

**THE KINGDOM OF GOD
(PART 2)**
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KINGDOM

DIFFERENT WAYS THE TERM "KINGDOM" IS USED IN THE SCRIPTURE:

1. The universal dominion of God.
Psalms 22:27-28
2. The nation of Israel. Exodus 19:5-6
- 3. The redeemed of God under the present reign of Christ. Anticipated in prophecy.
Daniel 2:44; Matthew 21: 43**
4. The redeemed of all ages who shall be with God in eternity. 2 Timothy 4:18

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✘ There are many different words which may be used with reference to the same person, each emphasizing a different relationship or function of that person, yet the words are not the same...

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Example:
A man:

- Son – relationship to his parents.
- Husband – relationship to his wife.
- Father – relationship to his children.
- Bread winner – he provides for his family.
- Teacher – relationship to his profession.

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Example:
A woman:

- Daughter – relationship to parents.
- Wife – relationship to husband.
- Mother – relationship to children.
- Homemaker – relationship to what she does.
- Secretary – relationship to her secular employment.

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Example:
The people of God:

- Kingdom – emphasizing the kind of government (monarchy not democracy). Matthew 16:18-19
- Church – relationship to the world (called out). Ephesians 5:23
- House of God – relationship to God (children). 1 Timothy 3:15
- Body of Christ – relationship to Christ and to each other (organization). Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14
- Sheepfold – Relationship to the one shepherd (unity). John 10:9, 16
- Vineyard – Place to work. (what we do). Matthew 21:23ff

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- ✘ He promised to build the church and gave unto Peter the keys of the kingdom (Matthew 16:16-20)
- ✘ When Peter used the keys of the kingdom he opened the entrance into the church. (Acts 2:38, 47)

If the church and the kingdom are not the same, when did Peter use the keys of the kingdom?

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- ✘ The Lord's table was to be in the kingdom. (Luke 22:29-30)
- ✘ Paul taught those in the church at Corinth how to eat the Lord's supper. (1 Corinthians 11:23-30; cf. 1:2)

If the church is not the kingdom, they had the Lord's supper in the wrong place.

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- ✘ All who are in the kingdom must be "*born again*." (John 3:3-5)
- ✘ Members of the church are all "*born again*." (1 Peter 1:22-25)

Therefore the kingdom and the church are the same.

IF NOT - MUST DIFFER IN RESPECT TO...

The head.

- + Christ in the king of the kingdom (Acts 17:7; Revelation 1:5).
- + He is the head of the church. (Ephesians 1:22-23)

There is no difference in leadership.

IF NOT - MUST DIFFER IN RESPECT TO...

The subjects.

- + The subjects of the kingdom must be "*born again*" (John 3:3-5)
- + All in the church have been "*born again*." (1 Peter 1:22-23)

There is no difference in means of entrance.

IF NOT - MUST DIFFER IN RESPECT TO...

The territory.

- + The territory for the kingdom is the hearts of men. (Luke 17:21; Romans 14:17)
- + The territory of the church is in the hearts of men. (Colossians 3:15; cf. Hebrews 8:10)

There is no difference as to the territory of Christ's rule.

IF NOT – MUST DIFFER IN RESPECT TO...

The Church, and the Kingdom are the same.

There is no difference in the head, the subjects, or the territory.

THE TIME OF ESTABLISHMENT**TIME OF ESTABLISHMENT – KINGDOM COMING:**

✘ **Isaiah 2:2-4**

- + In the “last days”
- + In the mountain of Jehovah...
 - ✘ a. Law to go forth from Jerusalem. cf. Luke 24:46-49
- + All nations would flow unto it
- + Swords, plowshares, nation no longer against nation.

TIME OF ESTABLISHMENT – KINGDOM COMING:

Daniel 2

Description of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. 2:31-35
Interpretation of that dream. 2:36-45

NOTE: Daniel did not outline the entire history of the world from his day until the end of time. He is dealing with the kingdoms which would exist before the time God established His kingdom.

TIME OF ESTABLISHMENT – KINGDOM COMING:

Kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar – head of gold.
Daniel 2:37-38.

Babylonian Empire fell in 536 BC

Medo-Persian Kingdom – the joining of two arms and the breast of silver.

Medo-Persian kingdom fell in 330 BC

Macedonian or Greek Empire.

This kingdom was divided among the generals in 323 BC

The Roman Empire.

This empire began about 30 - 32 BC by Octavius Caesar.

TIME OF ESTABLISHMENT – KINGDOM NEAR:

- John said, “Repent, ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” *Matthew 3:2*
- Jesus preached, “Repent, ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” *Matthew 4:17*
- The time of its establishment...
 - Made clear by Christ. Mark 1:14-15. “Time is fulfilled...”
 - Made clear by Paul. Galatians 4:4 “the fulness of time...”

TIME OF ESTABLISHMENT – KINGDOM NEAR:

- Matthew 10:5-7 The twelve taught that the kingdom was "at hand".
- Luke 10:8-9 The seventy announced "the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you."

TIME OF ESTABLISHMENT – KINGDOM NEAR:

- Matthew 6:9-10 Lord's prayer "thy kingdom come."
- Matthew 16:18 Promise of Christ "upon this rock I will build my church."
- Mark 9:1 OT prophecy to be fulfilled in that generation. Kingdom come with power.
- Luke 24:49 "Tarry ye in the city until ye be clothed with power from on high."
- Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you."
- Daniel 7:13-14 Jesus ascended to the father to receive his kingdom. (Acts 1:9-11)

TIME OF ESTABLISHMENT – KINGDOM ESTABLISHED:

- ✘ Acts 2 – Kingdom established.
 - + Christ ascended and exalted. (Acts 2:33-36)
 - + Terms of entrance preached. (Acts 2:38-39)
 - + Added to the church. (Acts 2:41, 47)

TIME OF ESTABLISHMENT – KINGDOM ESTABLISHED:

- ✘ Isaiah 2:2-4; Daniel 2:44; Joel 2:28ff – "The last days" – Fulfilled in Acts 2 "this is that" (Acts 2:16)
 - + "The Lord's house" – "added to the church" (Acts 2:47)
 - + "The word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (cf. Luke 24:47-49) – Apostles were in Jerusalem. (Acts 1:12)
 - + "All nations shall flow unto it" –
 - ✘ Jews from every nation were there. (Acts 2:5)
 - ✘ Gentiles. (Acts 15:17)

TIME OF ESTABLISHMENT – KINGDOM ESTABLISHED:

- ✘ Daniel 2:44 "In the days of these kings" – The Roman kings were in power.
- ✘ Matthew 3:1; Matthew 4:17; Matthew 10:7 all say the kingdom is "at hand." These prophecies made near 30, 31, 32 AD and were fulfilled on Pentecost 33 AD
- ✘ Jesus had promised, "I will build my church"... On the first Pentecost following the resurrection of Christ, 3,000 were added to it.

KINGDOM: IN EXISTENCE

- ✘ John was in the kingdom. (Revelation 1:9)
- ✘ The promised kingdom had been received. (Hebrews 12:28; cf. Daniel 2:44)
- ✘ Paul affirmed that God has translated us "into the kingdom of his dear son" (KJV). (Colossians 1:12-13)
- ✘ Paul taught the church at Corinth how to eat the Lord's Supper, which was to be in the kingdom. (1 Corinthians 11:23-30)

THE KINGDOM AND THE CHURCH ARE NOT SEPARATE INSTITUTIONS AFTER ALL

Note the identifying marks of each.

	KINGDOM	CHURCH
1. Beginning place & time	Isaiah 2:2-3	Acts 2:1-47
2. Territory-heart	Luke 17:20-21	Colossians 3:15;Hebrews 8:10
3. Boundary of territory	Daniel 2:44	Mark 16:15
4. Owner of institution	John 18:36	Matthew 16:18
5. Ruler over its inhabitants	1 Timothy 6:15	Ephesians 1:22-23
6. Governing law	Isaiah 2:3	Acts 2:36-47
7. Christ gave keys	Matthew 16:19	Matthew 16:18
8. Terms of entrance	John 3:5	Acts 2:38-47
9. Membership	Colossians 1:13	Colossians 1:2
10. Memorial supper set	Matthew 26:29	1 Corinthians 11:20-27
11. Glory and exaltation	Isaiah 2:2-3	Ephesians 3:21
12. Reward for faithful	Matthew 25:31-34	1 Corinthians 15:58
13. Time of deliverance	1 Corinthians 15:24	1 Thessalonians 4:16-17