

The Kingdom of God

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1 The Sovereign Universal Dominion of God

(*Kingdom* - Psalm 103:19; 105:11,13; Daniel 3:33; Psalm 22:29; Obadiah 21)
 (*King* - Exodus 15:18; Psalm 10:16; 24:7-10; 44:5; 47:3; Isaiah 6:5; 33:22; 43:15; Jeremiah 10:7)

2 God's gracious reign in Christ over a fallen world

The Fall of Humanity (Gen. 3)

Paradise lost

The kingdom anticipated
 Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 110

The Nation of Israel

1. The Dominion of God demonstrated over Israel and the nations (Ex. 15:18; 1 Kings 22:19)
2. Israel's *Theocracy* was a blueprint for the reign of Christ. Israel's history was prophetic history - it became the primary means through which the Messiah was revealed and through which the gentiles would receive the gospel; the message of the Kingdom (Romans 3:2)

The establishment of Christ's kingdom coincided with the decline of the nation of Israel and the rise of the gentile nations. Christ, against all human odds, will rise out of a "dry ground" and conquer the nations (Isa. 53:2; Rev. 6:2).

3 The Reign of Christ Established

The Cross of Christ

Pentecost

The kingdom "already" here
 Mark 1:15; Luke 17:21

4 The Empire of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit makes the Kingdom known to the nations and through the Holy Spirit Christ is made king over his people (Psalm 110:3). He applies the work of Christ to the hearts of those whom the Father has given to Christ (John 6:37), He is the seal of their inheritance, (Ephesians 1:13) and He produces the fruit that grows only in the Kingdom (Galatians 5:20). In this **Trinitarian kingdom** we enjoy "the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost" (2 Cor. 13:14)

The kingdom "not yet" come
 Revelation 11:15

Paradise regained
 "A new heaven and a new earth ..." (Rev. 21:1-2)

Consummation of all things (Rev. 21:1-4)

Life

Seed of the Women

"they shall hear of thy great name" (1 Kings 8:42); "repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17); "Come unto me" (Matt. 28:11); "The Spirit and the Bride say come" (Rev. 22:17)

Seed of the Serpent

"go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it" (Jon.1:2); "For the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations" (Ob. 15); "he that believeth not the Son ... the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36)

Kingdom of Satan (and his fallen angels) (Jude 6 "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day")

Judgement

"The blackness of darkness for ever" (Jude 13)

Contempt

EVERLASTING

Daniel 12:2 Matthew 7:13-14

Lake of Fire

Revelation 20:14-15