

The Kingdom Defined

The Nature of the Kingdom · The Kingdom of God

The kingdom of God is the reign of God over all creation—His sovereign rule exercised through His appointed King, Jesus Christ. It is not primarily a place but a reign, not territory but authority. The kingdom is wherever God's will is done, wherever His rule is acknowledged. It is both a present reality (the kingdom is at hand, the kingdom is within you) and a future consummation (thy kingdom come). The kingdom was the central theme of Jesus' preaching and the burden of apostolic proclamation.

Key Verses

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Luke 17:20-21

And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Matthew 6:10

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Psalm 103:19

The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Daniel 4:34-35

I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation

to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will.

Acts 28:31

Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

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