



Kingdom of God 1

Week 3:

The Kingdom in the Old Testament (2)

The Kingdom in the New Testament (1)

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Promises of the Kingdom in Isaiah & Daniel

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Promises of the Kingdom

- David & Solomon's reigns were a peak for Israel
- Back-sliding!!
- Growing conviction that God would redeem his people
- Prophets saw a future breakthrough

Eschatology = 'eschatos' + 'logos'

- Isaiah & Daniel - writings go beyond return from exile
- The 'day of the Lord', 'the latter days', 'in that day'

Promises of the Kingdom in Isaiah

- 1) The coming of God (40:9-10). This is good news = gospel (52:7)
- 2) The coming of the new Davidic King (9:6-7, 11:1)
What is His kingdom like?
- 3) The coming of the Spirit (44:1-4). Symbols of water, rain & rivers

*God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit breaking
into human history*

More announcements!

4) God will come as saviour

Salvation implies complete wholeness

Salvation would come to all the earth (49:6)

Forgiveness of sins (43:25), freedom (35:5-6)

peace (11:6-9), resurrection (25:8) joy (24:14-16)

Jesus' ministry manifesto

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' (61:1-2)

Even more announcements!!

5) The new people of God from God's scattered people (27:12-13) and all the nations (11:10), gathered together to Jerusalem (66:10-14)

6) The new order; a new heaven and a new earth (65:17). A great day and, at the same time, a devastating day (2:12-18)

God, the King, will come and the Spirit will be poured out, bringing salvation

The promise in Daniel – Vision in Daniel 2

- Nebuchadnezzar's dream



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Two kinds of Kingdom

Earthly kingdom

- statue represents human kingdoms (2:37-43)
- viewed individually and corporately (2:37-43)
- 'This present age' (Mk 10:30)

God's Kingdom

- everlasting (2:44)
- initiated by God himself (2:44)
- not formed by human hands (2:34)
- fills the whole earth (2:35)
- 'The age to come - new age' (Mk 10:30)

Transition is radical, cataclysmic, not evolutionary

The vision in Daniel 7

- Parallels Daniel 2
- 4 world empires arise from the sea (7:2)
- 'Heavenly' kingdom brought in by Son of Man (7:13-14)
- The Son of Man is a heavenly, pre-existent, divine figure (Ez 1:26), sometimes identified with the Messiah
- To Jews, the Son of Man would come from heaven to destroy worldly kingdoms and set up an eternal kingdom
- Jesus referred to himself as the 'Son of Man' (Mt 12:40)

Corporate personality

- Familiar concept to Hebrews
- The Son of Man is both individual and corporate.
7:13 - appears as an individual, 7:18, 27 - a corporate body
- Son of Man, though individual, contains a new heavenly people within himself
- Romans 5 - Paul speaks of Adam as a representative of mankind
- 1 Cor 15:45-48 - Jesus is called the 'last' or 'second Adam'

Summary

- God deals with man in terms of 2 ages
- Change from this age to the age to come is cataclysmic
- Ushered in by the Son of Man
- Result will be salvation, forgiveness, healing, liberation, the Spirit poured out in abundance
- A new people in a New Jerusalem, a new heaven and a new earth



The NT Revelation of the Kingdom

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So what on earth is this Kingdom?

The Kingdom of God has two components:

- Realizing that God loves you with all His heart and all His soul and all His mind and all His strength.
- Responding to that love by loving God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and all your strength.

The inevitable result of this relationship is that you receive God's heart and God's mind for all His people.



Fulfilment of the Promises

A sense of great expectation

A people waiting centuries for its fulfilment

John the Baptist – repent, Kingdom is near!

Jesus receives the anointing promised for Messiah



Mark's Gospel

(A sense of rapid, dramatic fulfilment)

3 words characterize the coming Kingdom:

Immediacy

Authority

Mystery



Immediacy of the Kingdom

Everything happens immediately

Jesus driven by a sense of urgency

Events follow in quick succession

Kingdom came suddenly, dramatically and unexpectedly



Authority of the King

Men follow Jesus

Jesus teaches with authority

Authority over demons

Authority over illness/disease

Authority to forgive sins

Authority over nature

Authority over death



Mystery of the Kingdom

It is Here!

Confrontation, authority, miracles

Feeding the multitudes:

Num 27:17, Ezek 34:5,23,25, Ps 23, Mk 6

2 Times - Jewish land (5000)/Gentile land (4000)

Walking on water, etc, etc, etc.



Mystery of the Kingdom

It is Not Here

Jesus tries to hide His identity

Forbade disciples to reveal who He was

Not all promises fulfilled

Judgement day

Rule of eternal king

John the Baptist also struggles with this



The NT Revelation of the Kingdom

The Kingdom of God:

Will Come	(Future)
Has Come	(Past/Present)
Coming immediately	(Now)
Will be delayed	(Not Yet)



Mystery of the Kingdom

The Kingdom will come

Mk 10:30 Present and Future age

Matt 21-25:

Build up of tribulation and suffering

Time of great tribulation

Coming of Son of man after tribulation

The Revelation of Christ



Mystery of the Kingdom

The Kingdom has come

Lk 17:20-21 The Kingdom is among you
John was Messenger, Jesus was Messiah
Since that time, Kingdom is being preached
OT is Law/Prophets, NT is present Kingdom
The cross
Resurrection/Coming of the Spirit
Future Kingdom breaking through into the NOW