

Welcome to the Kingdom

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the gospel of Jesus Christ (Mark 1:1),

the gospel of God's grace (Acts 20:24),

the gospel of God (Romans 1:1),

the glorious gospel (2 Corinthians 4:4),

the gospel of your salvation (Ephesians 1:13)

the gospel of peace (Ephesians 6:15)

this gospel of the kingdom (Matthew 24:14)

the good news of the kingdom of God (Matthew 4:23, Matthew 9:35, Mark 1:15, Luke 4:43, Luke 8:1, Luke 16:16, Acts 8:12)

¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

COLOSSIANS 1:12-14

10 intriguing facts about the Kingdom

Jesus taught His disciples to pray that His Kingdom comes - Matthew 6:10

Jesus said we should seek it first, above earthly considerations - Matthew 6:33

The kingdom of God was the subject of repentance in John and Jesus' sermons - Matthew 3:2, Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:15

your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. - Luke 12:32

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven -
Matthew 16:19

The kingdom of God belongs to such as these
(little children) - Luke 18:16

After His death He appeared to His disciples for 40 days speaking about the Kingdom - Acts 1:3

The kingdom was a great theme of Paul's preaching - Acts 19:8, Acts 20:25, Acts 28:23, Acts 28:31

The kingdom is about righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit - Romans 14:17

The kingdom is not about talk but power - 1 Cor 4:20

Pursue Understanding

The Greek word for kingdom is "basileia" and means a realm or a region governed. The word "kingdom" is made up of the noun "king", and the suffix "dom". A kingdom is the domain over which a king exercises authority and rule and includes the people within that domain.

Manage Expectation

In Hebrew thought the kingdom of God is wherever God sovereignly takes charge or rules in human affairs. God revealed Himself progressively to the Jews in two primary ways.

He revealed Himself as creator God by what are called His eloistic names because they start with El meaning the strong, mighty one or creator.

Olah – only true God,
Elyon – Most High,
Shaddai – Almighty all sufficient One,
Roi – All seeing,
Olam – everlasting,
Gibbor – Great,
Saboath – God of hosts,
Immanu-El – the God who is with us

Secondly God revealed Himself in the Yahwe or Jehovistic names. This name signifies that God is both a covenant making and covenant keeping God who has the power to save and is active in covenantal power. He was revealed as a savior / redeemer.

This name is used about 6000 times in scripture of God with a variety of compounds added to Jehovah.

Jireh – provider,

Rapha – healer,

Nissi – my banner,

Kanna – jealous,

Mekaddeskum – sanctifier,

Shalom – peace,

Shaphat – judge,

Raah – shepherd,

Tsidkenu – righteousness, Shammah – everpresent

The awe inspiring creator / redeemer had a purpose for them as a nation and as individuals.

His rule was benevolent and absolute.

Obedience to Him was not optional

Where God ruled His subjects were saved and provided for

WHAT THE JEW BELIEVED

²³ But Gideon told them, "I will not rule over you, nor will my son rule over you. The LORD will rule over you."

JUDGES 8:23

²⁰ All this took about 450 years. "After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet.

ACTS 13:20

Get our minds ready

We must be born again to see the kingdom - John
3:3

The Kingdom is in the Holy Spirit - Romans 14:17

Jesus said His Kingdom was not of this world - John
18:36

⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:50

What should I do?

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." - John 2:5

and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you - Matthew 28:20

GET TO WHERE YOU CAN HEAR THE KING'S VOICE

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." - Matthew 16:19

"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. - Matthew 18:18

PRAY WITH AUTHORITY

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