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THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The phrase *kingdom of God* signifies God's sovereignty as "king" over His kingdom. The OT does not specifically mention the *kingdom of God*. God is spoken of as *ruling* (Ps. 47:2; 103:19; Dan. 4:17, 25-37). God's sovereign power over all kingdoms in the OT sets the stage for NT teaching on this subject. The highlight of the Jesus' message emphasized the kingdom. It is mentioned over 100X in the gospel accounts.

- Not A Material Kingdom** Jesus said: (Jn 18:36) "My _____ is not of _____ world." If it is not a worldly kingdom, then Jesus is not a _____ king. What kind is he?
- Some Observations By Jesus** (Lk 17:20-21) "The kingdom of God cometh not with _____: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God _____." This means it won't come with elaborate fanfare. Christ is king over his kingdom (ie: citizens). Our law is the law of Christ. How is *the kingdom* in us?
- Prophecy – Daniel 2:44** "And in the _____ of these _____ shall the God of heaven _____ a _____, which shall _____ be destroyed." These "kings" were the caesars of the Roman Empire. How long would God's kingdom last? _____
- Jesus: On When It Would Come** (Mk 9:1) "There be _____ of them that _____, which shall _____, till they _____ the kingdom of God come with _____." Jesus said that some of his contemporaries wouldn't _____ before the kingdom came. Did this mean it would come in the first century A. D.? _____
- A Parallel Scripture** (Mt 16:28) "There be some _____ here, which shall not _____ of death, till they _____ the Son of man _____ in his kingdom." Who spoke these words? _____ Jesus had ascended (Acts 1:9). He would *figuratively* come back when the kingdom was established. Is this parallel to (Mk 9:1)? _____
- Church – Kingdom** Jesus used the words *church* and *kingdom* inter-changeably (Mt 16:18-19). Daniel prophesied that the *kingdom* (Dan 2:44) "shall stand _____." Forever means without end. Paul (Eph 3:21) wrote, "Unto him be _____ in the _____ by Christ Jesus throughout _____, world _____." How long is "all ages"? What about "world without end"? These scriptures tell us the **kingdom** would *stand forever* and that the **church** would be *throughout all ages*. The church and the kingdom are one and the same. The scripture is unbroken (Jn 10:35).
- Kingdom And The Model Prayer** (Mt 6:10; Lk 11:2) Jesus taught the disciples to pray, "Thy _____ come." Was this statement made before Pentecost in (Acts 2)? _____ Was it made before the NT Church was established? _____ Does it conflict with *the church's* coming? _____
- Jesus Is King – Over His Kingdom** He (1 Tim 6:15) "is -- the _____ of kings, and _____ of lords." He (Lk 1:33) "shall _____ over the house of _____ for ever; and of _____ there shall be _____." It is a permanent *spiritual* kingdom.

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