

“4-The Big Picture of the Kingdom”

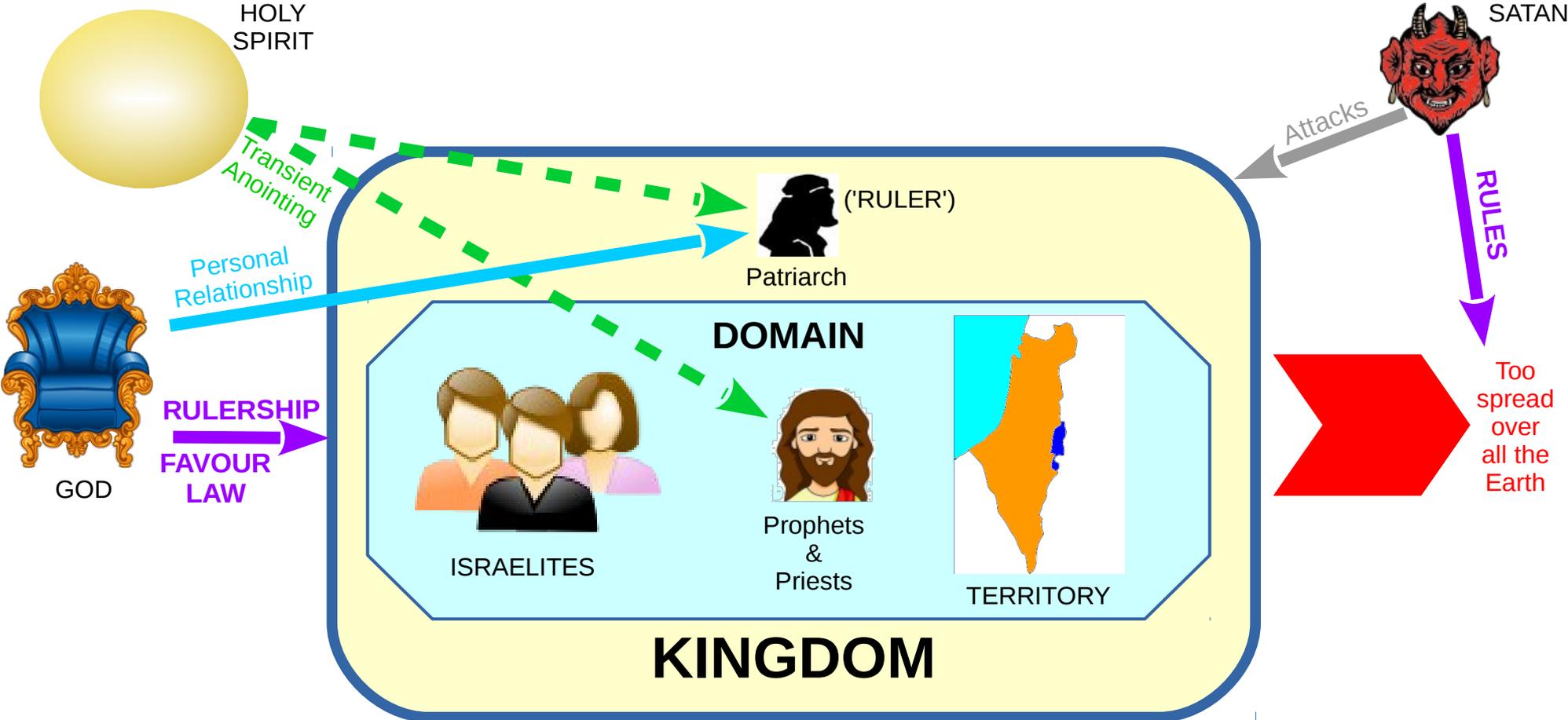
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REVISION

Israel as a proto-kingdom

The Proto-kingdom of Israel



REMINDER: The 6 things Adam lost in The Fall

- His kingship & kingdom
- His citizenship in the Kingdom of God
- The presence of God
- The Holy Spirit
- Eternal life on Earth
- Free food supply

The Things Israel Regained

- Rulership – God through a national head
- Kingdom – Small territory & a tribe
- Kingdom citizenship – Each Israelite
- The presence of God – Appropriate occasionally
- The Holy Spirit – Occasionally when needed
- Free food supply – $\frac{1}{2}$ (Blessing to greatly prosper)



Specific Instances

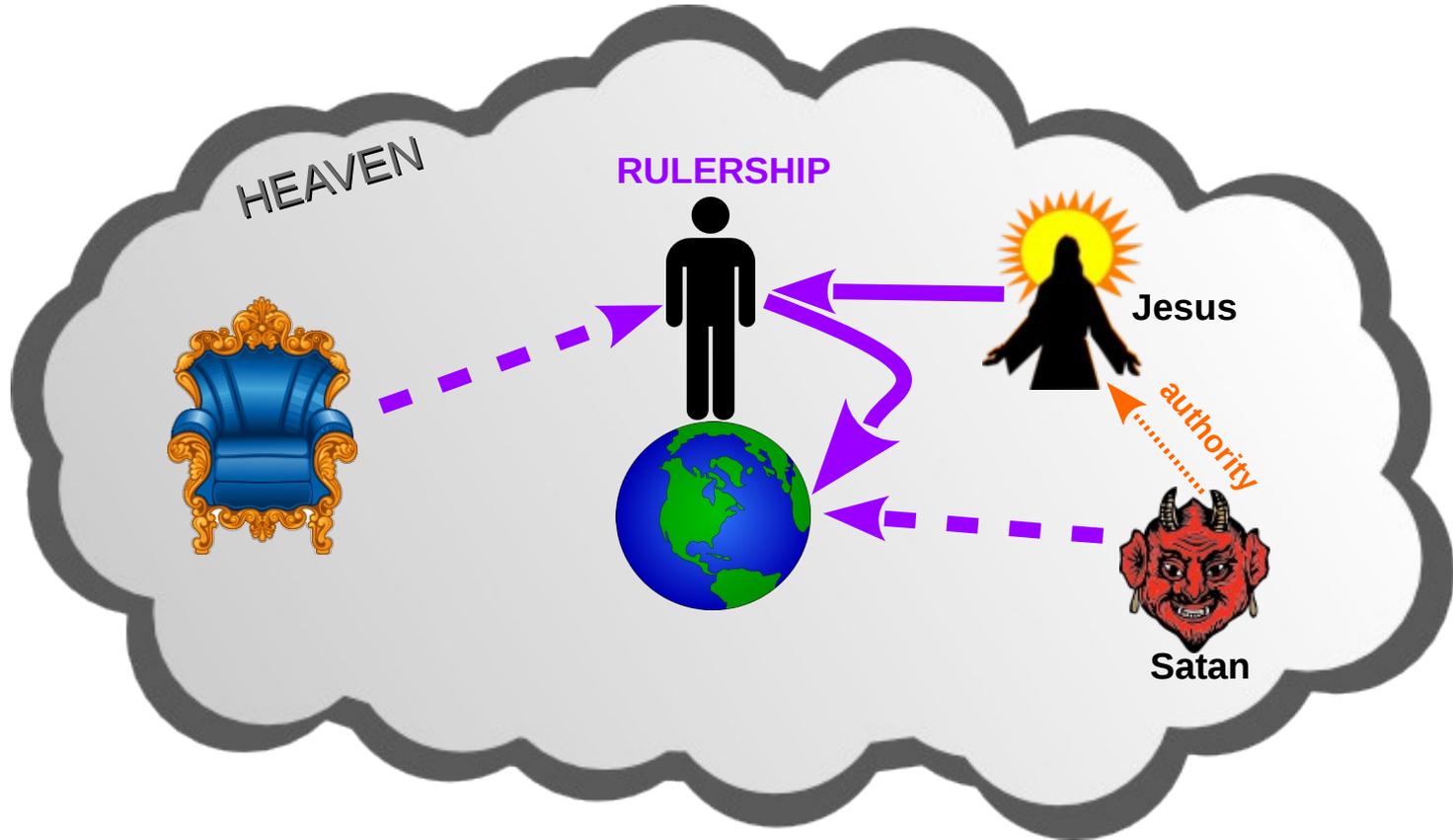
- **Personal relationship with God** – David, Moses, Joshua, Samuel (Rejected by the Israelite people)
- **Holy Spirit anointing** – Saul, David, prophets, priests, priestly musicians





**The Kingdom
Re-introduced**

The Kingdom Re-introduced



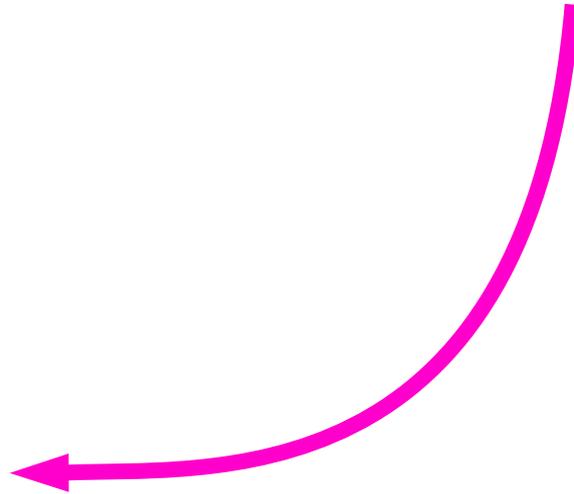
(1) The Kingdom Came

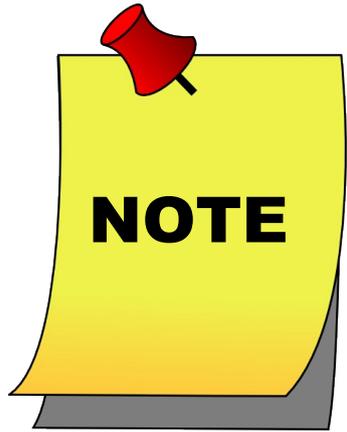
PROPHECY



Daniel's statue

A stone (*the Messiah*) from the mountain of God (*God's presence*) will destroy the kingdoms of the Earth and set up the Kingdom of God that would fill the whole Earth





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**That Kingdom
is already here**

It began in ≈ 0AD:

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“In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, 'Repent, for **the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!**'”

Matthew 3:1-2 (NKJV)



Jesus reiterated the MAIN message:

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“Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and **the Kingdom of God is at hand**. Repent, and believe in the gospel.’”

NU-Text omits
this phrase



Mark 1:14-15 (NKJV)



Explanation:

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'At hand' (*eggizō*): to join one thing to another, to make or bring near, to approach, to be at hand, to come or draw near, to be nigh.

There are so many differences in the use of this word that it's strict translation to give Jesus' meaning cannot be done



J.B. Phillip's translation:

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“You must change your hearts—for
the kingdom of Heaven has arrived!”

Matthew 3:2 (JBP)



Explanation:

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'Repent' (*metanoēō*): To change one's mind, to think differently, to reconsider.

“Change your mind and believe the Gospel of the Kingdom”



John preached baptism for the remission of sin.

In his Kingdom statement, that doesn't mean that “repent” referred to turning from sin.

Mark 1:4

The vast majority of Jesus' teaching was about the Kingdom.

Turning from sin was not his main teaching focus.

Jesus only mentioned 'being born again' once.

Mostly, he told people to follow him or adhere to his teaching.

John 3:1-5

Some of Jesus' teaching was general, while others were about what people do now the Kingdom **had arrived** →

On 2 occasions 'repent' was used by Jesus to refer to turning to God because of his witness, not because of sin:

- The cities of his day (Matthew 11:20-24)
- The generation of his day (Matthew 12:38-42)

“And from the days of John the Baptist until now **the Kingdom** of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.” →

Matthew 11:12 (NKJV)

In the Amplified:

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“And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, **the Kingdom** of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion].”

Matthew 11:12 (AMPC)



Explanation:

'Violent men seize it':

- 'are taking it' (MOUNCE)
- 'have been' (CSB, GW, HCSB, NOG, NIV)
- 'have been trying to' (EXB, ICB)

“...and there are eunuchs who have
made themselves eunuchs for **the**
Kingdom of heaven’s sake.”

Matthew 19:12 (NKJV)

“So He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of **the Kingdom** of God...”

Luke 18:29 (NKJV)

Some of Jesus' statements confirmed
that the Kingdom **had** definitely
arrived

“But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely **the Kingdom** of God has come upon you.”

Luke 11:20 (NKJV)

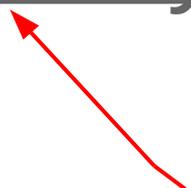
Jesus told his disciples to heal people
and then tell them that's because
“the Kingdom is here” →

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“And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘**The kingdom** of God has come near to you.’”

Luke 10:9 (NKJV)



eggizō (Gk)

Jesus preached the **Gospel of the Kingdom.**

All his hearers knew what “gospel” meant. →

Matthew 4:23

'Gospel' was a Roman term which declared: "A new Caesar is ruling and he will continue to implement *pax romana*".

That was 'the good news' for the citizens.

So when Jesus referred to the “gospel” he was saying:

“There's a new king in the Kingdom and he's going to reign for the citizens of the Kingdom and bring peace”

According to Jesus, we are supposed to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to all those outside of the Kingdom

Matthew 24:14

Background:

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Jesus first came to “the lost Sheep of the house of Israel”, because they were in covenant with God and had been prepared since Moses to be the vessel to house the re-established Kingdom.

Matthew 15:24



Israel rejected Jesus' offer of his Kingdom so it was given to the gentiles who he said would bear genuine Kingdom fruit

Matthew 21:43

Jesus taught on how to come into the Kingdom

John 3:1-21; Matthew 18:3; 19:14;

The Lord's Prayer is Kingdom-focussed:

- Your Kingdom come
- Your will be done
- Yours is the Kingdom...for ever and ever

Even the Beatitudes are focussed on the Kingdom:

- Theirs is the Kingdom
- They shall inherit the Earth
- They shall be called sons of God
- They shall see God

(2) Jesus is now the King

The Son of God was prophesied to be the absolute ruler of Earth forever →

Daniel 7:13-14

King NOW:

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...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.... →

Father

Jesus the
ascended man

Daniel 7:13 (NKJV)



King NOW:

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...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.

Daniel 7:14 (NKJV)

King NOW:

The Kingdom in Prototype

Jesus' death paid the price for every human – for their sin and for their person.

This is what **redemption** means. →

King NOW:

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And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have **redeemed us** to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation...

Revelation 5:9 (NKJV)

King NOW:

The Kingdom in Prototype

We are part of The Son's inheritance →

King NOW:

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I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for **Your inheritance**, and the ends of the earth for **Your possession....**

Psalm 2:6-8 (NKJV)

King NOW:

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Jesus the man is now seated at Father's
right hand



IMPORTANT: Jesus ascended
as a resurrected man, not a spirit

Ephesians 1:20; Hebrews 8:1



King NOW:

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All power belongs to Jesus NOW →

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All authority (**all power of absolute rule**)
in Heaven and on Earth has been given
to me...

Matthew 28:18 (AMP)

King NOW:

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...far above **all** rule and authority and power and dominion [whether angelic or human], and [far above] every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and world but also in the one to come. And He put **all things [in every realm] in subjection** under Christ's feet...

Ephesians 1:21-22 (AMP)

King NOW:

The Kingdom in Prototype

Jesus is the king of kings and lord of lords, the only potentate (absolute ruler)

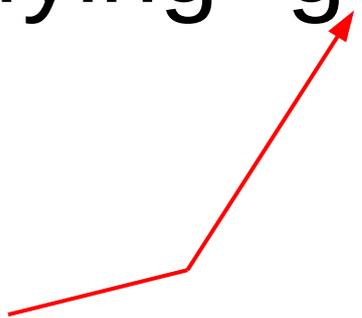
1 Timothy 6:15

(3) Satan's Authority

Even though Jesus is now king, he is not yet ruling 'with an iron rod' on the Earth.

Satan is allowed to wield some power because his purpose of identifying 'goat' people and nations.

Those who don't love and follow the King willingly from their heart



Satan is allowed to wield some power but but not over believers.

Now, they have the authority over him. →

When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities [those supernatural forces of evil operating **against us**], He made a public example of them [exhibiting them as captives in His triumphal procession], having triumphed over them through the cross.

Our Kingdom task is to exercise that authority and extend the Kingdom at the expense of the Kingdom of Darkness

Satan still has authority on Earth:

- People's free will allows him to work
- He still has a place in the courts of Heaven

Similar to Job 1:6-12

Satan, the Devil, is a destroyer, especially of believers.

Be aware of him and his schemes.

A & J example

Be sober [well balanced and self-disciplined], be alert and cautious at all times. That enemy of yours, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion [fiercely hungry], seeking someone to devour.

As the 'Destroyer', he's looking for genuine believers to neutralise, sideline or cause disease & death.

That's because they are a real threat to him.

“Ex Satan Worshipper John Ramirez Testimony”



www.youtube.com/watch?v=l11L71PD3Lw

John Ramirez testimony #1 & #3

Satan's main mode of operation is to work on people's minds.

He can easily manipulate them that way.

Fear is his other main 'tool' of Satan.

Believer's must resist and eliminate ALL fear of every kind.

Demon attacks and demon possession are for weak or more threatening people

(4) Believer's Authority

Believers are royalty already – i.e.
kings or princes.

We are sub-kings under the rulership
of King Jesus.

1 Peter 2:9 (James 2:8)

Jesus gave his disciples (and therefore us) his authority →

Believer's authority:

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He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like [a flash of] lightning. Listen carefully: I have given you **authority** [that you now possess] to tread on serpents and scorpions, and [the ability to exercise **authority**] over all the power of the enemy (Satan); and nothing will [in any way] harm you.”

Luke 10:18-19 (AMP)

When we operate in the name of Jesus, things happen because we have his **authority**.

This is not the same as saying, “In the name of Jesus”.

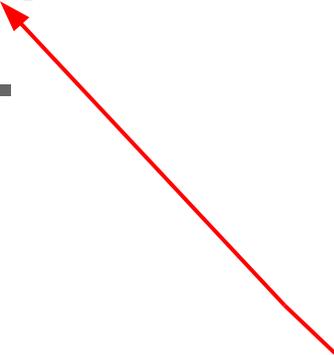
See: “In His Name Means In His Authority”

(canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/in-his-name-means-in-his-authority.pdf)

We are spiritually located with him in
Heaven in a place of authority →

And He raised us up together with Him [when we believed], and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, [because we are] in Christ Jesus...

Ephesians 2:6 (AMP)



Where he is seated as King

Our King's plans are for us to operate from out of Heaven in the spirit.

When believers resist the Devil he can't do anything to them or to what they have authority over

James 4:7 (AMP)

Paul berated some believers for being kings while he was a servant.

These were arrogant, boastful and conceited. That was the point – they acted like an earthly king.

1 Corinthians 4:6-9 (AMP)

(5) Kingdom Coming?

The disciples asked Jesus if he was going to set up his kingdom 'now'. They thought it would be a restored Israeli kingdom.

He redirected them to his immediate plans for the Pentecost outpouring.

Kingdom COMING:

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Jesus talked about his kingdom coming
in the future →

Kingdom COMING:

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So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the **Kingdom** of God is near.

Luke 21:31 (NKJV)

eggizō (Gk)

Signs of the end of The Age



Kingdom COMING:

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Jesus intimated that we would reign with him in the future sometime after we die →

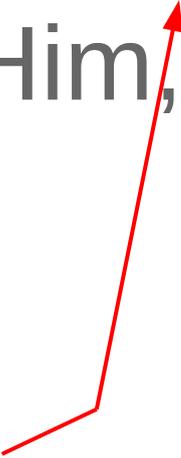
Kingdom COMING:

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If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, he also will deny us.

2 Timothy 2:12 (NKJV)

Future tense



Kingdom COMING:

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Jesus explained that his Kingdom is a spiritual kingdom, not a physical one →

Kingdom COMING:

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Jesus answered, “My Kingdom is not of this world. If My Kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but **NOW My Kingdom is not from here.**”

John 18:36 (NKJV)

hupēretēs (Gk): Court officers, attendants, entourage, soldiers



Kingdom COMING:

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“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; nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.””

Luke 17:20-21 (NKJV)



So The Kingdom is now (*spiritual*),
but not yet (*physical*).

This is a tension that we must keep in
mind.

Kingdom COMING:

The Kingdom Re-introduced

The Kingdom is within us now because the King is in us, and it outworks through us to impact Earth.

The Kingdom is here, but not what people expect.

Romans 8:10, 11; Colossians 1:27 (Romans 8:9)

Kingdom COMING:

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This is what the manifestation of the Spirit is all about – the spiritual Kingdom revealed on the Earth

Kingdom is here:

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me (the Messiah), because He has anointed Me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent Me to announce release (pardon, forgiveness) to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind... →

Luke 4:18 (AMP)

Kingdom is here:

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to set free those who are oppressed (downtrodden, bruised, crushed by tragedy), to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord [the day when salvation and the favor of God abound greatly].”

Luke 4:18-19 (AMP)

(6) The Current Status

There are still 2 kingdoms on Earth:

- The Kingdom of Darkness
- The Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ

Evil still exists.

Satan is still a prince with rulership that's outside of The Kingdom.

Ephesians 2:2

As before, these kingdoms are operating side-by-side, competing for Earth's inhabitants



The Kingdom of God is in believers
– they carry the Kingdom with them.

Their job is to replicate themselves and
impact the Earth with the Kingdom.

Luke 17:20-21

**Creation is still waiting for
the sons of God to appear
and to neutralize the effects
of the Kingdom of Darkness**

Romans 8:19



**Jesus does
not have the
title deed to
Earth yet (?)**

The Kingdom now is a down-
payment for what's coming



In the future, the King and his Kingdom will be physically here.

**That's the topic for
the next session**



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