

The Kingdom of God

Importance of this study:

- A. Produce faith in the continuity of the Word.
- B. Kingdom is the church-importance of the church in the eternal plan of God.

1. Old Testament Predictions of the Kingdom (The height of Israel's glory was under the kingship of David approximately 1000 B.C.)

- A. **Isaiah 2:1-4** (750 B.C.)
 - 1. Last days
 - 2. All nations
 - 3. Jerusalem
- B. **Daniel 2:31-45, 7:18** (550 B.C.)
 - 1. Endure forever (v. 44)
 - 2. Possess forever

<i>Kingdom</i>	<i>Substance</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Babylonian	Gold	605-539BC
Medo-Persian	Silver	539-333BC
Greek	Bronze	333-63BC
Roman	Iron & Clay	63BC
Church	Mountain of stone which fills earth	30AD

2. New Testament Predictions of the Kingdom

- A. John the Baptist (25 A.D.)
 - 1. Kingdom is near (**Matthew 3:1-6**)
- B. Jesus (30 A.D.)
 - 1. Kingdom is near (**Matthew 4:17**)
 - 2. Kingdom will come in the lifetime of some of the disciples (**Mark 9:1**)
 - 3. Kingdom will come with power (**Mark 9:1**)
 - 4. Kingdom entered by new birth (**John 3:1-7**)
 - 5. Kingdom is within you (**Luke 17:20-21**)
 - 6. Peter has the keys (**Matthew 16:13-19**). Church and the Kingdom are the same and will be built on the truth that Jesus is the Christ (**1 Corinthians 3:11**).
 - 7. Joseph of Arimathea was still waiting for the Kingdom when Jesus died (**Luke 23:50-51**).
 - 8. Repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached first in Jerusalem to all nations (**Luke 24:44-49**).

3. Fulfillment of the Old and New Testament Predictions **Acts 1-2**

- A. Last days (**Acts 2:17**)
 - 1. **Isaiah 2:2**
- B. All nations (**Acts 2:5**)
 - 1. **Isaiah 2:2**
 - 2. **Luke 24:47**
- C. Jerusalem (**Acts 2:5**)
 - 1. **Isaiah 2:3**
 - 2. **Luke 24:44-49**
- D. Eternal kingdom (**Acts 2:37-42**)
 - 1. **Daniel 2:44, 7:18**
- E. Date of coming approximately 33 A.D. (**Acts 1-2**)
 - 1. Old testament prophecy
 - 2. John the Baptist "is near" (**Matthew 3:1-2**)
 - 3. Jesus-"is near" (**Matthew 4:17**)
- F. Lifetime (**Acts 2:14**)

- 1. **Mark 9:1**
- 2. "Some"-Judas died (**Acts 1:18-19**)
- G. Power (**Acts 1:8, Acts 2:1-4**)
 - 1. **Mark 9:1**
- H. New birth (**Acts 2:38**)
 - 1. Water and Spirit (**John 3:1-7**)
- I. Kingdom within (**Acts 2:37**)
 - 1. **Luke 17:20-21**
- J. Peter with the keys (**Acts 2:14, 38**)
 - 1. **Matthew 16:19**
- K. Repentance and forgiveness of sin (**Acts 2:38**)
 - 1. **Luke 24:44-49**

4. Conclusion

- A. The church is the kingdom of God on earth established in approximately 33 A.D.
- B. **Acts 2:42** As citizens of the kingdom and members of the body (the church), we must be devoted to:
 - 1. Doctrine
 - 2. Fellowship
 - 3. Breaking Bread
 - 4. Prayer
- C. **Matthew 6:33** We must seek his kingdom first. Ask them to commit themselves to at least Sunday services and Midweek services.
- D. **Perspective of the New Testament:** The kingdom is now established on earth in the church (**Acts 2:30, Colossians 1:12-13, Revelation 1:5-6, 5:10**). Yet we may pray for it to continue to "come" (**Matthew 6:9-10**), and we eagerly anticipate the kingdom in heaven, as our citizenship is already there (**Philippians 3:20**). *Seek it first!* (**Matthew 13:44-46, 6:33**). Put God first, live right, spread the Word, and come to church!

*Kingdom is a hierarchy not a democracy

Kingdom	Church
- King	- Jesus
- Law	- Bible
- Subjects	- Disciples
- Territory	- Whole earth