



Kingdom Study Outline



1. What does the Bible Say About the Kingdom?
2. The Main Problem with Kingdom Now NT interpretations
3. Why do some believe that we are in the kingdom now?
4. Why does it matter?



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Matthew 13 Parables

- Public parables (13:1-2)
 - Sower (13:1-9, 18-23)
 - Wheat and tares (13:24-30, 36-43)
 - Mustard seed (13:31-32)
 - Leaven (13:33)
- Private parables (13:36)
 - Earthen treasure (13:44)
 - Pearl of great price (13:45-46)
 - Dragnet (13:47-50)
 - Householder (13:51-52)



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1. The Definition of the Church

- a. All (both Jew & Gentile) who have trusted in the very Messiah rejected by first-century national Israel (Gal. 3:28; Rom. 10:19; Eph. 2:14)



- b. Intercalation
- c. Does not fulfill Israel's purposes

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2. When Did the Church Begin?



- a. Christ referred to the Church in the future tense (Matt. 16:18)
- b. Paul referred to the Church as a "mystery" (Eph. 3:4-5, 9)
- c. The Church did not exist prior to Acts 1 since Christ became the head of the Church (Eph. 5:23) after His Ascension (Eph. 1:20-22)
- d. The Church did not exist prior to Acts 1 since spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:7; 14:26) only came into existence after His Ascension (Eph. 4:7-11)

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- e. The Church existed before Paul's conversion in Acts 9 (Acts 5:11; 8:1,3; Rom. 16:7)
- f. The Baptizing (*joining, uniting, identifying*) ministry of the Holy Spirit began in Acts 2
 - 1) 1 Cor. 12:13
 - 2) Acts 1:5
 - 3) Acts 11:15-16
 - 4) Acts 2:1-4, 37-41

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3. Purposes of the Local Church



- Glorify God (Eph 3:21)
- Edify the saints (Eph 4:11-16)
- Fulfill the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20)

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4. Church ≠ Kingdom

1. Jesus Christ is never called the King of the Church
2. Jesus Christ's relationship to His Church is never depicted through the King-Kingdom metaphor
3. Prolonged Church Age carnality
4. Church Age Gospel = believe (Acts 16:30-31)
5. Kingdom's arrival is instantaneous (Dan. 2:44) while the Church's construction is gradual (Eph. 2:22)
6. Church = heir of the Kingdom (James 2:5)

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7. Church suffers today (John 16:33)
8. Satanic influence on the Church (Ephes. 4:26-27)
9. The Times of the Gentiles continue
10. NT kingdom references predominantly future
11. Jesus Christ is never said to be ruling from David's Throne now
12. Kingdom miracles (Isa. 35:5-6) are absent today (2 Tim. 4:20)
13. Kingdom prosperity (Amos 9:11-15) is absent today (Acts 11:28)

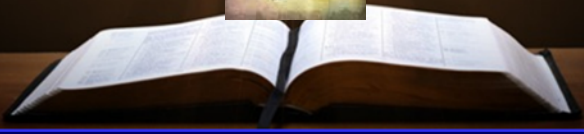
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Exodus 19:5-6

“Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a **kingdom** of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.”



Deuteronomy 17:15

“you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses, one from among your countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your countryman.”



Matthew 23:37-39 (NASB)

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. ³⁸ Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! ³⁹ For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’”



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2 Cor. 11:2-3
Betrothal Period

“For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted by the simplicity that is in Christ.”




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Matthew 16:18 (NASB)


I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build [oikodomeō] My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.



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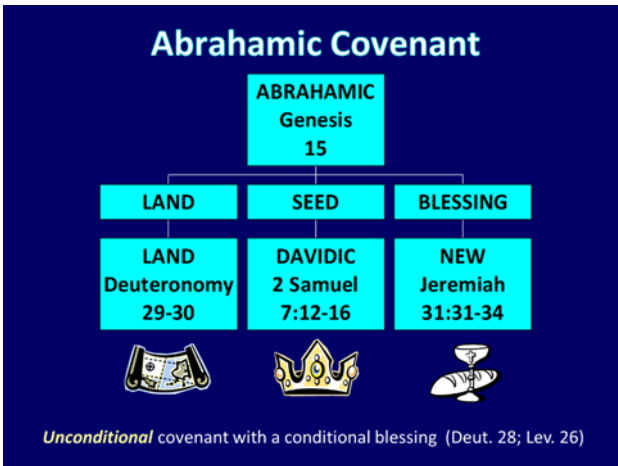
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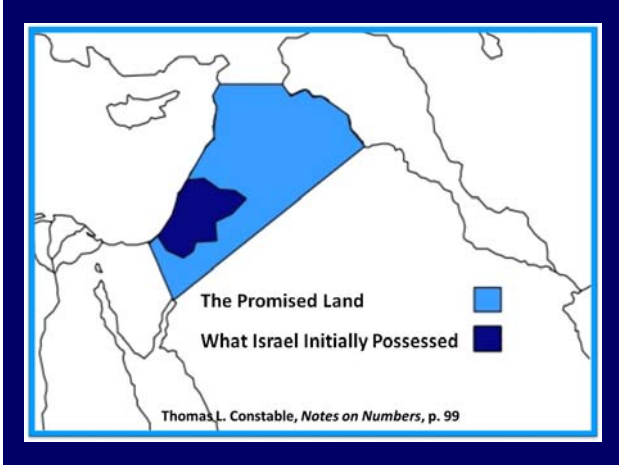


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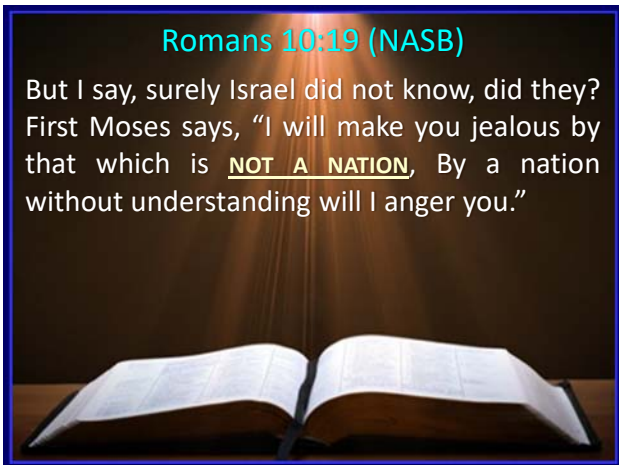
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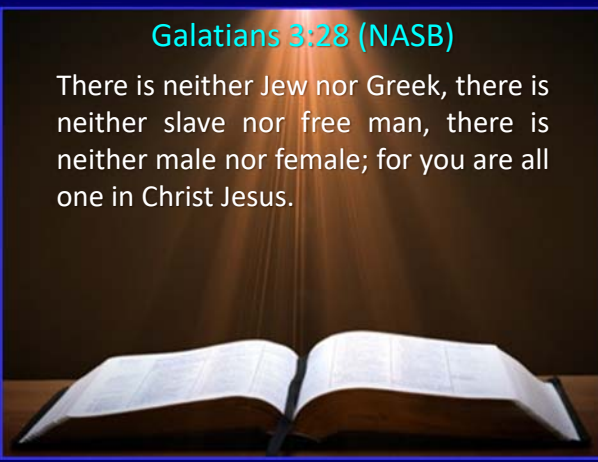






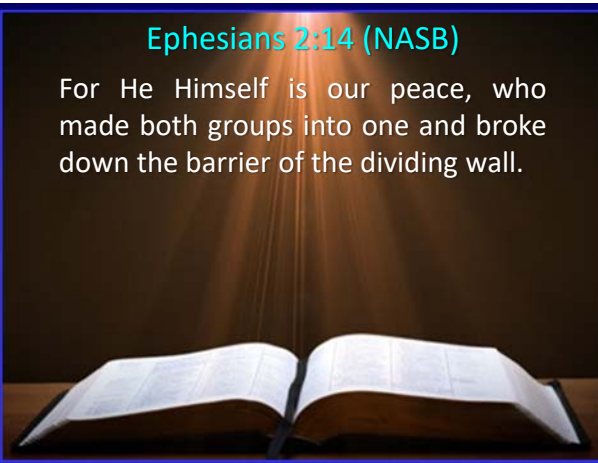
Galatians 3:28 (NASB)

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.



Ephesians 2:14 (NASB)

For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.



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Levitical Feasts (23)			
Feast	Season	Purpose	Type
Passover	Spring	Redemption	1 Cor 5:7
Unleavened Bread	Spring	Separation	John 6:35
1st fruits	Spring	Praise	1 Cor 15:20
Pentecost	Spring	Praise	Acts 2:1-4
Trumpets	Fall	New Year	Matt 24:31
Atonement	Fall	Lev 16	Zech 12:10
Booths	Fall	Wilderness provision	Zech 14:16-18

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- ISRAEL'S FOUR TEMPLES**
- A. Solomon's pre exilic temple (Kings and Chronicles)
 - B. Zerubbabel's post exilic temple (Ezra 1-6; John 2:20)
 - C. Antichrist's temple (Dan 9:27; Matt 24:15; 2 Thess 2:4; Rev 11:1-2)
 - D. Millennial temple (Ezek 40-48)

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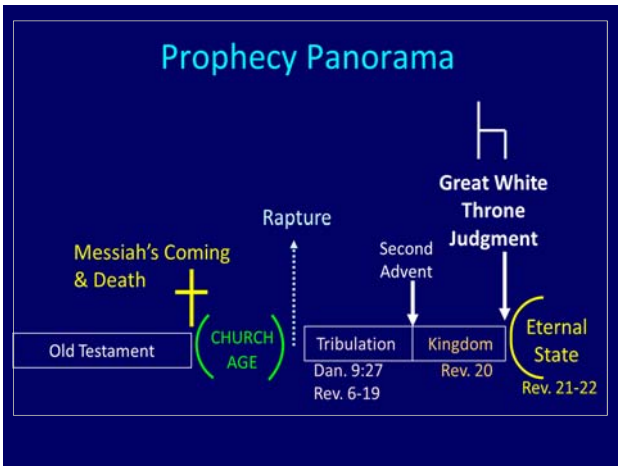
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1 Corinthians 4:5 (NASB)

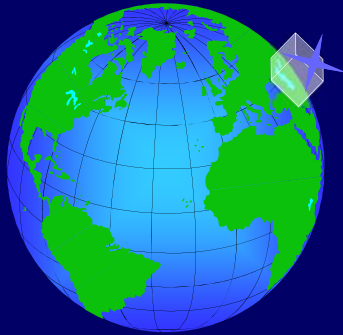
“Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men’s* hearts; and then each man’s praise will come to him from God.”





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Jerusalem Descending

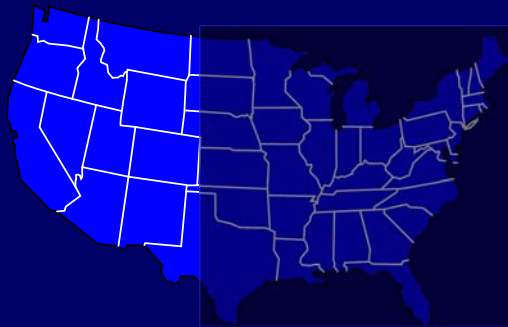


Revelation 21:16-17

¹⁶ The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be [1500 miles] in length, and as wide and high as it is long. ¹⁷ He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, **by** man's measurement, which the angel was using.



The New Jerusalem







Ephesians 2:20 (NASB)

“having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*.”


 An illustration of the apostles gathered around a table, with an open Bible in the foreground. The scene is set in a dimly lit room with a warm, golden light.

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