

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

WHAT IS IT?

Reading: **Matthew 6:9 - 13**

Introduction

- The Kingdom of God' is also referred too as '***the Kingdom of Heaven.***'
- The words kingdom/kingdoms are used 399 times in the Bible.
- In the 4 gospels they are used 129 times.

1 Usages Of The Term In Matthew

- [Matthew 3:1 - 2], [4:17], [5:3], [5:10], [6:9 - 10], [6:33], [10:7].

NB In [Matthew 13] 6 parables begin with the phrase '***the Kingdom of heaven is like.***'

2 Usage Of The Term In Mark

- [Mark 10:14], [12:34], [14:25], [15:43].

3 Usage Of The Term In Luke

- [Luke 1:31 - 33], [4:43], [9:62], [17:21], [23:42].

4 Usage Of The Term In John

- [John 3:3,5], [18:36].

5 Usage Of The Term In The Rest Of The New Testament

- [Acts 8:12], [Acts 28:30 ~ 31], [1 Corinthians 6:9 - 10], [2 Timothy 4:1 & 4:18], [Revelation 11:15].

NB These texts suggest this Kingdom is something past, present and future? How come?

6 There Are Different Kingdoms

- There are the kingdoms of men or earthly kingdoms. [Luke 4:5].
- These kingdoms eventually fade away.
- Satan also has a kingdom. [Matthew 12:26].
- Satan's kingdom permeates through the worldly kingdoms opposing God's rule.
- There is also God's Kingdom.

7 Notice How The Bible Talks About TWO Ages

- There is this '**present age.**' From creation up until the return of Christ.
- There is also '**the age to come.**' This starts with Christ's return and goes on forever.

8 Definition Of The Word 'Kingdom.'

- Translated from the Greek word '**basileia**' meaning '**the reign/rule of God.**'

NB '**Thy Kingdom Come.**' The next line defines it. '**Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**'

- The Kingdom of God is anywhere were the will of God is perfectly done.
- When we say, '**not my will but Your will be done,**' our heart is then a little enclave of the Kingdom of God now.

*Chorus: Reign in me, sovereign Lord reign in me.
 Captivate my heart, let your Kingdom come,
 Establish there your throne and let your will be done.
 Reign in me, sovereign Lord reign in me.*

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