

# Whose Kingdom Are You In?



## 2. INTRODUCTION

Only two kingdoms exist in this universe:

**God's and Satan's**

Every human abides in one of these kingdoms.

You now want to know whose kingdom you are now in, don't you?

**This tract explains several important mysteries including:**

- Why and how two kingdoms exist in this universe
- Whose kingdom you now belong to
- Who is the Crown of the Kingdom and how He created the universe
- How you can be certain your eternal residence will be in God's Kingdom of eternal blessing

As you read this tract, you are going to want to look up the Bible passages referenced in parenthesis for proof of Truth.

## 3.

### CROWN OF THE KINGDOM

To gain a full view of the Kingdom of God, first recognize that God is the Crown of the Kingdom. Although most people acknowledge God's existence, His power and personality are mysterious to most.

Today, you now gain insight and understanding of these mysteries as you carefully consider **Ten Attributes** of the Crown of the Kingdom (Acts 17:23-31).

- 1<sup>st</sup> Attribute – **He Created the Universe**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Attribute – **He is Lord of Creation**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Attribute – **He is Self-Existent**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Attribute – **He is the Life-Giver**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Attribute – **He Created all Mankind**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Attribute – **He Determined our Days of Life and Places of Habitation**
- 7<sup>th</sup> Attribute – **He Designed Us to Seek and Find Him**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Attribute – **He Envelops our Existence**
- 9<sup>th</sup> Attribute – **He is Gracious**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Attribute – **He will Judge all Mankind**

After considering the Crown's power and personality, look ahead to observe how He created His Kingdom.

## 4.

### CREATION OF THE KINGDOM

God created His Kingdom in **Seven Days** (Gen. 1:1 – 2:3). You are now going to learn what God established on the consecutive days of creation.

Day 1  
**Founded the Created Universe (1:1-5)**

Day 2  
**Formed the Heavens (1:6-8)**

Day 3  
**Founded the Earth (1:9-13)**

Day 4  
**Fashioned the Celestial Bodies (1:14-19)**

Day 5  
**Fish and Flying Creatures (1:20-23)**

Day 6  
**Fashioned Beasts and Man (1:24-31)**

Day 7  
**Sabbath Rest (2:1-3)**

God created everything that exists in His Kingdom in six days and rested on the seventh. Everything God designed reflects His goodness, power, and glory.

So one may ask, "If God is so good, why is there so much evil in the world?" The next section explains the answer.

## CORRUPTION OF THE KINGDOM

The perfect Kingdom of God suffered corruption by **Two Sinners**.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sinner – The Shining One in Heaven

The highest and most glorious heavenly creature become so enamored with his own beauty and power that he arrogantly formed an army of rebellious angels to overthrow the Crown of the Kingdom. Lucifer's violent attempt was turned back, and God condemned him with three judgments culminating in the lake of fire (Ezek. 28:11-19, Is. 14:12-14, Matt. 25:41).

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sinner – The Deceived Duo on Earth

After failing to gain heaven's throne, the deceiver came into the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:1-6). If Satan gained Adam and Eve's allegiance, he would control the earth. Satan tempted Eve to eat the forbidden fruit suggesting, "you can be like God." Eve and Adam bit the bait and both defiantly rebelled against God's command, foolishly following the devil's scheme (Gen. 2:16).

### Sin's Consequences

In his rebellion, Satan established his own kingdom within God's Kingdom. Adam and Eve willfully sided with Satan's plan and plunged the world into the devil's domain of darkness (1 John 5:18). Everyone born of Adam and Eve are born into Satan's kingdom and are thus called "children of wrath" (Eph. 2:1-3). Man inherits a wrong view of God from birth (Acts 17:29). Man is hopelessly lost in dark deception.

Unless God acts to rescue people from Satan's kingdom, everyone will suffer the devil's eternal judgment. The good news is God sacrificially offered a way of escape (John 3:16, Rom. 5:8).

## CORRECTION OF THE KINGDOM

The Correction of the Kingdom occurs in **Two Acts**. The first act is already completed. Act 2 involves an invitation for you.

### Act #1 – The Crucifixion and Resurrection

The Bible declares "God has fixed a day in which He will judge the worked in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead (Acts 17:30b-31). This One "raised from the dead" died on a cross, bearing in His body God's wrath against sin. Jesus paid the ransom price to redeem man from Satan's kingdom (1 Tim. 2:5, Matt. 12:28). Jesus is the only Savior for mankind (Acts 4:12). His resurrection proved it.

### Act #2 – The Call for Repentance

"God is declaring to men that all everywhere should repent" (Acts 17:30a). To repent means to rethink whom you serve and whose kingdom you dwell in. By natural birth, we entered Satan's kingdom, whereby we acted "like God" and did whatever we wanted without regard for God. Now we must recognize and receive Jesus as Lord turning away from Satan's pattern of self-rule. When you repent and receive Christ by faith today, God delivers you from the domain of darkness and causes your new birth into Jesus' Kingdom (Col.1:13, John 3:3). Open your heart and receive Christ now.

**CAUTION:** Please, don't harden your heart against the Lord lest you miss out on His blessing when He comes to be glorified in His saints (2 Thes. 1:6-10).

## CONSUMMATION OF THE KINGDOM

God will bring the universe to its purposed conclusion by **Three Phases of Resurrection** (1 Cor. 15:20-28).

### 1<sup>st</sup> Phase – Resurrection of the Redeemer at Easter

This event already occurred. It is celebrated globally in an event called Easter. Christ's resurrection ensures the next two phases of resurrection.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase – Resurrection of the Redeemed at Christ's Coming

When Jesus returns, He will resurrect His children, gather them to His throne for reward, and then pour out His wrath on all those who followed the devil's deceptive scheme (1 Thes. 4:16-5:3, 2 Cor. 5:10, Rev. 11:18).

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase – Resurrection of the Rest at the end of Millennial Kingdom

The Bible says, "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:22, cp. John 5:28-29). Every person who ever lived on earth (excluding those resurrected earlier) will be raised for judgment, some to eternal life, the rest to the lake of fire (Rev. 20:11-15).

After this judgment, Jesus delivers the kingdom to the Father, destroys the present heavens and earth with intense heart, and then establishes the new heavens and earth where God's people will reign forever (1 Cor. 15:24, 2 Peter 3:10-11, Rev. 22:5).

Because this is the future of the world, you now must ask ...

## WHAT SHOULD I DO?

While the Apostle Peter preached the gospel, people hearing the message asked this same question. Here is the apostle's **Three-Fold Answer** (Acts 2:38).

**Repent:** Turn away from serving self, Satan, and man-made religions, and worship the Lord Jesus Christ who delivers us from the devil's hell (1 Thes. 1:10).

**Be Baptized:** This rite expresses your desire to wash away your sins and appeal to God for a clean conscience (1 Pet. 3:21). You want to be united with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection, don't you (read Rom. 6:1-12).

**Receive the Holy Spirit:** This supernatural act occurs when you repent and determine in your heart to turn from sin and follow Jesus. The Holy Spirit enters your heart, seals your soul for eternal life, and causes you to be born again into the Kingdom of God (John 3:3). This is what you now want, isn't it.

Thousands rushed to enter God's Kingdom following Peter's invitation (Acts 2:41-42). Billions enthusiastically responded since then. Since you now want to do the same, call out to Jesus right now. Jesus wants to lovingly rescue you today.

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