

Kingdom Come

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THE KINGDOM OF GOD

David's movement to become king begins with _____ to Yahweh. 2:1-3

David is anointed king in Hebron connecting his reign with the blessing of _____. 2:4

Never allow the _____ form of God's kingdom at any time or place blind us to its real presence. 2:4

David offers a winsome invitation (_____) to be God's instrument of blessing to the friends of his arch enemy. 2:5-7

THE KINGDOM OF MAN

Scene 1: Abner's Power-Plays 2:8-3:21

The power of man will never _____ God's kingdom.

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