

Closer Every Day: The End Times 2  
The Kingdom Has come!  
Matt 12.28

*But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.*

**The Point:** Jesus reigns from the angelic heaven; it is His church, His kingdom.

**The Question:** What about the millennial kingdom?

### **The kingdom promised**

Psalm 2.1-7 Dan 2.44

### **The kingdom established**

The great and good King Jesus

John 1.49

Luke 23.38

Established His kingdom when he came the first time

Matt 12.28

A spiritual, not physical or political kingdom

John 18.37

Rom 14.17

Christ's Church is His kingdom

Mark 9.1

Jesus reigns over us from his throne in the angelic heaven

Acts 2.34

### **The kingdom distorted**

Acts 1.6

### **The kingdom rejected**

Luke 19.14

Some people are waiting for the kingdom of God to come, waiting for a thousand-year reign of Jesus on earth that precedes the resurrection. But, unfortunately, they are waiting for a non-event. The following sermons and reading Dr. Cottrell's book (especially chapters 4-6 will help clear up varied theories on the second coming of Jesus and guide you to a Biblically sound understanding. The Truth is in the Word.

God promised the kingdom would come and His Messiah would reign over it forever. Psalm 2 is a prayer/song of David that shows man's reaction to God's rule (vs.1-3) and God's response to their plans (vs. 4-6). In verse seven, he declares the Chosen One his only Son. Daniel 2 Shows us Nebuchadnezzar's dream and interpretation. All kingdoms will fall before the kingdom of God. One king and kingdom.

God established his kingdom by the incarnation of Jesus from conception to execution to resurrection. Understand this: Jesus established his kingdom the first time he came—it is a spiritual kingdom! The kingdom is not physical, economic, or political! People tried to force him to take an earthly throne (John 18.37), and his disciples thought the same (Acts 1.6) until the Holy Spirit cleared up the matter (Acts 1.8 and Acts 2). It is a heaven and earth spiritual kingdom consisting of living saints on earth and departed saints in the angelic heaven awaiting the resurrection. Christ's church is His Kingdom!

The kingdom distorted. The belief in a physical and political church led to great crimes in the name of Jesus. A clear violation of the third commandment. The roman church had Cardinals in every royal court and even supported kings and emperors for power. The crusades were about political and land power. Where in the New Testament is a conversion by the sword taught? Where are we instructed to hate and take justice into our own hands? People distort the kingdom by twisting Scripture to teach Jesus taking a physical throne and reign in Israel.

We preach Jesus, His gospel, and a spiritual kingdom among the nations, but the message of peace and his kingdom are rejected by many (Psalm 2.1-4). Starting in Jerusalem to the ends of the earth: some accept and others reject the kingship of Jesus. Get your house in order!

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