

The Doctrine of the Kingdom

The Greek word is *basileia*, which refers not so much to a domain, as to a reign; that is, it is not so much an area over which the king reigns, as the activity of reigning.

The Whole Universe

- How do the following verses relate to this?

1 Chronicles 29:11-12

Job 12:23

Psalm 24:1

Psalm 47:7-9

Psalm 66:7

Psalm 89:11

Psalm 95:3-5

Psalm 97:1-6, 9

Psalm 103:19

Psalm 113:4-5

Isaiah 40:22-23

Daniel 2:21

Daniel 4:17, 25

Matthew 13:24, 38

Ephesians 1:20-22

Philippians 2:9-11

Colossians 1:15-18

1 Timothy 6:15

A SPIRITUAL KINGDOM The Kingdom of Heaven & The Kingdom of God

According to the theological system known as “Classic Dispensationalism,” there are two different kingdoms – the Kingdom of Heaven (an earthly kingdom) and the Kingdom of God (a heavenly kingdom).

“Kingdom of heaven” only appears in Matthew, where it is used 33 times. “Kingdom of God” appears 4 times in Matthew, 14 times in Mark, 32 times in Luke, 2 times in John, 6 times in Acts, 8 times in Paul’s letters, and 1 in Revelation. The question is whether or not these passages support the assertion that they are referring to two different kingdoms.

- Look at the following comparisons and determine whether they indicate that the two titles both refer to the same kingdom or two different ones.

Matthew 5:3 & Luke 6:20

Matthew 11:11 & Luke 7:28

Matthew 11:12 & Luke 16:16

Matthew 13:11 & Mark 4:11

Matthew 13:31-32 & Mark 4:30-32

Matthew 13:33 & Luke 13:20-21

Matthew 19:23-24

The Kingdom is Both Present and Future

- What do the following passages tell us about the present kingdom?

Matthew 4:17

Matthew 11:11-12

Matthew 12:28

Matthew 13:31-33

Matthew 21:31

Mark 1:15

Luke 11:20

Luke 16:16

Luke 17:20-21

John 3:3, 5

John 18:36

Romans 14:17-18

1 Corinthians 4:20

Colossians 1:13

Revelation 1:6

Revelation 1:9

The spiritual kingdom of God as it exists right now is the rule of God in the hearts of his people. The kingdom is not the church, but there is an inseparable relationship between the two. The church is the fellowship of people who have accepted the offer of the kingdom, submitted to its rule, and entered into its blessings. The kingdom works through the church.

- What do the following passages tell us about the future kingdom?

Matthew 6:10

Matthew 7:21-23

Matthew 13:41-43

Matthew 26:29

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Galatians 5:19-21

Ephesians 5:3-5

2 Timothy 4:1, 18

Revelation 11:15

Revelation 21:1-22:5

The Kingdom is Eternal

2 Samuel 7:16

Psalms 45:6

Psalms 66:7

Psalms 145:13

Isaiah 9:6-7

Daniel 2:44

Daniel 4:3

Daniel 4:34

Daniel 6:26

Daniel 7:13-14

Daniel 7:27

Micah 4:7

Luke 1:32-33

Hebrews 12:28

2 Peter 1:11

Revelation 11:15

Revelation 22:5