



Introduction

Is the kingdom an earthly kingdom or a spiritual kingdom?

Is the realization of the kingdom in the future?

Does the kingdom exist now?

- Matthew 3:1-2
- Mark 1:14-15

Kingdom of heaven = Kingdom of God

- Acts 2:33-36
- Deuteronomy 33:7
- Psalm 24:7-10
- Isaiah 6:5
- Daniel 2:44
- 2 Samuel 7:8-13
- Mark 1:15

The Kingdom Defined

- Matthew 1:1
- Luke 1:32
- Acts 2:29-31

The kingdom of God, therefore, is to be understood as the reign of God dynamically active in human history through Jesus Christ, the purpose of which is the redemption of God's people from sin and from demonic powers, and the final establishment of the new heavens and the new earth. It means that the great drama of the history of salvation has been inaugurated, and that the new age has been ushered in. The kingdom must



not be understood as merely the salvation of certain individuals or even as the reign of God in the hearts of his people; it means nothing less than the reign of God over his entire created universe.¹

- Hebrews 12:28
- Daniel 2:44

God's kingdom is "the absolute sovereignty of God over both his creatures and his creation."²

The Present Kingdom

1. The first sign of the presence of the kingdom is Jesus cast out demons.
 - Matthew 12:28
2. A second sign of the presence of the kingdom was Satan fell from heaven and was bound.
 - Luke 10:17-18
 - Revelation 12:7-9
 - Matthew 12:29
3. The third sign of the presence of the kingdom is Jesus performed miracles.
 - Matthew 11:4-5
4. The fourth sign of the presence of the kingdom was the gospel was preached to the poor.
 - Matthew 11:11-12
5. The fifth sign of the presence of the kingdom is Jesus forgave sins.
 - Jeremiah 31:34
 - Micah 7:18-20
 - Mark 2:5-12

¹ Anthony A. Hoekema, *The Bible and the Future*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1979), 45.

² Kim Riddlebarger, *A Case for Amillennialism*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2013), 116.



6. The sixth sign of the presence of the kingdom is Jesus said the kingdom is found in the Holy Spirit.

- Luke 17:20-21
- John 18:36
- Matthew 12:28
- Romans 14:17
- Matthew 10:34
- 1 Corinthians 15:25

The Future Kingdom

- Matthew 13:36-43
- Matthew 13:47-50
- Matthew 22:1-14
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
- 1 Corinthians 15:21-26
- Revelation 21:1-4