

9/16/18 Notes The Kingdom -What Is It?

The same word can mean different things depending on the context in which it is found.

Example: Eph 2:8 "saved" = personal salvation

2 Peter 2:5 "saved" = his mortal life, but ultimately saved by entering the Ark (a type of Christ).

There are 3 Realms or manifestations of God's Kingdom.

1. Earthly
2. Heavenly
3. Spiritual

Exod. 19:4-6 Kingdom of priests - this is TO Israel, not the Body of Christ

Deut. 11:19-29 God promised Israel a land that would be "like the days of heaven upon the earth".

Physical boundaries are defined in vs. 24. The extent of their dominion in vs. 25. Conditions laid out vs. 26-32.

2 Samuel 7:8-12 There is an actual King for this Kingdom.

Jeremiah 31:31 This describes the Kingdom of God on the earth.

Zechariah 8:1-5 Future prophecy about Jesus coming back to Zion at His second coming.

Isaiah 61:3-6 "strangers" is an OT term for gentiles. Also "sons of the alien".

Gentiles in the future will once again have to go through Israel to find salvation.

Rev 11:15 7th angel proclaims the earthly kingdom of God on the earth.

Matt. 25:31 The throne of His glory = David's throne in Israel

Physical - Literal - Earthly

The *Heavenly* Kingdom is for you and I, member of the Body of Christ.

2 Timothy 4:18

1 Corinthians 15:47-50 Speaks about resurrection. Vs. 50 makes it clear that earthly flesh cannot inherit (or inhabit) a heavenly place. Note that Israel was never given any promise of this nature.

vs 52 explains how it will actually happen.

Eph 1:9-10 This is the time when Christ will reconcile all things in heaven and in the earth in Himself.

Eph. 1:3 All spiritual blessings where? heavenly places.

Col 3:1 IF you are a believer, set your affections on things above.

Col. 1:16-20

Eph 2:6 we are made alive (quickened) in Christ and already (spiritually speaking) seated in heavenly places. Again no promise of this nature was ever made to Israel.

Eph 6:12 We wrestle not against flesh and blood. We are already fighting certain spiritual (heavenly) battles in this life.

1 Cor. 15:20-24 God will eventually kick Satan and his minions out of the heavenly places and replace them with the Church, the Body of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 The rapture or catching away of the Body of Christ. That is when we will get our glorified bodies.

Rev 12:7 War in heaven, and Satan and his angels will be cast out of heaven into the earth. vs 12 makes it clear Satan and his devils will wreak much havoc on the earth.

Col 1:12 We are already translated into the SPIRITUAL KINGDOM. This is neither of the 2 previously discussed kingdoms.

Rom 14:17 this spiritual kingdom has nothing to do with fleshly things (meat and drink) or any other physical entity.

GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM was for Jews only

GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD is for all in this dispensation. (neither Jew nor Greek is recognized at this time)

Matt 10:5 only to Israel Matt 4:23 "synagogues"

Why did Jesus heal everyone and why did His gospel include physical healing? So they could be a nation of priests according to the Old Testament promises see Exod. 29:4 and Leviticus 21:16

"baptizo" in Exod 29 = "cleanse"

Matt 3:1-5 John the Baptist was obeying Exodus 29:4

Remember the Gospel of the Kingdom HAS NO CROSS.

Matt. 16:18 Jesus gave Peter the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven and told his disciples not to tell anyone He was the Christ. After 3 yrs of preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, Jesus finally gets around to telling his disciples about His coming death, burial and resurrection - and Peter rebukes Him! They "didn't get it".

Clearly Peter and the 11 had no clue what the Cross would mean.

March 9:30-32 He told them plainly and they not only didn't understand what He meant, they didn't even ask!

There IS more than one Gospel. Make sure you are believing the right one :)