

The Anatomy of a Kingdom

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Remove any one of these, and what remains may be a nation, an institution, a corporation, or even a religion, but it is no longer a kingdom.

THE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF EVERY KINGDOM

1. King

Every kingdom begins with a king. The king is the supreme authority from whom all government, law, justice, purpose, and culture originate.

Without a king, there is no kingdom.

- a. Supreme ruler
- b. Source of all authority
- c. Object of loyalty and worship

2. Territory (Dominion)

Every king rules over a defined territory or realm.

Every place where the king's authority is recognized and exercised is called **his dominion**.

KING + DOMINION = KINGDOM

Without the King's rule, there is no Kingdom.

- a. The Dominion is the realm over which the king rules
- b. Physical or spiritual jurisdiction

3. Government

Every kingdom establishes a government to administer and enforce the will of the king throughout his dominion.

Government gives practical expression to the king's authority.

- a. Administration of the king's will
- b. Governor (in God's Kingdom: the Holy Spirit)
- c. Delegated authority – He does not come to glorify Himself
- d. Administration and stewardship

4. Constitution (Covenant)

Every kingdom operates according to an established constitution or covenant that defines the relationship between the king and his people.

The constitution establishes the rights, responsibilities, privileges, and order of the kingdom.

- a. The governing document
- b. Defines the rights of citizens
- c. Defines the King's promises
- d. Establishes the legal relationship between King and citizen

5. Laws

Every kingdom functions according to established laws.

The laws reveal the character, values, and expectations of the king while preserving order throughout the kingdom.

- a. Kingdom principles
- b. Justice
- c. Commands and statutes
- d. Moral order

6. Authority

Every kingdom possesses authority.

Authority is the legal right to govern, rule, and enforce the will of the king throughout his kingdom.

Without authority, government (Ecclesia) cannot function.

- a. Inalienable citizen rights
- b. Delegated authority
- c. Legal jurisdiction
- d. Protection under the King

This is where we are going to circle back to and begin our deep dive into tonight

7. Citizens

Every kingdom has citizens who belong to the kingdom.

Citizens live under the authority of the king, enjoy the rights and privileges of the kingdom, and accept the responsibilities of citizenship.

- a. Those who belong to the kingdom have a Right of citizenship
- b. Rights, privileges, and responsibilities
- d. Identity
- e. Protection

- f. Provision
- g. Inheritance
- h. Access to the King
- i. Justice
- j. Security
- k. Healthcare / HEALING
- l. Education
- m. More... Promises of your constitution!

8. Royal Family

Every kingdom has a royal family.

While citizens belong to the kingdom, the royal family belongs to the king and possesses the inheritance of the kingdom.

In God's Kingdom, every citizen (Those who are born again) is adopted into the King's family and becomes an heir to His Kingdom.

- a. Heirs with Christ
- b. Sons and daughters
- c. Royal lineage

9. Culture

Every kingdom develops a unique culture.

It's the culture that reflects the nature, values, language, customs, and lifestyle established by the king.

- a. Values
- b. Customs
- c. Lifestyle
- d. Language
- e. Ethics
- f. Worship
- g. Honor

10. Economy

Every kingdom has a system of provision, stewardship, and the distribution of its resources.

A kingdom's economy sustains both the kingdom and its citizens.

- a. Means of provision
- b. Wealth distribution
- c. Resources

- d. Trade
- e. Currency

Our Kingdom is one that operates counterintuitive to this world's system...

11. Justice

Every kingdom establishes justice.

Justice preserves righteousness, protects the innocent, rewards faithfulness, and judges lawlessness.

Did you know that there are heavenly courts?

12. Purpose

Every kingdom exists to fulfill the purpose of its king.

Everything within the kingdom ultimately serves the king's vision, expands his influence, and brings honor to his name and exists only to serve His will.

- As we get more into Authority, we will reveal purpose

13. Glory

Every kingdom reflects the glory of its king.

The greatness, wealth, beauty, power, reputation, and majesty of the king are displayed throughout His kingdom.

"The Bible is the narrative of a King, His Kingdom, His royal family, and the expansion of His everlasting Kingdom on and throughout the earth."

Others to note:

1. Ambassadors

- a. Representatives of the kingdom abroad
- b. Carry the King's authority
- c. Speak only for the King
- d. Expand the King's influence

2. Succession

- a. Continuity of the kingdom
- b. Future generations
- c. Everlasting reign

3. Military / Defense

- a. Protection of the kingdom

- b. Enforcement of the King's authority
- c. Defense against enemies