

“2-What is The Kingdom?”

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(1) A Kingdom

What is a Kingdom?

A Kingdom is a king ruling over something



king

something

The 'something' is called a domain



king

domain

The king + domain = **king-dom**ain

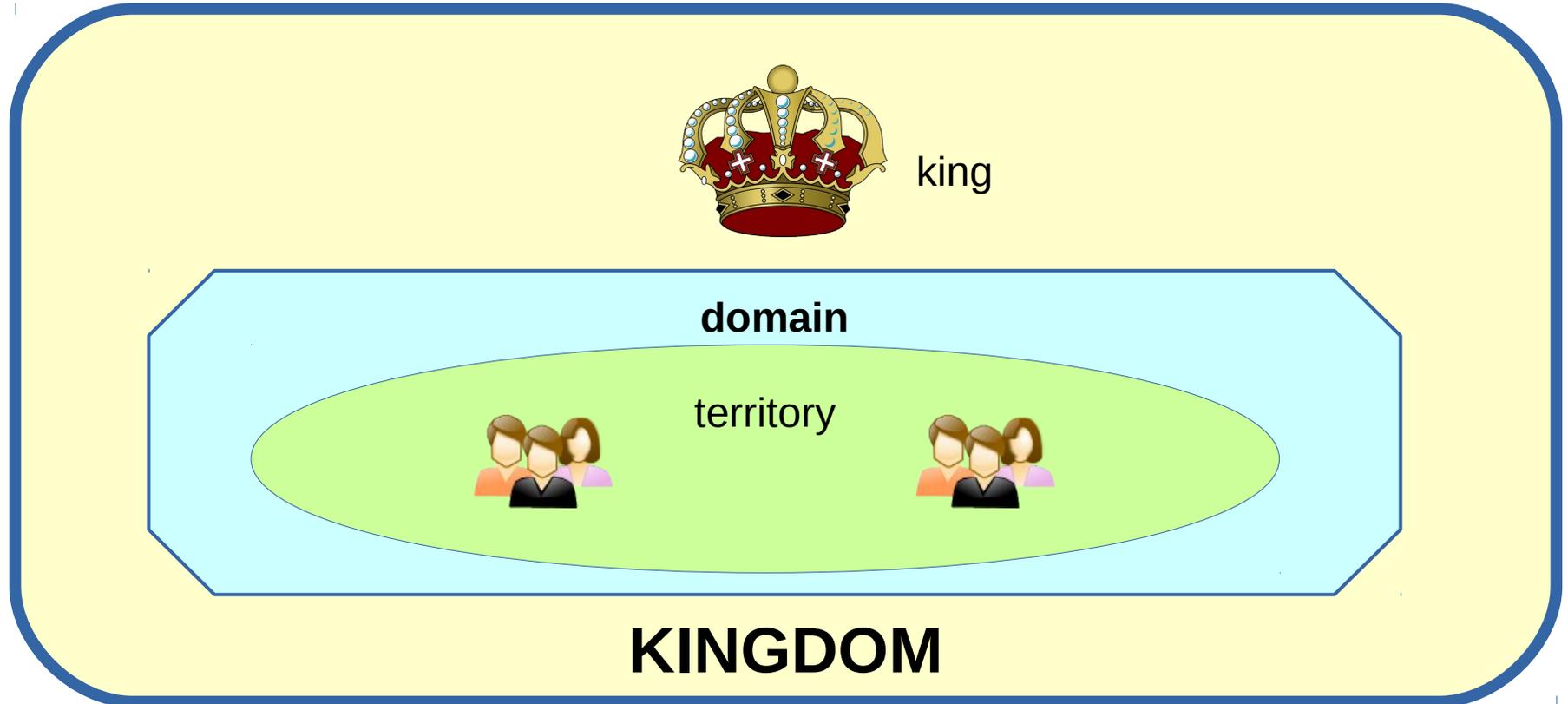


king

domain

KINGDOM

The domain includes an area and people



The king's people are called 'subjects' –
they are subject to the king



The king's slaves/servants are called
'vassals'



A king rules a kingdom:

- He dominates – has dominion
- He is lord – master, owner
- He determines what happens
- His word is law – *rex lex*
- He makes the civil law
- Disobedience means punishment or death

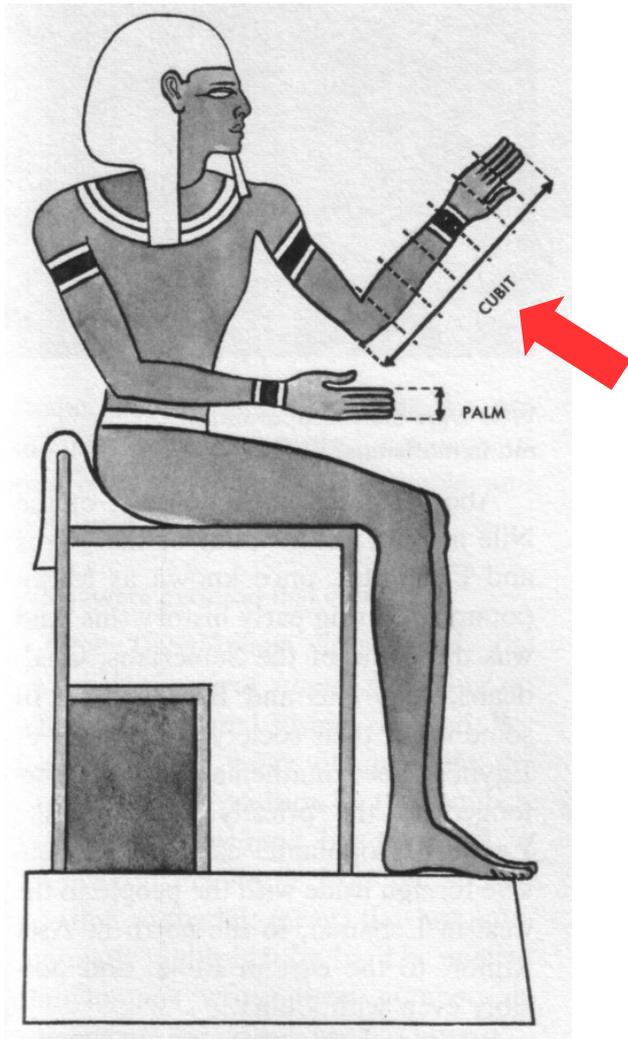


'Ruler' means 'standard'

- The king sets the standards for the kingdom
- He sets all types of standards
- He determines what's right & wrong
- He creates the kingdom's culture



Even Measurements



Long Ago...



Parts of the human body were often used to measure. The length of the king's foot or the distance from the tip of his nose to his fingertips were both common units of measurement.

a metre



(2) Kingdom Subjects

What do the subjects of a king do?

The subjects of a king:

- Are expected to obey the king without unquestioning
- Are expected to conform to the king's nature
- Rely on the king for their welfare – safety, protection, peace, food & water
- Follow royal protocol when in the king's presence

The subjects of a king:

- Petition the king with outstanding needs
- Have responsibilities in the kingdom
- Have legal rights in the kingdom
- Are not like slaves who have no legal rights in the kingdom
- Prosper when the king is benevolent and jealous for his reputation

The subjects of a king:

- Acknowledge the king as their sovereign and lord – verbally and in their heart
- Look to the king to provide his successor
- Pay taxes to maintain their king in the lifestyle he desires and to carry out his duties
- Commit treason when they speak against the king
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- Are in rebellion when they act against the king or contrary to his wishes

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Almost all of these apply to our King's
kingdom ('The Kingdom')

(3) Not A Democracy

The Kingdom of our King is not a
democracy!

What is a democracy?

“A system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives.”

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What is a democracy?

“(From *Dēmokratía* literally "rule of the commoners") In modern usage, is a system of government in which the citizens exercise power directly or elect representatives from among themselves to form a governing body, such as a parliament. Democracy is sometimes referred to as 'rule of the majority'.”



In Australia we live in a democracy
but we have a monarch as the head
of state

We don't live in a kingdom even though we have royal governance

So we don't know how to live in a national kingdom



Because we don't know how to live
and behave in a national kingdom,
we don't know how to live and
behave in our King's Kingdom

We live our 'spiritual' lives as a
democracy in absolute contradiction
to our King's Kingdom

That's called **REBELLION**



Vision: Jesus was striding toward me and I knew that he was in the process of returning to Earth.

I heard in my spirit, “My return is being held up.”

In my spirit I asked, “What’s holding you up.”

I heard in my spirit...

“Defiance”

(King Jesus 2013)



No wonder DEFIANCE is
holding up his return

That's HIS people defying him,
not non-believers



(4) Not A Republic

The Kingdom of our King is not a
republic!

What is a republic?

“A state in which supreme power is held by the people and their elected representatives, and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch.”

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What is a republic?

“A form of government in which the country is considered a 'public matter' – not the private concern or property of the rulers – and where offices of state are elected or appointed, rather than inherited. It is a government where ...government leaders exercise power according to the rule of law.”

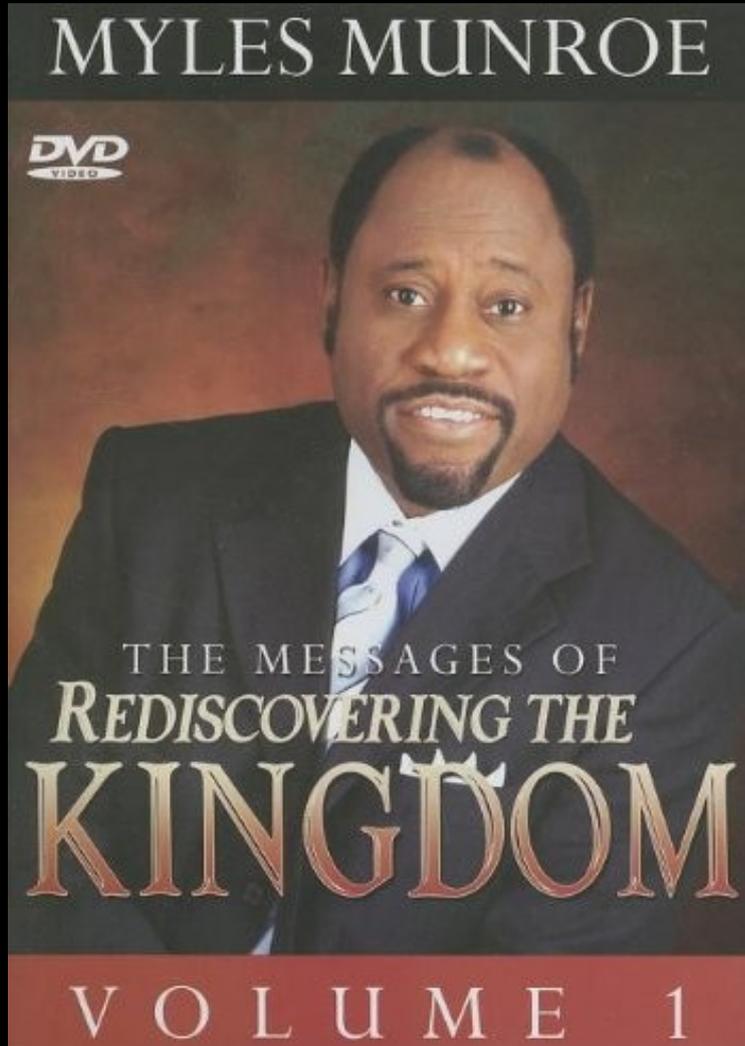


Can you see that The Kingdom isn't
a republic or a democracy?

We have a King and his rule is
paramount

We don't have a president elected by
the people or their representatives





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“Kingdom/republic/democracy”

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(5) A Country

Ancient city-kings:

“all the kings of the Amorites who were on the west side of the Jordan, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea”

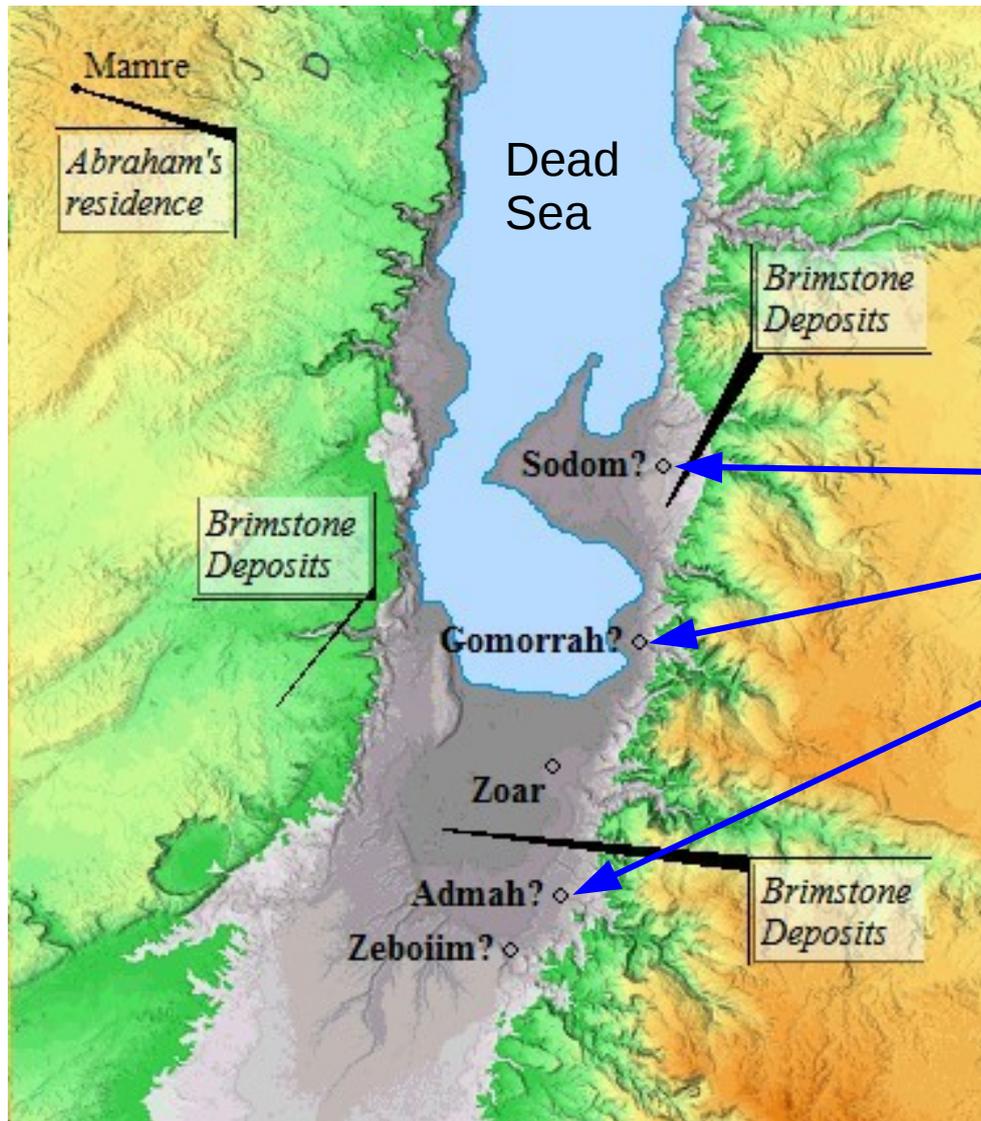
Joshua 5:1 (NKJV)



Some city-kings in the OT:

- Bera king of Sodom
- Birsha king of Gomorrah
- Shinab king of Admah
- Sihon king of Heshbon
- Hoham king of Hebron
- The king of Jericho
- The king of Ai





CITY KINGS

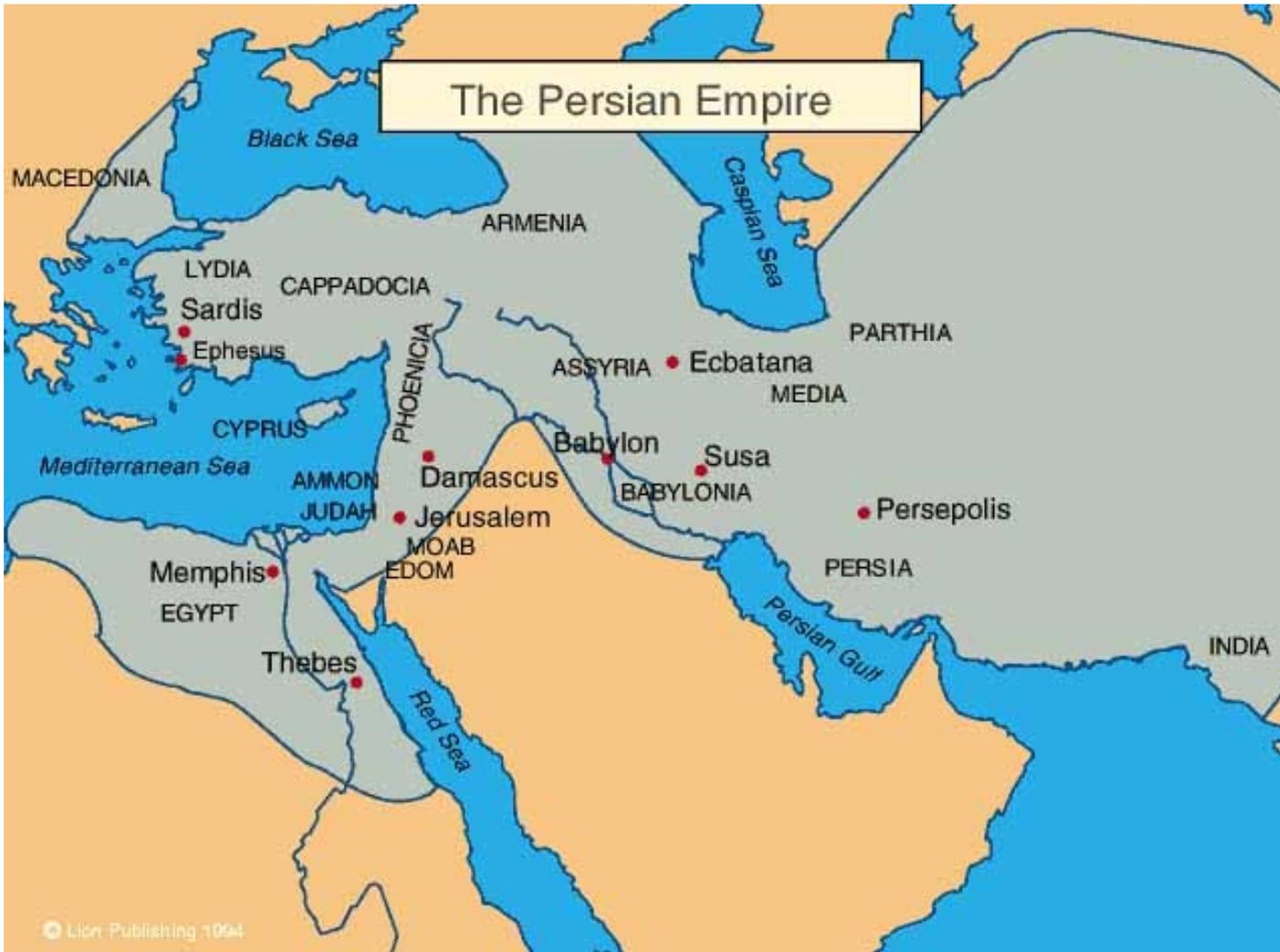
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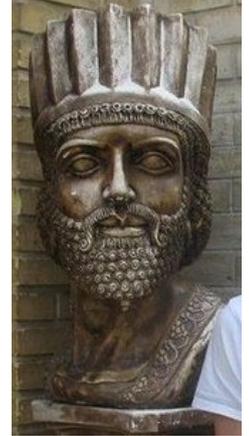
REGIONAL KINGS

e.g. Abimelech
king of the
Philistines, in
Gerar





EMPIRE KINGS



e.g.
Shahanshah
King Cyrus of
Persia

A kingdom is a term for a country ruled
by a king

We still have Kingdoms today.

These are countries.

Yarralumla, Australian Capital Territory

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the **Kingdom**
of the
Netherlands
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The 'Kingdom of Enclava' is a disputed 100sq m of land which has been declared a country.

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This is why Paul uses the analogy
that we are citizens of The Kingdom

Philippians 3:20

(6) The Kingdom Of God

What does the word 'kingdom' mean in the OT:

Malkuth denotes 'rule', 'realm', 'royal' 'reign', 'dominion'.

Strong's Hebrew Lexicon

Abstractly: The estate (rule)

Concretely: The country (realm)

This is how Jesus' hearers understood it



What does the word 'kingdom' mean in the NT:

Basileia denotes 'sovereignty', 'royal power', 'dominion'.

Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words

Not to be confused with an actual kingdom (which it can be) but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom.

Thayer's definition



So, both the Hebrew and the Greek word can mean the territory, what a king is ruling over, or his rulership

This is an important point



There is more than one reference
to 'The Kingdom' in the NT

The 2 most known are:

- 'the Kingdom of Heaven'
- 'the Kingdom of God'



But, there's more than 2

Jesus mainly referred to 'the Kingdom of God' & 'the Kingdom of Heaven'



Vine explains the different kingdoms in the NT:

“The expression 'Kingdom of God' occurs four times in Matthew, 'Kingdom of the Heavens' usually taking its place. The latter does not occur elsewhere in NT, but see 2 Timothy 4:18, 'His heavenly Kingdom'...This Kingdom is identical with the Kingdom of the Father, and with the Kingdom of the Son. Thus there is but one Kingdom, variously described: of the Son of Man; of Jesus; of Christ Jesus; of Christ and God; of our Lord, and of His Christ; of our Lord, and of His Christ; of our God, and the authority of His Christ; of the Son of His love.”

Vine explains further:

“With regard to the expressions "the Kingdom of God" and the "Kingdom of the Heavens", while they are often used interchangeably, it does not follow that in every case they mean exactly the same and are quite identical.”

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“The Apostle Paul often speaks of the Kingdom of God, not dispensationally but morally, e.g., in Romans 14:17; 1 Corinthians 4:20, but never so of the Kingdom of Heaven. 'God' is not the equivalent of 'the heavens'. He is everywhere and above all dispensations, whereas 'the heavens' are distinguished from the earth, until the Kingdom comes in judgment and power and glory (Revelation 11:15, RV) when rule in heaven and on earth will be one.”

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“While, then, the sphere of the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven are at times identical, yet the one term cannot be used indiscriminately for the other. In the 'Kingdom of Heaven' (32 times in Matthew), heaven is in antithesis to earth, and the phrase is limited to the Kingdom in its earthly aspect for the time being, and is used only dispensationally and in connection with Israel. In the 'Kingdom of God', in its broader aspect, God is in antithesis to 'man' or 'the world,' and the term signifies the entire sphere of God's rule and action in relation to the world.”

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“It has a moral and spiritual force and is a general term for the Kingdom at any time. The Kingdom of Heaven is always the Kingdom of God, but the Kingdom of God is not limited to the Kingdom of Heaven, until in their final form, they become identical; e.g. John 3:5; Revelation 11:15, RV; Revelation 12:10.”

Let's look at 'the Kingdom of God' &
'the Kingdom of Heaven'

We really don't know what Jesus meant by these 2 Kingdoms - i.e. what's the difference

We know what they are in similarity, but not the difference



The hearers of his day may have known what he meant because these terms were most likely idioms or expressions that were commonly used and had local meaning

Today we can only guess



One understanding comes from the use of the term 'kingdom' to mean a territory. So...

'Kingdom of God' – The universe over which God rules

'Kingdom of Heaven' – Heaven itself

This doesn't explain the reference to these Kingdoms on Earth



One way to look at it – Queen Elizabeth II of England:

The kingdom of Queen Elizabeth –

The rulership of the queen

The kingdom of England –

The land of the Engels which has
a king/queen ruling over it



Myles Munroe teaches:

The kingdom is the king ruling over his domain. This is why the Kingdom of God is not Earth, but him ruling through his sons on Earth.



Myles Munroe teaches:

The Kingdom is the domain under which the king's rulership has its impact. It's not a territory, but the influence of the King.

Myles Munroe teaches:

'Kingdom of God' – Headquarters. God's impact everywhere. God's rulership.

'Kingdom of Heaven' – Heaven's impact on Earth. God's transfer of rulership through his sons onto the Earth.



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“Kingdom of God/
Kingdom of Heaven”

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Conclusions

(1) The Kingdom of King Jesus is both his rulership and the domain over which he rules

HIS KINGDOM



King Jesus

His domain

The Universe



saints

Heaven



(2) Don't try to work out the meanings for the 6 different names for The Kingdom – there's only one Kingdom

(3) *If you like:* The Kingdom of God is everything that Almighty God has rulership over

(4) *If you like:* The Kingdom of Heaven is the kingdom (territory) from where Almighty God rules over his creation even though he hasn't taken control of Earth yet

(5) The Kingdom of King Jesus operates like an earthly kingdom

- He is the absolute ruler.
- He sets and enforces the standards.
- He is benevolent (loving, merciful, gracious, forgiving) so we aren't mercilessly destroyed.
- He prospers his obedient subjects.
- He lovingly 'tends' the land so it prospers.
- He welcomes migrants to become citizens.



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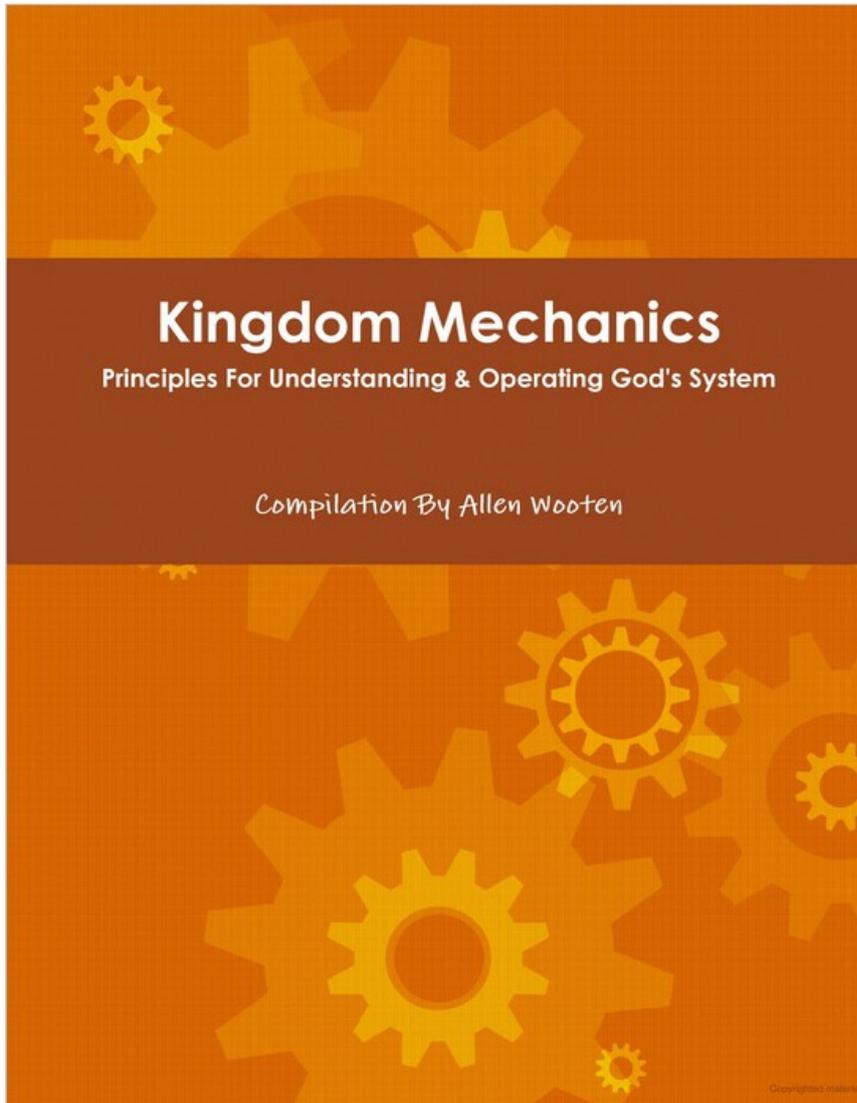
(7) If you call King Jesus 'Lord' and don't obey him as Master and owner, he is not your Lord

Jesus said:

“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’
and not do the things which I say?”

Luke 6:46

(8) *[Now that you know how a king expects things to be in his kingdom]* – If you call Jesus 'King' and don't relate to him as you should, he is not your King



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