



FUNDAMENTAL GRACE BIBLE STUDY

Discerning the various “Kingdoms” in Scripture:

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Note: This is not an exhaustive listing of comparisons, but recognition should be given to the majority of mentions concerning “kingdom” being linked to Israel’s covenant promises, not the Church the body of Christ (Eph2:11-16; Col2:16-17).

1. Kingdom of Heaven

- a. Concerns the Messiah’s Kingdom on earth – Mt4:17; 6:10
- b. Christ preached the mystery of its delay – Mt13:11; Ac1:7
- c. Peter preached its institution earth at Christ’s return – Ac3:19-26

2. Kingdom of God

- a. Concerns Creator God’s rightful authority and dominion over all his creation
- b. Sometimes spiritual in orientation in contrast with “kingdom of heaven” - Rom14:17; 1Cor4:20

3. The Kingdom of the Father & the Kingdom of the Son of Man

- a. This is a progressive extension of the Kingdom of Heaven in the millennium – 1Cor15:24-26
- b. Concerns Israel’s Father’s everlasting kingdom and dominion on earth after purging it – Dan7:25-27
- c. The purification of the kingdom will be accomplished by the Son of man & his angels – Mt13:41-43
- d. One scene that could depict this is the sheep and goat judgment of Matthew 25
- e. It’s realization if found in Revelation 20:2-7

4. The Kingdom of his dear Son

- a. Concerns the sphere of dominion in heavenly places above all principality and power – Col1:13
- b. Spiritually reconciled & redeemed members of Christ’s body, seated in heavenly places – Eph1:13; 2:6
- c. This was a mystery, kept secret since the world began, but now is made manifest – Rom16:25; Eph3:1-11
- d. Preservation to this heavenly kingdom is a result of being translated & complete in Christ – 2Tim4:18

5. The Everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

- a. Concerns the coming kingdom for God’s chosen, circumcised people – 2Pe1:4,8-11
- b. Their promise of grace at Christ’s revelation concerns new heavens & earth – 1Pe1:7-13; 2Pe3:12-15
- c. The heavenly Jerusalem, the bride, is the heavenly city that descends anew – Rev21:1-27; Isa66:22

6. The Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ

- a. Concerns the consummation of God & Christ’s war against Satan & the kingdoms of the world – Rev11:15
- b. This is directly linked to Israel’s millennial kingdom and the kingdom of heaven