



# VBI Kingdom of God

## The Kingdom in the New Testament (part 2)

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- The Kingdom Will Come
- The Kingdom Has Come
- The Kingdom is Coming Immediately
- The Kingdom will be Delayed



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### The Mystery of the Kingdom

#### The Kingdom is Coming Immediately

- The Kingdom is here now; will come in the future – a mystery
- “The Kingdom is near. Repent and believe the Good news.” Mark 1:15
- The Kingdom is here now will come in the future – a mystery
- “This generation will not pass away until all these things have happened.” Luke 21:32



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### The Kingdom Will Be Delayed

- Jesus taught that the Kingdom will be delayed  
Matt 21-25
- The Son of Man will come after the Tribulation
- We have to believe without fully understanding
- The four truths are true simultaneously
- Theology of Delay – “The disciples were mistaken.” – no textual basis for this stance
- We need prophetic insight to understand this



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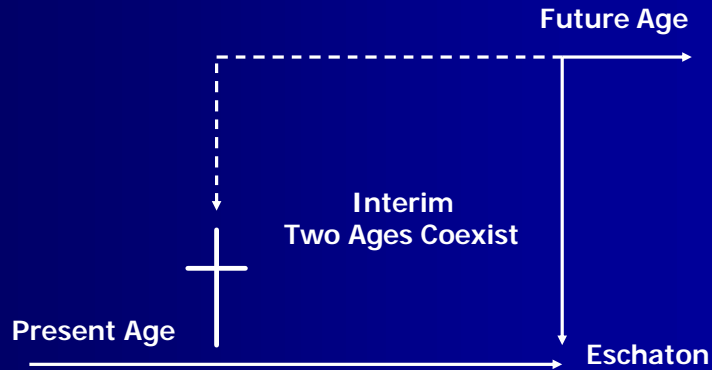
## The Mystery of the Kingdom

- No one but the Father knows the Time
- Old Testament prophecies were often immediate and future
- We must hold to the four contradictory strands – the Kingdom is present, immediate, delayed and future
- The Kingdom breaks through from the future into the present in successive interventions of God
- Two ages co-exist – the Already and the Not Yet
- Victory in Europe was assured at D-Day but not won until VE-Day

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The Mystery of The Kingdom.  
Coming Immediately: Delayed



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## The Mystery of the Kingdom

### Fulfilment without Consummation

The expectations of Isaiah and Daniel are one

- The full revelation of the Kingdom as in Isaiah will only come at the second coming
- But in Jesus every element of the Kingdom broke through - in fulfilment but not in consummation
- In a sense the Day of Judgement has already taken place, although it is still to come
- Jesus is the Eschaton; the Alpha and the Omega; the Beginning and the End; present at Creation; present at the End



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### Major Issues

- Two ages co-exist – the Already and the Not Yet
- The Victory is already won



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## The Mystery of the Kingdom

### Importance

- The mystery of the Kingdom is the key to understanding the New Testament and the Christian life
- It's the only way we can understand why healing occurs sometimes and not others
- It is the basis of the experience of the Christian in this world – we are a glorious contradiction
- The Church militant and frail – the powers of the age to come are overcoming the powers of this age
- The mystery of the Kingdom is the key to evaluating doctrinal and practical issues in the Church



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### The ministry of Christ: the beginning of the end

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## Mission statement (Lk. 4:18,19)

- Anointed
- Good news to the poor
- Release for captives
- Healing for sick
  
- 'Today this is fulfilled in your hearing'

## Ministry cont.

- Believe in the good news (Mk 1:14-15)
- Consolation of Israel (Lk 2:25-32, 38)
- Salvation and peace
- Jesus was the last word

## Ministry cont.

- Jesus was a king like David
- A few new faces

## The Cross: Judgement left hanging

- The year of the Lord's favour (Luke 4:19)
- The day of vengeance of our God (Isaiah 61:2)
- Cup of God's wrath
- There is nothing left to fear

## **Resurrection: Rising expectations**

- **Death is entirely natural**
- **Jesus' nature was not to die**
- **The kingdom coming brings the future into the present, the resurrection takes the present into the future**

## **Pentecost: Hey look at this!**

- **The events of Pentecost are hard to ignore**
- **The coming kingdom finds a way in to one going**
- **The future on deposit**
- **Empowering for service**



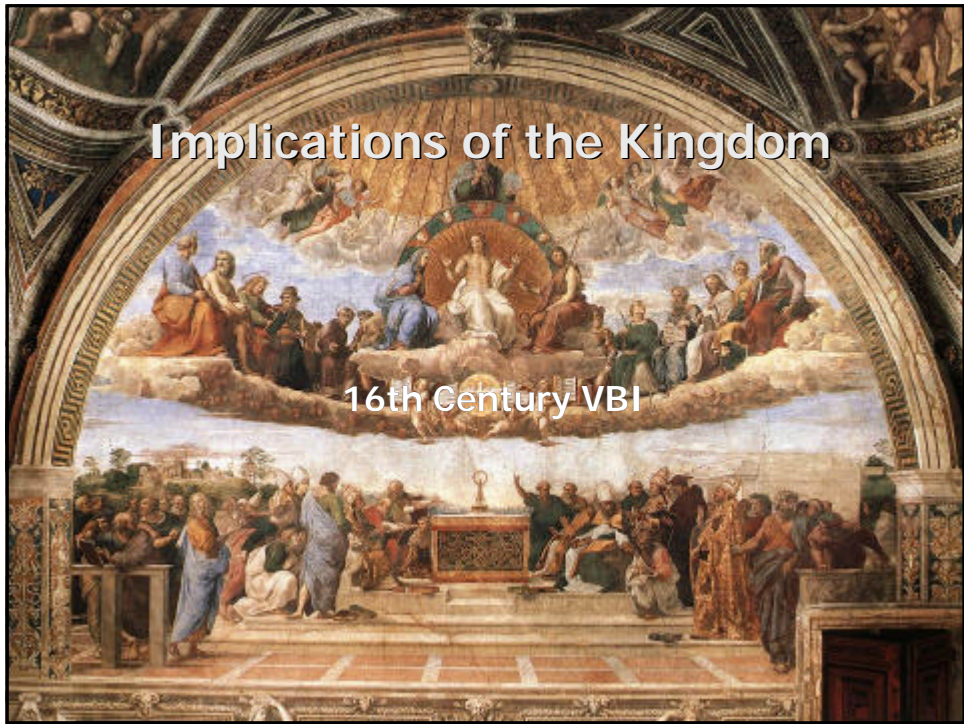
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### THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST

- Jesus is first and last
- Greek 'last' is eschaton
- Only God can be eschaton
- Jesus is God



## Implications of the Kingdom

Understanding the eschaton and what it means in terms of:

### OUR SURETY OF THE FUTURE

- Jesus is triumphant
- We know Jesus
- We need have no fear



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Understanding the eschaton and what it means in terms of:

### THE LAST DAYS

- The last days began with Jesus
- Cessationist theories
- Dispensationalist theories



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### ESCHATOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS

- Every breakthrough is eschatological
- Revivals are eschatological
- Physical manifestations are a foretaste



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### ELEMENTS OF THE KINGDOM

- A foretaste
- Only one kingdom
- Not a part experience but an experience in part!!



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What happens when the kingdom breaks in:-

### THE BARRIER

- Moment by moment expectation
- Patiently waiting
- Excited patience!!!



## Implications of the Kingdom

The Kingdom of God as a framework:-

### FOR UNDERSTANDING CHURCH HISTORY

- Increasing waves of intensity
- Getting closer to the end of the end



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- The disciples' question – what about the Romans
- Jesus answer Mark 16:15-18



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### FOR UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIAN LIFE

- Overstating - triumphalism
- Understating - defeatism

Hold them in tension



## Implications of the Kingdom

The Kingdom of God as a framework:-

### FOR UNDERSTANDING HEALING

- When we pray and someone is healed  
THE KINGDOM IS HERE
- When we pray and someone isn't healed  
THE KINGDOM ISN'T HERE



## Implications of the Kingdom

SO WHAT !!!!!

- Live the Kingdom life
- Live in the tension
- Proclaim the Kingdom



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- Expect the kingdom
- Eagerly desire the spiritual gifts
- Love is the way that spiritual gifts are made effective