



This study is offered as a guide. Open the scriptures, study prayerfully and the Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth.
" Lord grant that the eyes of our understanding may be enlightened "

With Love
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SECTION I CONCERNING THE KINGDOM-

What and where is the Kingdom of God? Who leads it? When did it begin? How do we enter it? How long will it last? Is there a difference between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven? These are questions we ask ourselves regarding God's Kingdom.

Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God does not come with observation."

It is an invisible Kingdom to the natural man; yet it is His command for His people to preach and teach the Kingdom of God. We are to make it visible. How are we to accomplish this?

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear". (Heb 11:1-3)

It is faith which makes the Kingdom of God visible. How do we get faith? "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom 10:17) It is the Word of God that gives us the faith to behold the Kingdom of God. By faith we walk live and speak for the Grace and Truth of the Kingdom.

"the kingdom of god is not meat or drink but righteousness peace and joy in the holy spirit."

Jesus taught us to pray "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven." We are expecting our King to return and rule the earths. Prior to His return we want Him to already rule in our hearts and minds. Let us prayerfully work together that His kingdom be extended to the whole earth.

Let us first examine, "How do we enter the Kingdom of God?"

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The Law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the Kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it. Lk.16:16

Entrance and Inheritance Requirements

1. Seek First Mt.6:33
2. Repentance & Baptism Mt. 3:2, 4:17
3. Born from above John 3:3-5
4. Little Child -Mt. 18:1-5, 19:13-14; Mk 10:13-16; Lk 18:15-17
5. Follower -Jn10:1-6
6. Narrow Way -Mt 7:13-14
7. Hard for Rich -Mt 19:23-24; Mk. 10:23-29; Lk 18:24,25,29
8. Poor in Spirit -Mt 5:3; Lk. 6:20, James 2:5
9. No Hypocrites -Mt 23:28-31; Lk. 7:29-50
10. Do God's Will -Mt 7:21-23

11. Righteous —Mt 05:19–20; I Cor 06:9-11; Gal 05:19—
Eph 05:3–6
12. Endure Trials & Temptation —Mt . 19:27; Lk 018:29;
Acts 14-21, II Thess.1:3–5
13. No Looking Back —Lk 09:59–62
14. Make Calling & Election Sure -II Peter 1:1-11
15. Grace (Free Gift) —Lk 012
16. Service —Mt 025:34–35

LOCATION The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Mt 13.44

1. Not of This World -Jn.18:36
2. In Earth as it is in Heaven -Mt . 6:10
3. At Hand -Mt . 3:2; 4:17
4. Not far from -Mk. 12:34
5. Nigh unto You -Lk.10:9-11
6. Come upon You -Lk.11:20
- 7 Not with Observation -Lk.17:20
8. Within (Among) You -Lk.17:21
- 9 Nigh at Hand -Lk.21:31
10. Upon Zion My Holy Hill -Ps. 2:6; 87; 110:2
11. From Jerusalem -Is.2:2-4; Jer .3:17
 - a. Not immediately, occupy Lk.19:11-28 (13)
 - b. Wait —Lk.24:49; Jn.3:3–5

Signs of the Kingdom . . . It has been given to you to know
The mysteries of the kingdom of heaven but to themis has not been
given. (Mt. 13:11)

- 1.The Sign of Jonah —Mt . 12:38–39; 16:1–4
- 2.A Child shall be Born —Lk, 2:12
- 3.Christ the Sign —Mt 016:1–16, 28; 17:1–11
4. The Resurrection —Jn 02:18-22 5. A Sign to be Opposed -Lk. 2:34
6. Hearing & Doing the Word -Lk. 11:27-28
7. Casting out Demons -Lk 011:15-20
8. Demons, Tongues, Serpents, Poison, Sick -Mk. 16:17-18
9. Power -Mk. 9:1; I Cor . 4:20; Acts 2:2–4; Rev 011:17

Historical Background Of The Kingdom

1.The House (Temple)

- a. II Sam.7:11-17
- b. I Peter 2:5
- c. I Cor.3:16 & 6:19
- d. Eph. 2:20-22 (Heb. 3:6)

2.Mountain

- a. Is. 11:1-10
- B. Ps, 87
- C. I cor.3:16, Is. 2:1-5
- d. Rev. 14:1

3.Nation

- a .Ex. 19:
- B. Ipet .2:9

SECTION II Leadership of THE KING

Read Luke 3:1-22. John the Baptist, as herald of the Kingdom was preparing hearts for the arrival of the Lord and King, Jesus of Nazareth. Those who received John's baptism realized God was just in declaring them sinners. Those who did not, never knew God's justice (Luke 7:29-30) and never entered the Kingdom of God.

The Lord Jesus' method of teaching is personal discipleship. He spoke and lived out before His followers the principles He was communicating. He told them in advance what was going to happen and then walked through the events. He did this so that they and we would believe. He died for us and rose from the dead to break the power of sin by fulfilling the law and sent the Holy Spirit to us to guide us into all truth.

It is our purpose to examine, the King of the Kingdom; who are the citizens of the Kingdom; who is the Holy Spirit; and what is their authority and work. And to understand in part the past, present, and future of God's Kingdom.

Let us, through the Word, now study the office, work, and authority of King Jesus.

The King - (Priest & Prophet)

1. Prophecies Concerning

- a. Genesis 49:10
- b. II Sam. 7:12-16
- c. Ps. 2:6-12; 22:11-31; 45; 72:1; 86:9; 89:3-4, 19-37; 138:4-5
- d. Is, 9:6-7; 11:1-9; 33:22 ~
- e. Dan. 7:13-14; Heb. 12:28; Mt. 25:31-46;
- f. I Cor. 15:24-28
- g. Rev. 5:11-14; 15:3-4; 19:11-16

2. First Advent - Witnesses to His Kingship

- a. Nathaniel - Jn. 1:49
- b. Disciples - Jn. 6:15
- c. Crowds - Mt. 21:5; Lk. 19:38
- d. Pilate - Jn. 18:39
- e. Thief - Lk. 23:42
- f. Cross - Jn. 19:19-22; Mt. 27:37; Lk. 23:38
- g. Jesus - Jn. 18:37 (NAS)

3. His Work - The Cross

- a. To preach the gospel of the Kingdom - Jn. 1:17
 - 1) Lk. 4:18-21; Is. 61:1-3
 - 2) Lk. 4:43; 16:16
 - 3) Mt. 4:23

b. To do the Father's Will

- 1) John 6:37-40; 5:30
- 2) John 4:34
- 3) John 7:16-18
- 4) Mt. 26:39; Heb. 5:7-9
- 5) Eph. 1:9-10; 2:13-22; John 10:16; 17:21 (Unit y)

c For Judgment

- 1) John 9:39
- 2) John 5:22-30 FIRST ADVENT
- 3) John 12:47-50
- 4) John 3:16-21
- 5) Ps. 96:10-13; Is. 2:1-4
- 6) Mt. 13:41-43; 16:27; 25:31-46 SECOND ADVENT
- 7) Acts 10:42
- 8) Rom 14:10-12

d. To destroy satan's works

- 1) I John 3:8
- 2) Hebrews 2:14-15
- 3) Col. 2:13-15
- 4) Mt. 16:17-19; Rom 16:20;
- 5) John 12:31-32; 16:8-11; Holy Spirit
- 6) Rev. 19:11-21
- 7) Rev 20 (entire) Priest hood.

e. To intercede for the Saints - I K 22:32; 23:34

- 1) Rom. 8:27,34; identification
- 2) Is 53; Sacrifice
- 3) Is 59:16; offering
- 4) John 11:49-51; Deliverance
- 5) Heb. 2:17-18; Praise
- 6) John 17; 14:16
- 7) Eph. 2:13-18; I Jn. 2:1;
Paracletos —one called alongside to help. Advocate.

f. To baptize with the Holy Spirit & fire

- 1) Mt. 3:11,12,16,17; Lk. 3:16-17,21-22;
- 2) 1 k. 24:49
- 3) Acts 2:1-4
- 4) Zech. 13:9; Mal 3:2-3; Job 23:10; Is. 48:10
- 5) I Pet. 1:7; 4:12-13;
- 6) I Cor. 3:13-15; I Pet. 3:7,10-13

g. To rule -(authority)

- 1) The authority of the King

- a) Mt . 11 :27; 28:18
- b) John 3:35; 17:2
- c) Rom. 14:9
- d) I Cor . 15:24–28
- e) Eph. 1:18–23
- f) Phil , 2:9–11
- g) Col . 2:10
- h) I Pet , 3:22
- i) Rev. 1:5–6, 17–18

2) **To forgive sins**

- a) Mt . 9:6; Lk. 5:20–26
- b) Heb. 1:3
- c) John 20:22–23

3) **Over death**

- a) John 11:25–26
- b) John 5:25
- c) John 2:18–22
- d) Mt . 27:51–54; 28:6–7
- e) Rom 6:9; 8:38
- f) I Cor . 15:19–27, 54–57
- g) II Tim 1:10
- h) Heb. 2:14–15
- Rev. 1:18; 20:13–14; 21:4

4. **Placement of the King**

a. **Seated on the right hand of God**

- 1) Mt 26:64; Mk. 16:19
- 2) Acts 2:33–36; 7:55–56
- 3) Rom. 8:34
- 4) Eph. 1:20; Col 1. 3:1
- 5) Heb. 1:3, 10:12–13; 12:2
- 6) I Peter 3:22

b. **Seated on David's Throne**

- 1) Is. 9:7
- 2) Ez. 37:21–28
- 3) Lk. 1:32–33
- 4) Acts 2:29–36

c. **Upon Zion**

- 1) Ps. 2:6; 110:1–2
- 2) Is. 52:7, 13
- Zech. 9:9–10; Mt . 21:57 John 12:13-15

SECTION III CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM

Just as every earthly Kingdom has a governmental structure so does the Kingdom of God. We are being trained to rule and reign with Christ. We must thoroughly believe and comprehend that we are no longer citizens of Satan's kingdom but the Kingdom of God. We must look forward to and rejoice at His coming. Can we join with the voices in Heaven saying, "The Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever". (Rev. 11:15)?

When Jesus returns as Lord of Lords and King of Kings "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess" His Lordship. Are we prepared for His rule? Are we under His authority now? Are we obeying His commands? Do we understand who we are?

Let us examine the ministry of the saints, citizens of the Kingdom

The Saints

1. Prophecies concerning (destiny)

- a. Gen 1:28 - replenish (mal'a - to fill); subdue (Kabashto tread down, to conquer, subjugate); have dominion (r'amdah) tread down, reign, rule).
- b. Ex 19:4-6; Numb. 3:12-13
- c. Ps. 149:5-9; I Cor 6:2
- d. Is. 60; 61:4-11; 54;
- e. Jer .31:31-34
- f. Dan 7:22,27
- g. Rom. 8:16-17, 19-21; 9 (entire); 11:25-27; I John 3:9
- h. Gal .6:14-16
- i. Rev. 1:5-6; 3:21; 5:9-14; 20&21 (entire) millennium; 22:1-6

Note: a,b,c,f, & i all concern our priesthood. A priest is to minister unto the Lord and his brothers. He is to serve, to administer, and ultimately co-rule the earth under the authority of King Jesus

2. The Mystery of God

- a. Eph. 3:1-2
- b. Rom 16:
- c. Col. 1:25-28

3. Our Work

a. Believe on Him - John 6:28-29

1) John 6:39-40

b. To gather with Him - Mt. 9:37-38; Eph. 1:10

1) The gospel of the kingdom - Mt. 24:14

a) Mt. 4:23; 9:35

b) Lk. 4:43; 8:1; 9:2, 57-62

c) Acts 1:3; 8:12; 20:25; 28:23, 31

2) To seek unity with the brethren

a) Ps. 133

b) John 17

c) I Cor. 1:10; II Cor. 13:11

d) Eph. 4:3, 13

e) Phil. 2:1-5

f) Col. 2:2

g) I Pet. 3:8-12

c. To reveal the wisdom of God - Eph. 3:9-1

1) Christ the wisdom & power of God - I Cor. 1:23-24

a) Preaching the cross - I Cor. 1:17-18

b) Teach all nations - Mt. 28:18-19

(1) Baptize

c) Building up the body of Christ - Eph. 4:11-16

(1) Keys of the kingdom

(a) Binding & loosing - Mt. 16:19; 18:18-20

(b) Forgiveness - Mt. 5:21-26, 31-48; 18:21-35

d. To Obey Him

1) A new commandment

a) John 13:34-35; 14:21; 15:12-16

b) I John 3:23

Eph. 3:14-19

2) Discipleship (follow Him)

a) John 10:27; 12:24-26

b) Mt. 16:24

c) Lk. 14:26-33

d) John 8:31

e) John 15:7-8

F) Lk. 8:9-10; 9:1-2

3) Serve Him

a) Lk. 9:46-48; 22:24-30

b) Mt. 23:1-12

4) Teach all nations to observe His commands

- a) Mt .28: 18–19
- b) Acts 10:42

e. To glorify Him Eph₀ 3:20–21 (Amp.)

1) By praise and thanksgiving I Thess 5:16-18

- a) By praise —Ps₀ 22:22–26; Is 61:3–4 1; II Chron 20; Acts 16:25
- b) By good works -Mt₀ 5:16; James 2:26
- c) By fruit bearing -John 15:8
- d) By spiritual unity -Rom 15:5-12; Eph.4
- e) By entire consecration -I Cor .6:19-20
I Thess. 5:23

2) By walking in the Spirit

a) Lifestyle (conversation) Ps₀50:23

- (1) Fear of the Lord -Ps. 34; I Peter 3:10–12
 - (a) Mt . 15:11
 - (2) Manifesting fruit of the spirit —Gal . 5:22
 - (3) Righteousness, peace & joy —Rom. 14:17;
 - (a) Righteousness through faith -Rom. 4:3–8; Phil 3:9
 - (b) Peace I give to you -John 14:27; 16:33
 - (c) Joy—John 15:11; 16:24; 17:13
 - (4) Gifts of the Spirit -I Cor . 12

3) By overcoming wickedness Believe Obey Love

- a) Through faith I John 2:13–14; 4:4; 5:4-5
Through Obedience and Love Rev 12:11

4) By suffering

- a) Persecution & false witness -Mt . 5:11-12
- b) Identification with Christ's suffering -Rom. 8:17-18
 - (1) Knowing Him fully -Phil . 3:10
- c) For the Kingdom's sake II Thess. 1:4—
- d) In order to reign with Him -II Tim 2:12; Lk. 22:28–30
- e) Thankworthy brings glory - I Pet . 2:19-20 3:14,17; 4:16;
- f) According to the will of God -I Pet . 4:19
 - (1) Hat h ceased fr om sin -I Pet . 4:1-2

4. Authority of the church

a. Command (authority)

- 1) Preach, teach the gospel and baptize —Lk. 4:18- 19 Mt. 24:14; 28:18–20; Mk. 16:15–20;
 - a) Forgive sins—Mt. 9:6-8; 18:21–35; John 20:23; 5:14; 8:11;
 - b) To bind & loose —Mt. 16:19; 18:1
 - c) To cast out unclean spirits & disease - Mt. 10:1 Mt. 10:7–8; Lk. 9:1–2; 10:17,20;
 - d) To lead & rule -Heb. 13:7,17; Acts 16:4

b. Condition —(Submission) -Lk. 7:2–40 -Centurion

- 1) All authority from God —Rom 13:1
- 2) We must be under authority to receive it -Lk. 7:7-8
- 3) Submit first to God —James 4:7; Heb. 12:9;
 - a) Jesus submitted -I Cor. 11:3; John 14:10; Mt. 26:39; Heb. 5:8; 10:9
 - b) Unto death -Phil 2:8

4) Submit to Government -Civil vs. Moral Law

(submit, subject, obedient -*Hupotasso: to stand or rank under, to subject oneself and obey -Tit 2:5,9)

a) Secular

- (1) Rom. 13:1–8; I Pet. 2:13,18;
- 2) Mat h. 22:15–22
 - (a) Offering vs tribute Ex. 30:11–16 Ne. 10:32–33
- (3) Mt. 17:24–27 -Double drachmas tax (1323)
 - (a) enrollment or census —Mt. 17:25 22:17 (2778)
 - (b) continual customs levy —Mt. 17:25; Rom 13:7 (5056)
 - (c) assessment on goods or property - Lk. 20:22; 23:2; Rom. 13:6–7; (5411)
- (4) Acts 5:28–32; 4:13–22
- (5) Heb. 5:8

b) church

- (1) To ap., proph, evang., past., teach — Eph. 4:11–13
- (2) To elders —I Pet. 5:5–6; Heb. 13:7 & 17
- (3) To one another -Eph. 5:21; I Pet. 5:5
- 4) Wives to husbands -Eph. 5:22; I Pet. 3:1; Col. 3:18
- (5) children to parents -Eph. 6:1; I Pet. 5:5 Lk. 2:51
- 6) Submit to those who help in work & labor - I Cor. 16:15–16
- 7) Submit to the Holy Spirit -Rom. 8:14-16

c. Purpose of governmental authority in the Local church -
Ez. 34:1-6

- 1) **Elder** (Presbuteros -seniority in age &/ or responsibility)
 - a) **Guard** (take heed)give attention to (proseko)
Acts 20:28
 - b) **Guide** (over see) episkopos -Acts 20:28;
I Pet. 5:2-3
 - c) **Feed** (shepherd) poimaino -Acts 20:28; I Pet. 5:2; John 21:15-17; Rev 07:17
 - d) **Rule** (proisteeimi)-to stand before, to lead -
I Tim. 5:17; 3:5; Rom 12:8
 - e) **Heal & Save** —James 5:14-15; Lk. 19:10
- 2) **Deacons** -Acts 6:1-4

d. Requirements for holding office

- 1) I Tim 3:1-4
- 2) Titus 1:5-9
- 3) I Pet 05:1-11

e. Placement in the body

- 1) Psalm 92:12-15
- 2) Eph. 4:11
- 3) Nehemiah 4:12-23
- 4) Acts 13:1-3

SECTION IV LEADERSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“I have many more things to say to you but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. For He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of mine and shall disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said, that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.” (John 16:13–15)

What a beautiful picture of the work of God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit co-operating to reveal truth to us. We need to know more of the ministry of the Holy Spirit as He so directly affects our lives.

“As many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God.”

(Rom 8:14)

After studying the following section I'm sure you will be amazed, as I was that nothing good in the earth is initiated without the direct guidance and working of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit

1. Prophecies concerning

- a. Old Testament men that were filled with the Spirit:
 - Joseph - Gen. 41:38; And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?
 - Tabernacle — Ex 28:3; 31:3
 - Moses - Numb. 11:17–29
 - Balaam - Numb. 24:2
 - Joshua - Numb. 27:18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him;
 - Othniel - Judges 3:10
 - Gideon - Judges 6:34
 - Jephthah - Judges 11:29
 - Samson - Judges 13:25
 - Saul — Sam 10:6,10
 - David — Sam 16:13
- b. Outpouring in the Kingdom
 - 1) Is. 32:15; 44:3; 59:19
 - 2) Joel 2:28–29; Zech 12:10
- c. The Spirit upon the coming Messiah
 - 1) Is. 11:2; 42:1; Mt. 12:18–21; Is. 48:16; 61:1
- d. The Spirit and power of Elijah
 - 1) 1k. 1:15,17; Mal. 4:5–6
 - 2) I Kings 19:9–21; II Kings 2:1–48; I Cor 2:1–5

2. Work of

- a. To convict -Jn. 16:8-11
- b. To empower -Lk. 24:49
- c. To Guide into truth —Lk.12:12; Jn.14,26; 1 Cor .2:6-13; 1 Jn. 2:27
- d. Bring to remembrance -Mt . 10:16-20; Lk₀ 21:15 Jn. 14:26
- e. To reveal -I Cor . 2:10—11; Eph. 3:5; Acts 4:8-14,21 6:10
- f. To fortell -Acts 20:22—24; 21:11; II Pet₀ 2:20—21
- g. To fill -Lk. 1:15; Acts 2:4; 4:8,31; Eph. 5:18
- h. To bear fruit -Gal . 5:22; Eph. 5:9
- i. To conceive Jesus -Lk. 1:26-38; Mt . 1:18-25
- j. To conceive all children of the Kingdom -John 3:1—8; Tit us 3:5
- k. To sanctify -Mt . 5:48; I Cor₀ 6:9-11,18—20; I Thess 4:3—7; I Pet . 1:15—16; I Pet . 1:2; Rom. 15:16
- L. To direct leadership & location of works -Acts 13:2; 16:4-10; 19:10
- m. To direct sons of God -Rom. 8:14-16; Jn. 1:33; 3:31—36; 15:26;
- n. To bear witness -Rom. 8:15-17; Ga. 4:6; I Jn. 3:24; 4:13; 5:6—7;
- o. To seal believers -II Cor . 1:22; Eph. 1:13; 4:30
- p. To baptize into the body -I Cor₀ 12:13; Eph. 2:18-22 4:4
- q. To manifest gifts -I Cor .12:4-11; Rom 12:6
- r, To comfort -Jn.14:16—18,26; 16:7—11
- s. To cast out demons -Mt₀ 12:28,22—32,43—45
- t. To give life -Jn. 6:63; Ro 8:11; II Cor 3:6; I Pet . 3:18
- u. To abide forever -Jn. 14:16-20; 15:4-8
- v. To call to salvation -Rev. 22:17
- w. To call to overcome—Rev₀ 2:7,17,29; 3:6,13,22
- x. Makes intercession -Rom 8:26; Eph. 2:18; 6:18; Jude 20
- y. Promotes unity -I Cor . 12:13; Eph 4:3-6

3. Personality of

- a. Jn.14:17,26; 15:26 k 16:7—13; Ror n. 8:26

4. Dwelling of (Leadership from within)

- a. Ez.36:27
- b. Jn.14:17; Rom 8:9; I Cor . 3:16; I Jn.2:27

5. Titles of

- a. Spirit of truth —Jn.14:17; 15:26
- b. Advocate or Comforter (paral ketos) — Jn.14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7; I Jn₀ 2:1

6. Jesus anointed and baptized with

- a. Is. 11:2; 42:1; 61:1
- b. Mt . 3:16~ Jn. 1:32; Acts 10:38

7. Father gives & sends in Jesus name -Lk. 24:49; Jn. 14:16,26