

**"The Earthly Kingdom of Jesus Christ"**

**Part 1**

**Genesis 1**

**Introduction:** Tonight we begin what will be quite a long journey as we look into the Word of God to study the coming Kingdom of Jesus Christ. I want to begin tonight by looking at the two different kingdoms that are spoken of in the Bible.

There is a present kingdom which we will look at briefly and then there is the coming kingdom, and this is the kingdom we will be focused on in this study.

**I. The Differences in the Kingdoms**

➤ **The Present Universal Kingdom in relation to time.**

This is a kingdom where God is always reigning, and He is in control over all that happens. This kingdom is eternal which means it has always existed.

**Psalm 93:1-5**

***The LORD reigneth**, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.*

<sup>2</sup> ***Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.***

<sup>3</sup> *The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.*

<sup>4</sup> *The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.*

<sup>5</sup> *Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.*

**Psalm 103:19**

<sup>19</sup> *The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and **his kingdom ruleth over all.***

**Daniel 4:17**

<sup>17</sup> *This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that **the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men**, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.*

In each of these references I want you to see that not only is God's Kingdom eternal, but He is also reigning at this present time directly by Himself.

➤ **The Coming Kingdom of Jesus Christ in relation to time.**

**Daniel 2:36-45**

<sup>36</sup> *This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.*

<sup>37</sup> *Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.*

<sup>38</sup> *And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.*

<sup>39</sup> *And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.*

<sup>40</sup> *And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.*

<sup>41</sup> *And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.*

<sup>42</sup> *And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.*

<sup>43</sup> *And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.*

<sup>44</sup> *And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.*

<sup>45</sup> *Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.*

In contrast to the Universal Kingdom this Kingdom will not be established until the 10-king confederacy of the Anti-Christ is destroyed which is the end of the last Gentile reign. This Kingdom will not be established until the Anti-Christ is overthrown. This will be the end of all the world kingdoms.

**Revelation 11:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> *The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.*

<sup>15</sup> *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.***

In the Universal Kingdom God's throne is in heaven. In the coming Kingdom of Jesus Christ His throne will be on the earth. Daniel tells us this Kingdom will come and destroy the Kingdom of the Anti-Christ therefore we can determine this Kingdom is on the earth and the throne will also be on the earth.

- **The Universal Kingdom in relation to rule.**

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I show you this verse again because we need to see that God is ruling directly by Himself in this present kingdom.

- **The Coming Kingdom of Jesus Christ in relation to rule.**

Now let us notice Psalm 2.

**Psalm 2:6-9**

<sup>6</sup> *Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.*

<sup>7</sup> *I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.*

<sup>8</sup> *Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.*

<sup>9</sup> *Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.*

Here we see that in the coming Kingdom God will rule through a Person and the Person will be His Son Jesus Christ.

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

<sup>7</sup> *Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

God will rule the future Kingdom through His Son Jesus Christ. He will be known as a Theocratic Administrator. Remember that title because we will use it many times.

➤ **The Universal Kingdom in relation to conditions.**

There are no conditions with the Universal Kingdom. God is ruling and man's actions have nothing to do the fact that this Kingdom exists.

**Psalm 93:1-2**

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➤ **The Coming Kingdom of Jesus Christ in relation to conditions.**

The Kingdom of Jesus Christ that is yet future is conditional.

**Exodus 19:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> *Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:*

<sup>6</sup> *And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.*

The Coming Kingdom will not be established until Israel walks in obedience. This Kingdom will not come until Israel accepts Jesus Christ as their Messiah.

**Matthew 23:37-39**

*<sup>37</sup> O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!*

*<sup>38</sup> Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.*

*<sup>39</sup> For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

So, let me wrap up these differences. There are verses that tell us the Kingdom exists now and there are verses that tell us there is a Kingdom that is yet future. There are verses that tell us in the present Kingdom God is ruling directly and there are verses that tell us God will rule in the Kingdom through His Son. There are verses that tell us the present Kingdom has no conditions and there are verses that tell us the Kingdom will not come until Israel repents. From all of this it is very clear that there is a Universal Kingdom at this present time and there is an earthly Kingdom that is yet future.

Therefore as we study the Bible, we must be sure to rightly divide the Word of Truth so that we understand which Kingdom we are looking at. Our focus will be on the Theocratic Kingdom in which Jesus Christ will rule and reign on earth. This is the Kingdom that Satan has attacked, and this is the Kingdom that God is going to restore. The entire focus of the Bible is to show us how God is working to restore the Theocratic Kingdom as we shall see. Why is this important to us? Because you and I that know Jesus Christ will play a very important role in the Kingdom which we will see later. We will rule and reign with Him in His Kingdom.

**Revelation 5:8-10**

*<sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.*

*<sup>9</sup> And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*

*<sup>10</sup> And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*

**Revelation 20:4**

*<sup>4</sup> And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

Now let us get to where it all started.

**II. God' Original Design**

**Notice Genesis 1:26-28**

This is the beginning of the Theocratic Kingdom. It is in this Kingdom that God's design is for him to rule through a Theocratic Administrator and here it is Adam and Eve as a team. If we notice the verses closely, we can see the authority given to them at this point.

**Genesis 1:26-28**

*<sup>26</sup> And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

*<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

*<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

Here we can see the original purpose of man and that was to rule over God's creation as God would rule over them. Let us notice another place where we see man's authority over creation.

**Genesis 2:19-20**

*<sup>19</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.*

*<sup>20</sup> And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.*

There are many examples in the Bible where we can see that when someone names something or someone it shows their authority over them. Let me show you one example.

**Daniel 1:6-7, 11**

<sup>6</sup> Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

<sup>7</sup> Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Beltshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego.

<sup>11</sup> Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

When Daniel and his friends were renamed, it showed the authority which the Babylonians had over them. So getting back to Adam, we can understand that the naming of the animals showed his God given authority over creation.

**III. The Fall**

**Notice Genesis 3:1**

Why did Satan come as a serpent? Is he not an angel? He came as a serpent because it was his desire to overthrow the order that God had established. Remember that man was to exercise authority over the animal world. He was attacking the office of Theocratic Administrator. It was Satan's desire to overthrow the Kingdom. The moment that Adam ate of the forbidden fruit the office of Theocratic Administrator disappeared from the earth. Now the earth is the playground of Satan.

**Conclusion:**

We will stop here for tonight but there is much more here to see. As we close tonight let us keep in mind that it is God's purpose to restore what was lost in Eden and everything that is happening today is working toward that very purpose. Someday God will again govern the earth through a Theocratic Administrator, and He will not fail as Adam did.