



**THE KINGDOM OF GOD  
ACCORDING TO JESUS**

**STUDY NOTES**  
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**SESSION ONE**

# Messiah's Words on the Kingdom



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# Messiah's Words on the Kingdom

## I. On Earth as It Is in Heaven

## II. Kingdom Is at Hand

**A. Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Mt. 4:17).**

**B. Israel's repentance is key to the Kingdom**

1. The coming Kingdom is dependent on Israel's repentance
  - a. Hosea 14:1-2
  - b. Ezekiel 14:6

## III. Kingdom Rejected

**A. Matthew 12:24: “But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, ‘It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.’”**

1. Zechariah 12:10-14

## IV. Kingdom Mysteries

**A. Parables were meant to explain a rabbi's point by illustrating it; however, if the point were not stated, the parable would amount to no more than a story. Rabbis had some more secretive teachings that they thought only their closest disciples could handle, and they reserved these for private instruction. The meaning of Jesus' parables, then, would be understood only by those who chose to become insiders.**

**B. Matthew 13**

1. Sower
2. Wheat and Tares
3. Mustard Seed
4. Leaven



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5. Hidden Treasure
6. Pearl of Great Price
7. The Net
8. Owner of Household

## **V. It's Not About Rome**



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## SESSION TWO

# What Moses Says About the Kingdom



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# What Moses Says About the Kingdom

- I. **What I Thought Moishe Rabbeinu (Moses) Said About the Kingdom of Israel**
  - A. We needed Messiah
  - B. He will bring peace
  - C. All Jews make *aliyah*
  - D. One true God known by the world
  - E. Resurrection of dead
  - F. *Mitzvot* will bring Messiah and Kingdom
  
- II. **What Moishe Rabbeinu Actually Said About the Kingdom of Israel**
  - A. Before Sinai
  
- III. **What Moishe Rabbeinu Actually Said About the Kingdom of Israel**
  - A. After Sinai
  
- IV. **What Moishe Rabbeinu Actually Said About the Kingdom of Israel**
  - A. The Mosaic Law
    - 1. Exodus 19–24
    - 2. Leviticus 26
    - 3. Deuteronomy 28
  
- V. **Moishe Rabbeinu Functions as Theocratic Administrator**
- VI. **A Coming King**
  - A. Deuteronomy 17:15: “You shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD



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your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.”

## VII. A Coming Prophet

A. Deuteronomy 18:15-18: “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.’”

## VIII. Moishe Rabbeinu Comes Through

A. Matthew 15:24: “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

## IX. Moishe Rabbeinu Comes Through

A. Matthew 5:17: “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.”

## X. X. Moishe Rabbeinu Comes Through

A. John 5:45-47: “Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

## XI. Moishe Rabbeinu Comes True

A. Galatians 4:4-5: “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law.”





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**SESSION THREE**

**What the Prophets  
Say About the Kingdom**



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Field Ministries Manager





# What the Prophets Say About the Kingdom

## **I. Judgment: The Kingdom Prelude**

### **A. The world will be judged**

1. Isaiah 24:1-6, 23

### **B. He will bring peace**

1. Jeremiah 30:4-7

## **II. Messiah: The Eternal King**

### **A. The Kingdom comes when the King comes**

### **B. Daniel 7:13-14**

### **C. Micah 5:2**

## **III. Jerusalem: The Center of the World**

### **A. Politically**

1. Isaiah 9:6-7

### **B. Religiously**

1. Isaiah 2:1-3
2. Zechariah 8:20-22
3. Zechariah 14:16-19

## **IV. Israel: The Head, Not the Tail**

### **A. National salvation**

1. Ezekiel 36:24-28
2. Jeremiah 31:31-34



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## **B. National restoration**

1. Hosea 11:8-11
2. Amos 9:14-15

## **C. Global leadership**

1. Zechariah 8:23

## **V. Gentiles: Partakers of Blessing**

### **A. Zechariah 2:10-13**

### **B. Isaiah 19:24-25**

## **VI. Earth: The Creation Restored**

### **A. Ezekiel 47:7-12**

### **B. Isaiah 11:6-9**







## SESSION FOUR

# The Apostolic Teachings of the Kingdom



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# The Apostolic Teachings of the Kingdom

**As we study the apostles' writings on the coming Kingdom of God we'll learn how to wait for the Kingdom with hope, and we'll learn the incredible power of living out the transformation of God's coming Kingdom now, while we wait.**

## **I. While We Wait, Anticipate the Coming Kingdom With Hope**

### **A. References to the Kingdom of God in the (non-Gospels) apostolic writing:**

1. Eight references in Acts
2. 22 references in the Epistles (14 written by Paul; 2 in Hebrews; 1 in James; 1 in 2 Peter)
3. Four in John's Revelation

### **B. Two Categories of references to the Kingdom of God and what they teach us:**

1. Universal/Eternal Kingdom of God references: (1 Cor. 4:20; 1 Th. 2:12; **2 Tim. 4:18**; Rev. 12:10)
2. Future Messianic Kingdom of God references teach us six truths:
  - a. Messiah Jesus will rule a literal, future, eschatological Davidic Kingdom on Earth (Acts 1:6; Acts 20:25, 32; 1 Cor. 15:24; **2 Tim. 4:1**; Heb. 12:28/Hag. 2:6)
  - b. Messiah Jesus will hand over (merge) His Kingdom with God's eternal/universal Kingdom (1 Cor. 15:24-25; Heb. 1:8/Ps. 45:6-9; **2 Pet. 1:11**)
  - c. There are exclusions from the future Kingdom based on a sinful human nature (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5)
  - d. Church Age believers will inherit with a change from perishable to imperishable in one event (1 Cor. 15:50-53)
  - e. The future Kingdom is motivation for Christian ethics, behavior, and endurance (Acts 14:22; Rom. 14:17; Eph. 5:5-16; 2 Th. 1:5; Jas 2:5;



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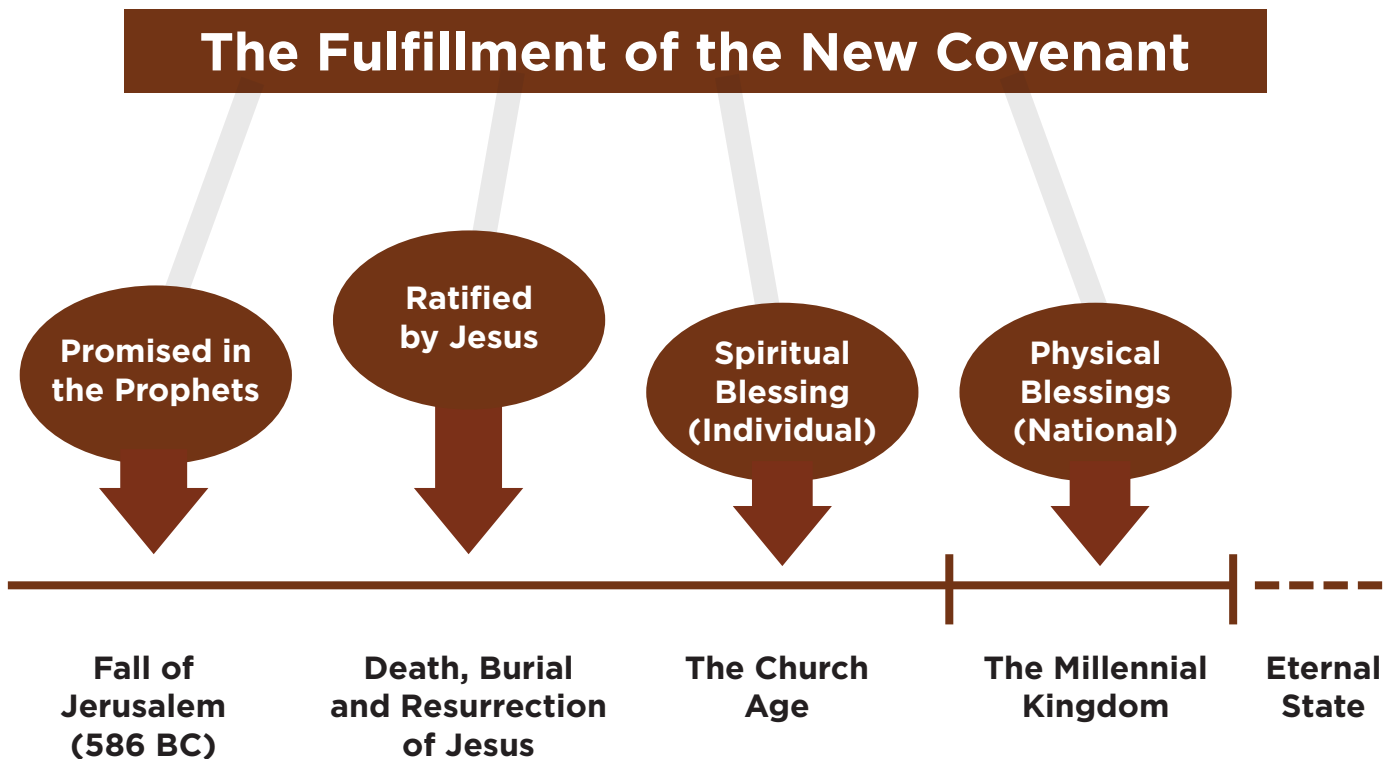
2 Pet. 1:5-11; Rev. 1:9)

- f. The future Kingdom is a believer's inheritance in Jesus (1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5-16; Jas 2:5; Rev. 1:6; 5:10)

## II. While We Wait, Embrace the Coming Kingdom's Transformation Now

### A. Three transformations of the coming Kingdom

1. Its current spiritual blessings empower our holy living (1 Cor. 6:9-11)
2. It motivates endurance in our suffering (1 Pet. 1:3-7)
3. Its imminent change of us inspires work for God/evangelism (1 Cor. 15:50-53)



### B. Applying the transformations





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## SESSION FIVE

# The Kingdom of God Restored—Already or Not Yet?



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# The Kingdom of God Restored—Already or Not Yet?

## I. Introduction

### A. How does God “rule” in the Bible?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### B. God’s sovereign rule over all things

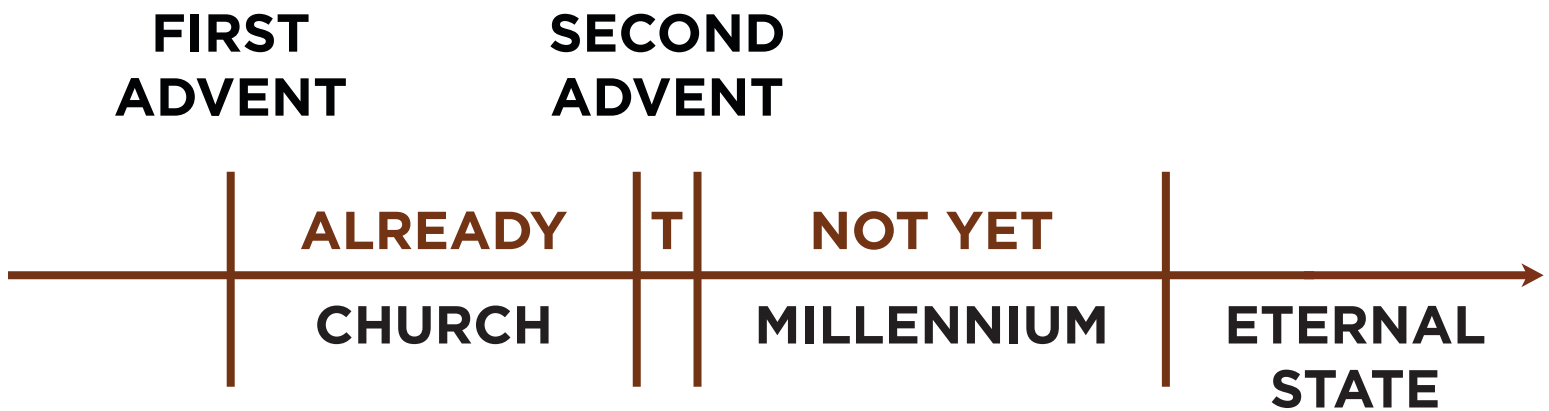
1. Gen 1— \_\_\_\_\_
2. Gen 2— \_\_\_\_\_
3. Gen 3— \_\_\_\_\_
4. LOSS
5. God’s Coming Kingdom

### C. God’s sovereign rule over all things

1. LOSS
  - a. Theocratic Kingdom—God’s plan with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Christ over the church—God’s plan for the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Restoration: God’s Coming Kingdom

## II. Is the Messianic Kingdom Already Here?

### Is the Messianic Kingdom Already Here?



## III. The Messianic Kingdom Is in the Future

- A. Daniel 7:8-14—The Son of Man (Messiah) receives the Kingdom from the Ancient of Days at the time that the Antichrist (little horn) is destroyed.
- B. Revelation 19—20—Jesus comes back to Earth in the Second Coming (19:11-16) to set up a 1,000-year earthly reign (20:1-6) to kick off the restored Kingdom.
- C. Zechariah 12—14
  1. Zech. 12:10—The Jewish people mourn for Christ when they see Him at the Second Coming.
  2. Zech. 13:1—God provides forgiveness for the nation of Israel.
  3. Zech. 14:1-2—The nations gather together against Israel (battle of Armageddon).
  4. Zech. 14:3-4—The Messiah returns and stands on the \_\_\_\_\_ and destroys His enemies.
  5. Zech. 14:9—Messiah reigns over Israel and the whole \_\_\_\_\_.



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**D. Matthew 25:31—When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**E. Luke 19:11-27—Key verse is verse 11**

1. A nobleman (Christ) goes into a far country to receive a \_\_\_\_\_ and return (v. 12).
2. Christ leaves His servants (followers) behind with \_\_\_\_\_ with which to serve Him while He is gone (v. 13).
3. But His citizens \_\_\_\_\_ His right to receive the Kingdom (v. 14)—  
citizens = Jewish leaders who did not want Jesus to rule over the nation.
4. When He returns to exercise His rule (Second Coming), Christ \_\_\_\_\_  
His servants based upon how they have served Him (vv. 15-26).
5. Christ destroys His enemies at His Second Coming (v. 27).

## IV. Takeaways

- A. Jewish and non-Jewish people who have \_\_\_\_\_  
will be part of God's coming restored Kingdom.**
- B. We will have more than \_\_\_\_\_ lost.**
- C. We should \_\_\_\_\_ with unbelievers so they can be  
part of the coming restoration.**







## SESSION SIX

# The Kingdom in the New Heavens and New Earth



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# The Kingdom in the New Heavens and New Earth

## I. Introduction

### A. Unblemished Kingdom of God

1. Our final destination for all of eternity
  - a. Journey to get there is hard
  - b. But the destination is worth the wait
2. Revelation 21 & 22
  - a. Jesus reveals the eternal Kingdom
  - b. Gives us a glimpse of the eternal Kingdom
    - i. Remarkable similarities to Genesis 1 & 2
    - ii. Marked differences

## II. Review: Original Form of God's Kingdom, Genesis 1 & 2

### A. Requirements for a Kingdom

1. King—God (Theocracy)
2. King Authority—Power to rule
3. Realm—A place to rule over
4. Subjects—Those willing to be ruled, loyal to the king
5. Administrator—A subject to help the king govern
  - a. Royal chancellor, royal advisor, vizier, dauphin, diwan, prime minister, first minister





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## **B. In Eternity Past the Godhead Chose**

1. To create a Kingdom realm
  - a. The earth and universe that surrounds it
2. To create Kingdom subjects
  - a. Man/Woman
  - b. Animals
3. To appoint an administrator to govern the realm of Earth
  - a. Subdue it and have dominion over the earth

## **C. Creation of the Kingdom Realm**

1. God brought into existence the universe, Gen. 1 & 2
  - a. He made the earth and heavens, 1:2-4
    - i. Place to establish His Kingdom
2. Created subjects related to their King, 1:26-27
  - a. Mankind made in the image and likeness of God
3. Subjects also related to the Kingdom realm, 2:7
  - a. Mankind made from the dust of the earth
4. Adam appointed to administer earthly realm, 1:28

## **D. Assessment of God's Earthly Kingdom**

1. All that God created was very good!, Gen. 1:31
2. God's will is done on Earth as it is in heaven, 2:15-17
  - a. Only obedient subjects—No rebellion
  - b. Peace & harmony on Earth—Utopia
3. God provides everything needed for His creation
  - a. Garden with ample food to eat, 2:8-9a
  - b. Man was designed to live forever—Tree of Life, 2:9b
4. Diversity but similarity in His creation

## **III. Rebellion Comes to God's Kingdom, Genesis 3**

### **A. Kingdom Rebellion**

1. Satan entices Adam & Eve to join his rebellion, Gen. 3
  - a. Satan, an angel, desires to be Like God, Isa. 14:12-14
2. Man becomes a sinner, Rom. 5:12
  - a. Man's nature changes from favorable to an enemy of God, Jas. 4:4; Rom. 5:10



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3. All of creation is placed under the curse of sin, Rom. 8:21-22
4. Man is disqualified from governing God's Kingdom
  - a. His desire is contrary to God, 3:10-18; 8:7-8.
5. Man loses his citizenship in God's Kingdom
  - a. Banished from God's Kingdom, Jn. 3:3-5
  - b. Man Joins Satan's kingdom, Jn. 8:44
6. Curse of sin—Spiritual and physical death, Gen. 2:17
  - a. Pain, suffering, & tears for life, 3:16-19
7. Theocracy is suspended on Earth
  - a. Satan usurped God's rule over the affairs of man, Lk. 4:5-6; 1 Jn. 5:19
8. God has a plan to restore His Kingdom on Earth
  - a. To redeem mankind from sin & restore his citizenship
  - b. To remove the curse of sin from the creation
  - c. To replace the first Adam with the last Adam to govern
  - d. To reestablish God's Kingdom on Earth
  - e. To restore the earth to its pre-fall conditions
  - f. To ravage (destroy) the last enemy—Death

## IV. The Eternal Kingdom of God, Revelation 21 & 22

### A. A. Eternal Kingdom of God realm

1. God will establish His eternal Kingdom on a new earth
  - a. Begins when Jesus Christ delivers the Kingdom to God the Father, 1 Cor. 15:24
    - i. So that God the Father can be all in all, 15:28
  - b. Old heavens and earth will pass away, Rev. 21:1
  - c. New Jerusalem will descend, vv. 2, 10
    - i. From heaven to the new earth

### B. Eternal Kingdom of God Subjects

1. Only those reconciled to God through Christ
  - a. Will become citizens of the eternal Kingdom of God, Eph. 2:18-19; Phil. 3:20; Rev. 3:5; 21:27
  - b. All who overcome are permitted to enter In, Rev. 21:7, 24
    - i. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, 21:7
    - ii. His servants shall serve Him, 22:3
    - iii. They shall see His face, 22:4



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- c. All the rebellious ones have been defeated
  - i. They are judged & cast away, 21:8; 27

## **C. C. Eternal Kingdom of God Authority**

1. The curse of sin is forever removed
  - a. All pain, suffering, & death are eliminated, Rev. 21:4; 22:3
2. God will dwell with men, 21:3
  - a. Sitting on His throne in the midst of the New Jerusalem
3. Theocracy is secured
  - a. The Lamb (Jesus Christ), shares the throne with God, vv. 1, 3
    - i. In Christ, God has a man to govern the earth
  - b. Rebellion will never come to God's Kingdom again, 22:5
    - i. King God Rules over the realm of Earth for all eternity

## **D. Eternal Kingdom of God Setting**

1. Perfect Environment
  - a. God provides everything needed for health & happiness
    - i. River flowing from the throne of God & Christ, Rev. 22:1
    - ii. Tree of life on each side of the river, v. 2
      - 1. Garden-like setting for man to dwell
    - iii. A new, sinless realm—Behold, I am making all things new, 21:5

## **E. E. Eternal Kingdom of God Uniqueness**

1. Differences to Genesis 1 & 2
  - a. There was no more sea, Gen. 1:9–10 vs. Rev. 21:1
2. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine, Gen. 1:3–5 vs. Rev. 21:23; 22:5
  - a. The glory of God illuminated it
  - b. The Lamb is its light
3. There shall be no night, Gen. 1:4–5 vs. Rev. 21:25; 22:5
  - a. They need no lamp nor light of the sun
  - b. For the Lord God gives them light
4. God visibly dwells in man's presence, Gen. 2:18; 3:8 vs. Rev. 21:3
5. No threat of death, Gen. 2:17 vs. Rev. 21:4

## **V. Significance of Eternal Kingdom of God**

### **A. Eternal Kingdom of God significance**

1. God's plan to redeem man & restore His Kingdom
  - a. Is Finished—"It is done!" Rev. 21:6
    - i. Ends in fulfillment, not defeat



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2. Earthly Kingdom is blended into the universal Kingdom
  - a. Mediatorial Kingdom with Christ as King & Priest ends
  - b. Earthly Kingdom is united with the universal Kingdom
    - i. From which it came
  - c. Unity of the Godhead, the Son reigns with the Father
    - i. On one throne, Rev. 22:1, 3
3. Lord's prayer is finally realized for all eternity
  - a. "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven," Mt. 6:10
4. The angel said to John
  - a. "These words are faithful and true," Rev. 22:6

## **B. Eternal Kingdom of God**

1. This study of The Kingdom of God According to Jesus
  - a. May be challenging you about your relationship with God?
2. Journey to get the eternal Kingdom is hard
  - a. But the destination is worth the wait
  - b. The best is yet to come!



