

## The Kingdom Psalm 2

### One Kingdom - Doy Moyer

There is only one kingdom that is eternal. Only one that stretches across time, physical boundaries, nations, tongues, and earthly rulers. Only one that is not dependent in any way upon kingdoms of the world. Only one that does not advance through shedding of blood or carnal warfare. Nor is its defense found in taking up swords and arms.

This is the kingdom of heavenly citizens, the New Jerusalem, those whose names are enrolled in heaven. Its citizens are strangers and pilgrims in Babylon, exiled, and longing for the return of their King whereupon the resurrection of life is theirs as they finally realize the new heavens and new earth, dwelling with God eternally.

This kingdom is the stone that crushes all others, not by military might or the power of worldly princes, but by the resilient spreading of God's word and living lives committed even to death. The power of this kingdom is in the cross, the blood of the Lamb, the King who wields the two-edged sword from His mouth.

As soldiers of this kingdom, be careful about the entanglements of the world, for *"No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him"* (2Timothy 2:4).

The world is not ours to love (1John 2:15-17). Therefore, we do not put our trust in princes or the kingdoms whose powers are derived from the serpent of old. Every earthly power becomes our Babylon, and one day the call will be to return home.

*"For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come."* (Hebrews 13:14)

### Gospel Of The Kingdom

It is shortly after Jesus's wilderness experience ... John the Baptizer is now in prison ... Jesus comes into the land of Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. - Mark 1:14-15

Until this time all that was said of the kingdom was in prophecy. - Malachi 3:1; Zechariah 6:11-13

The "good news" of the Kingdom is proclaimed to men - Matthew 4:23

Later, after Pentecost Philip & Paul are seen preaching the kingdom of God - Acts 8:12; 28:23,30-31

Must be Kingdom for Jesus to deliver up to God! - 1Corinthians 15:24-26; Ephesians 1:3-4; Romans 8:29

Many are confused about Christ's coming to establish the Kingdom.

### The Kingdom Promise

God speaks of his future people, a nation yet to be established.

When would it come? - Daniel 2:28-45

History reveals the names of the kingdoms

Babylon; Medo-Persia; Greek; Roman Empire

Everlasting kingdom to come during decline of Roman Empire

Roman Caesar Reigns - Luke 3:1; Mark 9:1

Where would it come?

Out of Zion and Jerusalem would the law and word proceed. - Isaiah 2:1-4; Acts 1:26-2:1; Acts 2:5-6

How will the kingdom come?

Kingdom come with power of Holy Spirit, wonders of God. - Joel 2:28-32; Luke 24:49; Acts 2:4, 2:15-16

### The Kingdom Arrives

Preaching of Gospel fits the when (Roman Empire) where (Jerusalem) and how (Spirit). - Acts 2:41-42

The redeemed are transferred to the kingdom - Colossians 1:13-14

Daniel saw a kingdom that defied physical boundaries - Daniel 7:13-14

Jesus connects the church and kingdom - Matthew 16:18

The church is the foundation of the "Kingdom of God."

He is its head (ruler) - 1Corinthians 3:11; Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:20-23; 2:11-22

The King reigns supreme over His kingdom, the church, the body of Christ. - Hebrews 1:8; 3:6

## **The Spiritual Kingdom**

Jesus's disciples had a misconception, they thought the kingdom to be material. - **Acts 1:6**

Not of this world .. even this life .. it is spiritual from God - **John 18:36**

It is a spiritual kingdom, just like Isaiah saw! - **1Peter 2:9**

It comes with some observation; it is within you - **Luke 17:20-21**

It was not from man, it was God's plan for mankind.

Christ purchased it with His BLOOD. - **Ephesians 5:25-27; Acts 20:28**

We are in Christ through our obedience to the Gospel - **Galatians 3:26-27**

## **The Kingdom Is Present**

Philip went and preached the things concerning the "Kingdom of God" .. What did the people do ... they believed the things of the kingdom and were baptized.

The FOUNDATION is Christ.

The SAVED are added to it ... placed on the inside.

Purchased with the BLOOD of Christ.

Christ is the HEAD and SAVIOR of it.

It is the FAMILY of God.

It is UNMOVABLE ... even the gates of hell will not prevail against.

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