Kingdom is to be extended
- Those born again should provide a scale model of life in the kingdom of God – kingdom lifestyle.
- It is now God's intent that through Jesus Christ, the church is the vehicle of Kingdom demonstration.
- As born again believers, we are the representatives of the King and His kingdom.
- Next session talk about the power that comes with being his representative