

# KINGDOM

## REVIEW

To define God's Kingdom biblically as the reign & rule of God & how it relates to us today.

## TEACHING TIPS

The recurring analogy used here is that God's Kingdom crashes into our world like a 'wave' on the shores of human history. This is a helpful tool in understanding the Kingdom. Avoid getting too bogged down in the many prophecies by asking questions with brief answers.

How would you define the 'Kingdom of God'?

*This Bible study is set up like a puzzle: we're going to look quickly at several clues & then put the whole thing together at the end.*

## Isaiah 2:1-4 [written ~750BC]

When will it happen? Last Days

Who will be a part of it? All Nations

Where will it take place? Jerusalem

## Isaiah 9:6-7

What kind of kingdom language do we find in this passage?

What is unusual about the names given to the one who is coming to establish his reign?

## Daniel 2:25-28, 31-35 [written ~550BC]

Most biblical scholars agree on the prophecy's meaning:

Gold - Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar

Silver Chest - Persia

Bronze belly & thigh - Greece, Alexander

Legs/feet Iron & Clay - Rome



What happens to all these kingdoms?

What is the difference between these kingdoms & the Kingdom of God?

## Daniel 7:18

Who will they receive the Kingdom? Holy People of God (or Saints. Rom. 1:7)

## Matthew 3:1-6 [written ~25AD]

400 years of prophetic silence is broken by John the Baptist.

This begins a new 'wave' of the Kingdom crashing on the earth.

## Matthew 4:17

Jesus the King is a huge 'wave' of the Kingdom crashing into our world.

## Mark 9:1

Some of his disciples will see the next 'wave' of Kingdom power in their lifetime. Some won't.

## John 3:1-7

Being reborn spiritually is a prerequisite for entering the Kingdom.

## Luke 17:20-21

Not a physical Kingdom. It is within you (also “among you” or “in your midst”)

## Matthew 16:13-19

Who gets the keys? Peter will play a big role in the next ‘wave.’

## Luke 23:50-51

Had the next wave of the Kingdom come yet? No. Joseph was still waiting.

## Luke 24:44-49

All Kingdom prophecies will be fulfilled .

Repentance & forgiveness will be preached at the next big Kingdom wave. “All nations” & “Jerusalem” reaffirm the prophecy from Isaiah 2. How is Peter’s reaction different than in Luke 5? Peter wants to be with him.

Review all Prophecies then read [Acts 1 & 2:1-41](#).

Keeping the prophecies in mind, underline anything familiar as we read.

Go through what they underlined. Fill in any blanks with this chart.

Prophetic Scripture	Puzzle Piece	Fulfillment
Isaiah 2	Last Days	Acts 2:1 Temple Destroyed 70 A D
	All Nations	Acts 1:8, 2:5, 9-12
	Jerusalem	Acts 1:4 , 2:5
Daniel 2	Not Physical	Acts 2:39 Future Generations
Daniel 7	Saints	Acts 2:28
Matthew 3,4 & Mark 9	Near	Acts 2:1
	Some not Taste death	Acts 1:18 Judas’ suicide
	Power	Acts 1:8, 2:2-4
John 3	Reborn; water & spirit	Acts 1:5, 2:41
Luke 17	Don't know when	Acts 2:2
Matthew 16	Peter with the Keys	Acts 1:15, 2:14
Luke 23	Not at Christ's death	Acts 2:23
Luke 24	Not at Christ's resurrection	Acts 2:24
	Repentance & Forgiveness	Acts 2:38
	All Nations	Acts 1:8, 2:5, 9-12
	Jerusalem	Acts 1:4 , 2:5
	Power	Acts 1:8, 2:2-4

What happened during this ‘wave’ of the Kingdom? The church is started.

### REVIEW:

God’s reign & rule has been establishing itself on earth since the beginning of time; through creation, Israel’s history, the prophets, John the Baptist, Jesus & now the CHURCH!

## Acts 2:42-47

This should describe any true Christian church today.

### **Matthew 13:34 -35**

Once someone finds the Kingdom, they leave everything else. The Jews did this after Pentecost by staying in Jerusalem rather than going home. **How can you value the Kingdom like this & begin leaving your old life behind?**

### **Matthew 6:33**

What does seeking the King & his Kingdom first look like? *Talk through examples of commitment, personal devotional life & public church life.*