

OUR THEME IN THE YEAR 2026 IS:

“Thy Kingdom Come” (Matthew 6:10; 3:2; 4:17)

SERIES TITLE: THE KING AND HIS DOMINION

MESSAGE TITLE: The King Who Reigns from the Beginning

Date: Sunday, January 4, 2026

Primary Text: Genesis 1:1–28 (KJV)

Supporting Texts: Psalm 103:19; John 1:1–3; Colossians 1:16–17; Revelation 11:15

INTRODUCTION

At the beginning of Scripture, God does not argue for His existence.

He does not campaign for His authority.

He declares His Kingship.

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)

Before there was sin, before there was law, before there was redemption,
there was a King.

This message establishes the foundation of the entire Bible:

God is King, and everything else flows from that truth.

I. THE KING EXISTS BEFORE ALL THINGS

The Eternal Sovereignty of God

Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God...”

1. God existed **before time**, matter, angels, or man
2. Kingship is not something God acquired; **it is who He is**
3. Authority does not come from creation; creation comes from authority

Psalm 103:19 “The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth overall.”

Doctrinal Truth:

God is not part of the universe; the universe is under God.

Contrast:

- Creation does not define God
- God defines creation

Application:

If God reigns from the beginning, then He must reign over our lives today.

II. THE KING RULES BY HIS WORD

Creation Responds to Divine Command

Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24 “And God said...”

1. God rules by **speaking**
2. His word establishes order out of chaos

3. Light obeyed Him before man ever did

John 1:1–3 “All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.”

Colossians 1:17 “And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”

Kingdom Principle:

Whatever God speaks must submit.

Application:

- Disorder in life often reflects resistance to God’s Word
- Peace comes where God’s Word is obeyed

III. THE KING ESTABLISHES ORDER AND BOUNDARIES

Divine Government in Creation

Genesis 1:4, 7, 10, 18 “God divided...”

1. God separates light from darkness
2. God sets boundaries for seas, land, day, night
3. Kingdom rule requires **distinction and order**

1 Corinthians 14:33 “For God is not the author of confusion...”

Kingdom Truth:

Confusion is not neutral; it is a sign of disorder against divine rule.

Application:

Leaders, homes, and churches collapse when God’s order is ignored.

IV. THE KING DELEGATES DOMINION TO MAN

Humanity as Kingdom Stewards

Genesis 1:26–28

“Let us make man in our image... and let them have dominion...”

1. Dominion is **delegated**, not independent
2. Man, rules **under** God, not **instead** of God
3. Authority is stewardship, not ownership

Psalm 8:6 “Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands...”

Warning:

When stewardship becomes autonomy, rebellion begins.

Application:

- Leadership without submission becomes tyranny
- Freedom without obedience becomes bondage

V. THE FALL: REBELLION AGAINST THE KING (PREVIEW)

Dominion Lost Through Disobedience

Though not yet detailed in Genesis 3, the seeds are visible:

- Man was given authority
- Man was also given boundaries
- Dominion depended on obedience

Romans 5:12 “By one man sin entered into the world...”

Kingdom Reality:

Sin is not merely moral failure; it is **rebellion against God's rule**.

VI. THE PROMISE: THE KING WILL RESTORE HIS RULE

Christ Hidden in Creation

Though the fall is coming, the King already has a plan.

Revelation 11:15 “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ...”

Jesus Christ is:

- The **Word** of Creation (John 1)
- The **Image** of God (Colossians 1:15)
- The **Last Adam** restoring dominion (1 Corinthians 15:45)

What was lost in Adam is restored in Christ.

CONCLUSION: THE KING STILL REIGNS

From Genesis to Revelation:

- God begins as King
- God remains King
- God ends as King

The issue is not whether God reigns.

The issue is **whether we submit**.

CALL TO RESPONSE

I. FOR SALVATION

If you have never submitted to Christ:

“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3)

II. FOR BELIEVERS

Where have you resisted God's rule?

- In obedience?
- In leadership?
- In holiness?

PRAYER DECLARATIONS (7)

1. Father, You reign over all things
2. I submit my life fully to Your Kingdom
3. I renounce rebellion and self-rule

4. Let Your Word govern my decisions
5. Restore divine order in my life
6. I receive grace to steward Your authority
7. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in me.

FINAL SCRIPTURE BLESSING

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

(Matthew 6:33, KJV)