



KINGDOMS

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UNDERSTANDING KINGDOMS



KINGDOMS IN THE KJV

Introduction

The term "kingdom" in the KJV Bible can refer to several distinct concepts, often depending on the context. It's crucial to differentiate between them to fully grasp their meaning.

It's not a singular concept but rather a tapestry of different reigns and dominions.

THE DIFFERENT KINGDOMS

- Earthly Kingdoms - the transient empires of man
- Kingdom of God and Kingdom of Heaven
- Millennial Kingdom - future, earthly reign of Christ
- Everlasting Kingdom - New Heavens and a new Earth

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Kingdom	Sphere / Focus	Timeframe	Entry Requirement	Key Texts (KJV)
Kingdom of Heaven	Earthly, Israel-centred	Present (in mystery) + Future (Millennial)	Repentance (Matthew 4:17)	Matthew 3:13; 25
Kingdom of God	Spiritual, universal	Eternal (present & future)	New birth (John 3:3–5)	Luke 17:20–21; Romans 14:17
Kingdoms of Men	Political, earthly powers	Temporal	N/A	Daniel 2 & 7; Luke 4:5–6
Millennial Kingdom	Earthly, Messianic	1,000 years (future)	Faith in Christ / Israel restored	Isaiah 11; Revelation 20:1–6
Everlasting Kingdom	Eternal, divine	Forever	Believers (redeemed)	Daniel 7:14; 2 Peter 1:11; Rev 21



EARTHLY KINGDOMS

transient power eternal prophecy

What are Earthly Kingdoms?

These are the literal, political, and historical empires and nations that have exercised dominion over the earth. They are characterised by human governance, earthly power, and frequently, an alignment against God's divine will.

Meaning

These kingdoms symbolise temporary human authority and dominion. They are often depicted as fragile and ultimately subservient to God's overarching eternal plan. Prophetic books, particularly Daniel and Revelation, meticulously detail their rise, conflicts, and inevitable decline.

Requirements for Entering

Not applicable. One is either born into such a kingdom or subjected to its rule through conquest





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Key Scriptures

- **Daniel 2:31-45** (Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of the Image): This pivotal prophecy outlines the succession of four major world empires:
 - Head of Gold: **Babylon** (Dan 2:38)
 - Breast and Arms of Silver: **Medo-Persia** (Dan 2:39)
 - Belly and Thighs of Brass: **Greece** (Dan 2:39)
 - Legs of Iron, Feet part Iron and Clay: **Rome** and its divided successors (Dan 2:40-41)
 - **Significance**: A powerful prediction of human history leading up to God's ultimate, indestructible Kingdom.
- **Psalm 2:2-3**: "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."
 - **Significance**: Highlights the historical and ongoing conflict between human authority and divine sovereignty.
- **Revelation 17:9-11** (Seven Kings/Kingdoms): Describes a succession of world powers, emphasising their temporary nature and eventual judgment.





KINGDOM OF GOD

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

God's spiritual reign

internal transformation

What are the Kingdoms of God/Heaven?

The cornerstone of Jesus's ministry and the Gospel message. It denotes God's sovereign rule and spiritual reign, which profoundly impacts earthly existence and points to an eternal future.

Often used interchangeably with "Kingdom of Heaven", a unique term used by Matthew.

The two kingdoms overlap but are not identical. All who are truly in the Kingdom of God are within the Kingdom of Heaven, but not all who outwardly belong to the Kingdom of Heaven are truly in the Kingdom of God (e.g., false professors).

Meaning

This Kingdom signifies God's active dominion within the hearts of believers now, and His ultimate, righteous rule over all creation in the future. It's a present spiritual reality and a powerful future hope.

Earthly or Spiritual?

Primarily spiritual in its current manifestation, with a promised future earthly expression (New Heavens and New Earth).





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Requirements for Entering the Kingdom of God

- **Repentance and Faith:** "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 3:2, Mark 1:15)
- **Being Born Again:** "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3-5)
- **Doing God's Will:** "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)
- **Childlike Humility:** "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3-4)
- **Righteousness:** "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)
- **Received by Grace:** It is a gracious gift from God, received through faith in Christ. (Colossians 1:13-14, Luke 12:32)





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Key Scriptures

- **Matthew 6:33:** "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."
- **Luke 17:20-21:** "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation... for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." (Emphasising its internal, spiritual nature.)
- **Romans 14:17:** "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."
- **1 Corinthians 15:50:** "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption."





MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Christ's glorious 1000-year earthly reign

What is the Millennial Kingdom?

A prophesied 1,000-year literal reign of Jesus Christ on earth following His second coming, as detailed primarily in the book of Revelation. During this era, Christ will rule justly and righteously from Jerusalem.

Meaning

This period represents a literal, future "golden age" where many Old Testament prophecies will be fulfilled. Evil will be suppressed, creation will experience renewal, and resurrected saints will reign alongside Christ.

Earthly or Spiritual?

Distinctly earthly in its setting, but governed directly by the divine and spiritual presence of Jesus Christ.





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Those who are part of the first resurrection (believers who have died in Christ) and righteous individuals alive at Christ's return will participate. Entry is for those already established in the Kingdom of God.

Key Scriptures

- **Revelation 20:1-7** (The 1,000-year Reign): Explicitly describes the binding of Satan and the reign of Christ with His saints for a thousand years. (Rev 20:4, Rev 20:6)
- **Isaiah 2:2-4** (Christ's Rule from Zion): Prophecies a future time when all nations will come to Jerusalem, and Christ will govern with perfect justice, bringing global peace. (Isa 2:2, Isa 2:4)
- **Zechariah 14:9:** "And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one."
- **Daniel 7:27:** "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."





EVERLASTING KINGDOM

ETERNAL PERFECTION IN THE NEW CREATION

What is the Everlasting Kingdom?

The ultimate, eternal state succeeding the Millennial Kingdom. God will usher in new heavens and a new earth where righteousness will reside eternally. This signifies the final, perfect, and unchanging realisation of God's complete and everlasting dominion.

Meaning

This is the glorious culmination of God's redemptive plan. In this Kingdom, sin, sorrow, suffering, and death will be entirely absent. God Himself will dwell perpetually with His people, in a state of unending perfection and joy.

Earthly or Spiritual?

Both. The "new earth" provides a renewed physical realm, which will be permeated and perfected by God's manifest spiritual presence.





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Requirements for Entering

Entry is granted to all whose names are inscribed in the **Lamb's Book of Life**, having placed their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.

Key Scriptures

- **Revelation 21:1-7** (New Heavens, New Earth, and New Jerusalem): Describes the final, perfect dwelling place of God with man, where all past suffering is gone. (Rev 21:1, Rev 21:3-4, Rev 21:7)
- **2 Peter 3:13:** "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."
- **Isaiah 65:17-19** (Prophecy of New Creation): Foretells a glorious future creation where past troubles are forgotten. (Isa 65:17)
- **Revelation 22:3-5** (Eternal Blessings): Pictures the unending reign and blessings of God's servants in His presence. (Rev 22:3, Rev 22:5)



SUMMARY

the journey of kingdoms: from dust to everlasting glory

- From the fleeting power of earthly empires to the transformative spiritual reign of God within us, and onward to Christ's future thousand-year rule, culminating in the eternal glory of the New Heavens and New Earth—the KJV Bible paints a magnificent tapestry of God's overarching plan for dominion.
- This study reveals not just historical progression but a profound invitation and a glorious hope for all believers.
- Our Hope and Call: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33)

