

Kingdom Postponed?

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- I. Kingdom comes from “king” and “dominion” and it that which is under the dominion of a king
 - A) *Dan 4:17*- The Lord rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whoever He wills (*Dan 4:25 & 34, 5:21*)
 - 1) *1 Sam 13:13-14*- The Lord takes the kingdom from Saul (*1 Sam 15:22-26*)
 - 2) *1 Kings 11:9-13*- The Lord takes the kingdom from Solomon
 - i. *1 Kings 11:30-32*- the Lord gives 10 tribes to Jeroboam
 - 3) *2 Kings 17:18*- The Lord takes the kingdom from Israel (Northern Tribes) and gives it to Shalmaneser (Assyria)
 - 4) *2 Kings 24:1-3*- The Lord takes the kingdom from Judah (Southern Tribes) and gives it to Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon) (*Dan 7:1-4*)
 - i. *Jer 25:9*- Nebuchadnezzar the “Lord’s servant”
 - ii. *Jer 29:4-10*- After 70 years chastisement, the Lord brings a remnant back from Babylon, but they never possess the kingdom
 - 5) *Dan 5:24-31*- The Lord takes the kingdom from Babylon and gives it to the Medo/Persians (*Dan 7:5*)
 - 6) *Dan 8:19-21*- The Lord takes the kingdom from M/P and gives it to the Greeks (*Dan 7:6*)
 - 7) *Dan 7:7*- The Lord takes the kingdom from Greeks and gives it to the Romans
 - i. *John 19:15*- Rome rules the kingdom when Christ came
 - 8) *Dan 7:9-13*- The Lord to set up an Everlasting Kingdom (*Dan 2:36-44*)
 - i. *Matt 3:1-2*- Repent, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand
 - ii. *Mark 1:14-15*- Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand
 - II. *Matt 11:12*- KOH suffers violence and violent take it by force (self-righteousness)
 - A) *Luke 17:20-21*- KOG is a spiritual kingdom and can’t be taken by force
 - 1) *Rom 14:17*- KOG **IS (present)** righteousness and peace in the Holy Ghost
 - i. *Psa 45:6*- Thy Kingdom is a sceptre of righteousness
 - ii. *Heb 1:8*- A sceptre of righteousness is Thy kingdom
 - 2) *1 Cor 4:20*- The KOG **IS (present)** in power
 - i. *Luke 11:20*- The finger of God works in KOG
 - ii. *Matt 12:28*- The Spirit of God works in KOG
 - 3) *1 Cor 15:50-51*- KOG is incorrupt and not accessible to flesh and blood
 - B) *Ex 19:3-6*- Israel was to be God’s physical priesthood/ambassadors on earth
 - 1) *Acts 2:41-47*- The visible/physical/local professing church

- i. *Matt ch 13*- Jesus tells the future of the physical church (KOH) in the form of “mysteries”
 - a) *Matt 13:1-8*- The Lord sows seed
 - b) *Matt 13:24-30*- Tares (children of the devil) sown among the Lord’s crop
 - c) *Matt 13:31-32*- The incredible growth of the KOH (becomes world power and rules)
 - d) *Matt 13:33*- The entire lump leavened
 - e) *Matt 13:44*- Treasure hid in the field
 - f) *Matt 13:45-46*- The pearl of great price
 - g) *Matt 13:47-50*- The net gathers of all kinds
 - 1. The Lord did start a physical/visible church of professing believers at the first coming, and the devil planted his seed among them until they possessed the power and authority and the dominion given political Rome was transferred to “mystical Rome.” This system has ruled the kingdom of men for the last 1700 years.

III. The true objective at the first coming of Christ was the establishment of a spiritual/invisible body of believers, the Church the Body of Christ which has citizenship in the Kingdom of God by faith.

- A) *Mark 1:14-15*- Jesus preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God
 - 1) *Luke 16:16*- Law and Prophets till John, since then the KOG is preached
 - 2) *Mark 1:22*- Astonished at “His doctrine” (*Mark 11:19, 12:38*)
 - 3) *Mark 1:27*- “What new doctrine is this?”
 - 4) *Mark 2:5-7*- Teaching the forgiveness of sins (*Mark 3:28*)
 - i. *Mark 8:27-33*- The “things that be of God” had to do with God offering His only Son as a sacrifice for the sin of all mankind
 - 5) *Mark 2:21-22*- New wine put in new bottles
 - 6) *Mark 4:2*- “His doctrine” had to do with the mystery of the KOG
 - 7) *Mark 4:26-29*- So **IS (present)** the KOG as seed planted in dirt
 - 8) *Mark 4:30-32*- KOG like a grain of mustard seed
 - i. *Matt 17:20*- Mustard seed = Faith
 - a) So then this “new doctrine” was not about a physical kingdom ruling over men, but about a spiritual kingdom dwelling inside a man by faith
- B) *Mark 13:10*- Jesus said this gospel (KOG) must be preached to all nations
 - 1) *Acts 1:3*- Jesus preaching the KOG after resurrection
 - 2) *Acts 8:12*- Philipp preaching the KOG to Samaritans
 - 3) *Acts 14:22*- Paul preaching the KOG
 - i. *2 Thess 1:5*- Suffering (**present**) for the KOG

- 4) *Acts 19:8*- Paul preaching the KOG
- 5) *Acts 20:25*- Paul preached the KOG to the Ephesians (same ones in Ephesian Epistle)
- 6) *Acts 28:23*- Paul preaching the KOG at Rome
- 7) *Acts 28:31*- Paul preaching the KOG after the so-called “Acts 28 change”
- 8) *Col 4:11*- Workers with Paul unto the KOG

IV. Jesus Christ did make entry by faith into the KOG possible through His death, burial and resurrection

- A) *Col 1:12-14*- “**Hath translated**” us into the Kingdom of His dear Son
- B) *1 Thess 2:12*- “**Hath called**” you unto His Kingdom
- C) *Heb 12:28*- “**Receiving**” (**present**) a kingdom
- D) *Rev 1:9*- Your brother in the KOG (**present**)
- E) *John 18:36*- My Kingdom **IS** not of this world
- F) *Luke 22:28-30*- I “**appoint**” (**present**) unto you a kingdom
 - 1) *Luke 12:31-32*- KOG given to little flock

V. The KOG is a spiritual kingdom and cannot be “seen” by flesh and blood currently, but at the 2nd coming it will be manifested and those to whom it has been given manifested with it. We obtain it today by faith and will obtain it in sight soon.

- A) *Luke 19:11-12*- They thought the KOG should immediately “appear”
 - 1) Jesus went to receive it by sight in resurrection
- B) *John 3:1-9*- Flesh and blood can’t “see” nor “enter” the KOG, although they can possess it by faith through the indwelling Spirit till they are changed and can see it by sight
- C) *James 2:5*- “**Heirs**” (**present**) of the Kingdom
 - 1) An Heir doesn’t yet possess the promised inheritance until he become the inheritor
 - i. *Eph 5:5*- Unrighteous “**hath**” (**present**) no inheritance in the KOG, but the righteous do have it today by faith, and soon by sight (*Rom 8:17*)
 - ii. *1 Cor 6:9-10*- Unrighteous shall not inherit the KOG
 - a) To “inherit” is to take possession and physical ownership of
 - b) *1 Cor 15:50-51*- Since flesh and blood cannot enter the KOG, then today we possess it by faith in the promise of God, and when we are changed we will possess it with God
 - c) *2 Pet 1:11*- An “**entrance**” shall be ministered unto you
 - d) *Mark 15:43*- Thus Joseph of Arimathaea “waited on the KOG”
 - e) *2 Tim 4:1*- Judgment Seat of Christ occurs at His “**appearing**” and kingdom

- VI. It is because Israel had no faith they could not see the spiritual KOG being offered them, and could only look for physical restoration of Israel as head of the nations
- A) *Acts 1:6*- Notice Peter and the 12 still did not fully comprehend the mysteries of the KOG
- 1) It is for this same reason, misunderstanding of the KOG, that today hyper-dispensationalists still make a separation between what they call the “prophecy program” and the “mystery program”
- VII. *Luke 1:33*- There shall be no end of His Kingdom
- A) *Dan 2:36-44*- It is the KOG that destroys the Gentile kingdoms
- 1) *Rev 19:11-16*- Jesus Christ returns with His heavenly host to the battle of Armageddon (this battle is not won by earthly Israel.)
- VIII. Jesus Christ is no King if He has no Kingdom
- A) *1 Tim 1:17*- Now unto the King eternal
- B) *Rev 1:5*- Prince of the kings of the earth
- C) *Rev 15:3*- The King of saints
- D) *Zech 9:9*- Jesus rides in as King (*Matt 21:5*)
- E) *John 4:25-26*- “I AM” the Messiah
- IX. *1 Tim 6:15*- But in His times He will “**shew**” (manifest/appear) Who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords
- A) *Rev 19:11-16*- Jesus Christ the King of kings manifested at 2nd coming to all the world
- 1) *1 John 3:2*- We shall “**see**” Him
- 2) *Rev 1:7*- Every eye shall “**see**” Him