

**Kingdom of God**  
*Acts 28:23,24*  
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**Acts 28:23** When they had set a day for Paul, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening.

24 Some were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe.

What is involved in “testifying about the kingdom of God?”

What do the Law and Moses, and the Prophets, have to say about Jesus?

**Deuteronomy 18:15** “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.  
Peter and Stephen referenced this verse as applying to Jesus.

**Daniel 4:34** Former pagan king Nebuchadnezzar states God’s dominion and kingdom are everlasting, from generation to generation, and are over all of mankind.

**Daniel 6:26** Another pagan king, Darius, acknowledges the eternal dominion of God.

**Daniel 7:13-22** Daniel sees the Ancient of Days giving an eternal kingdom to “one like a Son of Man,” and he also sees the saints inheriting the kingdom with the Son of Man.

Interestingly, Daniel 2:4 – 7:28 are not written in Hebrew, the language of the Jew; they are written in Aramaic, the language of the “world” at that time in history, because the prophecies about the coming kingdom of the Son of Man are germane to all peoples, not just the Jew.

**Mathew 12:28; Mark 1:14,15; 14:25; Luke 17:20,21; 19:11,44**

(plus many others) The kingdom was in their midst because the King was in their midst.

The terms “kingdom of Heaven” and “kingdom of God” occur 83 times in the Gospels, and only 14 times in the remainder of the NT. Certainly, a proximity that soon passed is the implication.

**John 3:3-5 and John 18:33-36** Jesus teaches that His kingdom can only be entered through a spiritual birth, not a physical birth.

**Acts 1:3-6** It is obvious that Jesus had been talking to His Apostles about a literal, physical kingdom.

So, which is it? Is the kingdom of God literal and physical, or is it immaterial and spiritual? Actually, it is both.

**Romans 9:1-8; Galatians 3:7-29** There is a literal, physical kingdom, for Abraham’s descendants, but its entrance is not physical, it is spiritual.

**Romans 8:16-18**

The spiritual kingdom and the earthly kingdom  
meet:

Unconditional heirship based on faith (heir of God);  
Conditional heirship based on works (fellow heir with  
Christ).

*If the literal "kingdom" is in the future, then what does that  
mean for us today?*

What Jesus did:

He showed the world how the kingdom would look:

He spoke truth in love;

He showed the fruit of the Spirit;

He healed the sickly;

He fed the hungry;

He gave compassion to the needy.

*What do we do?*

We show the world how the kingdom will look:

We speak truth in love;

We show the fruit of the Spirit;

We heal the sickly;

We feed the hungry;

We give compassion to the needy.

Three avenues to show the world how the kingdom looks:

Operation Christmas Child - send a shoebox

Compassion International - adopt an orphan

The Timothy Initiative - train a pastor for \$400.00