

Introduction:

God has revealed His will to man in the Bible. There are various lessons concerning God's plan for man. God wants man to obey His word; to be redeemed from sin in Christ. In this lesson we want to see God's Plan for Man: In the Kingdom.

I) What is a kingdom?

A) Refers to an area of domain

1. We read of the kingdoms of men. King of Babylon had dominion over a geographical area. The same can be said for the United States.

B) A kingdom has ruler or law giver

1. Dictatorship has one man that has authority to establish his law.
2. Representative government has legislators that will establish laws and change its laws.

C) A law

1. Requires enforcement, the executive branch of our government exist to enforce the laws of this country.
2. The laws of men are often temporary, limited to those under its jurisdiction.

D) Citizens

II) The Kingdom of Israel

A) Set up by God at Mount Sinai

1. God's Holy Nation, was Israel
2. Descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

B) God was its ruler, its King, **1 Samuel 8:7**

⁷And the LORD said to Samuel, “Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. 1 Samuel 8:7

1. No higher level of authority could be established.
2. An infallible King, all knowing, all powerful, ever present.

C) The law was given at Mount Sinai, **Exodus 20**

1. Ratified by the blood of bulls and goats, **Exodus 24**

⁶And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient.” ⁸And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, “This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words.” Exodus 24:6-8

D) They were given the land of Canaan.

II) Prophecies of the Kingdom

A) **2 Samuel 7:13-14**

¹³shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. 2 Samuel 7:13-14

1. David was already ruling Israel so this prophecy was not concerning Israel.
2. One of David's lineage would rule over the kingdom yet to be established.

B) **Daniel 2.32-35, 44**

This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its

*belly and thighs of bronze,³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.³⁴ You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. **Daniel 2:32-35***

*⁴⁴And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. **Daniel 2:44***

1. The time of this kingdom would be during the fourth kingdom of man.
 - a. First kingdom was the Babylonian Empire
 - b. Second kingdom was the Medo-Persian Empire
 - c. Third kingdom was the Greek Empire with Alexander the Great
 - d. The fourth kingdom was the Roman Empire
2. Therefore, it was God's Plan for the Kingdom to be established during the days of the Roman Empire
3. Jesus was born during the Roman Empire, **Matthew 2 & Luke 3** reveals the birth of Jesus during the Roman Empire.

C) It would not be limited by geographical boundaries

1. Most kingdoms cover a land mass and are limited to that land mass
2. However, this kingdom would not be limited or outlined on a map.
3. Example: Bobby Knight and Puerto Rico, if he ever returns he

will be arrested but as long as he stays out of there he will be OK.

D) It would be an “everlasting kingdom”

1. The kingdoms of men come and go, this kingdom would not be conquered by another but would outlast the kingdoms of men
2. It will come to an end only at the end of this world, **1 Corinthians 15:24-27**

*Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “He has put all things under His feet.” But when He says “all things are put under Him,” it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. **1 Corinthians 15:24-27***

III) The Kingdom in The New Testament

A) Terms used in the New Testament

1. Kingdom of heaven is used primarily in Matthew, in many of the parables.
2. Kingdom of God is used in Mark and the rest of the Gospels, many of the same parables as given in Matthew’s Gospel.
 - a. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven and kingdom of God are the same kingdom.
 - b. What is true for one kingdom is true for the other.
3. Kingdom of His dear Son, **Colossians 1.13**.

*¹³He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, **Colossians 1:13***
4. Kingdom of Christ and of God, **Ephesians 5.5**

⁵For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Ephesians 5:5

B) It is a spiritual kingdom, *Luke 17:20-21*

Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; ²¹nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.” Luke 17:20-21

1. Jesus said His kingdom would not be “of this world” ***John 18:36***

³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.” John 18:36

2. Later on Paul said the kingdom was **not** physical in appearance or emphasis, ***Romans 14:17***

¹⁷for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17

3. Not interested in gaining land mass or wealth, but in serving God.

4. Not spread through armies and physical battles but through preaching and teaching.

C) The Establishment of the Kingdom

1. Was about to be set up, ***Matthew 3:1-2; 4:17***

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” Matthew 3:1-2

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Matthew 4:17

- a. Was not set up before the birth of Jesus
- b. Was not set up while Jesus was here upon earth.
- 2. **Mark 9.1** would be set up during the life time of those people
- 3. Was established on the Day of Pentecost, **Acts 2.33,36**
³³**Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. Acts 2:33**
³⁶**“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” Acts 2:36**
- a. Based upon Jesus’ power in overcoming sin and death

D) Jesus is the Ruler, the one with all authority, Matthew 28.18ff

- 1. It is by His name we act and move, **Psalm 2**
 - a. The Gospel, the law of Christ is the will of God and Christ for man today.
 - b. **1 Peter 4.11** we are to speak as the oracles of God
- 2. It is by His name we are baptized for the remission of sins, **Acts 2.38**
- 3. It is by His law we can act with authority,
 - a. Many are willing to accept Jesus as their Savior but not as their Lord and King.
 - b. To accept Jesus was must accept His authority and be subject to His word,
¹⁵**which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 1 Timothy 6:15**
- 4. Make no mistake about it, Jesus is an active King today, **Isaiah**

9.6

⁶For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*

- a. He rules in heaven above, at the right hand of God
- b. His word is bidding us today just as it was in the first century.

E) Those inside the kingdom

1. Enter through their acceptance of Jesus as the Son of God and submission to His will,

⁹that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. *Romans 10:9;*

³⁸Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. *Acts 2:38*

2. Understand this kingdom we enter as we submit to the will of its King, Jesus. He has all authority and power, ***Matthew 28.18ff.***
3. Are serving as priest and kings, ***To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, ⁶and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Revelation 1:5b-6***
4. Will be delivered up to God when Christ comes again, ***1 Corinthians 15.24ff***

Conclusion:

The kingdom of Christ was predestined by God. It covers all of this earth. There is not a place you can go to escape the authority of Christ. When Christ comes back those that are faithful and have obeyed the voice of God will go to heaven. Those

living in rebellion will be lost, ¹²***Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”***
Acts 4:12.