



“... The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent you, and believe the gospel.” (Mark 1:15)

## WHAT IS “THE KINGDOM OF GOD”?

### “THE GOOD NEWS”

What was the primary message God sent to Israel to introduce the age of the New Covenant?

1. In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
2. And saying, Repent: for **the kingship of heaven** is at hand.

Matthew 3:1-2

17. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for **the kingship of heaven** is at hand.

Matthew 4:17

35. And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching **the good news of the kingship**,

Matthew 9:35

30. And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in to him,
31. Preaching **the kingship of God**, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ,

Acts 28:30-31

You have no doubt noticed that I used the word “kingship” instead of the word “kingdom.” I did this for good reason since “kingship” is the correct translation. I’ll explain more later.

“Kingship” was the focus of Jesus’ teaching. How did He explain that Kingship?

20. And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingship of God should appear, he answered them and said, **The kingship of God comes not with observation:**
21. Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, **the kingship of God is within you.**

Lk. 17: 20-21

36. Jesus answered, **My kingship is not of this** (Roman/Jewish) **system:** if my kingship were of this system, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now my kingship is not from hence.

John 18:36

Thus, we see that Christ’s Kingship (The Kingship of Heaven) had certain defining earmarks: 1. It was “at hand” (present); 2. It was announced as “good news; 3. It concerned the Lord Jesus Christ; 4. It came “without observation.” 5. It was “within” those who heard it. 6. It was present but unnoticed by most people; 7. It was “not of the Roman/Jewish system” (i.e., it came not from the Roman system nor the Jewish system).

This is elementary Scripture. These are not my words ... they are the words of the Bible. And they tell a story that is quite different from the stories told in the churches.

### CONFUSION

It has been said that we get the government we deserve. This may be true. However, after years of considering it, I am more inclined to think that we get the government we want. Indeed, the majority of Americans are proud of their government and want it. There seems to be only a few living in this land who are not proud of this government and do not want it. These few do not ask to be oppressed by the devils in Congress and on Wall Street. Nonetheless, most Americans both want and deserve what they are getting from their rulers. They ask for them, and it is only right that they have them. It is just desserts.

This is a key to understanding the above scriptures explaining the Kingship of God ... and why most Americans do NOT understand it. God’s Kingship is a matter of US accepting Him as God, and his Son as our King.

It is absolutely essential that we understand this.

Churchgoers, theologians, preachers, etc. use the word “kingdom” when reading about the “Kingship of Heaven.” They have defined their “Kingdom” in various strange ways.

Their definitions include “a place located in the sky” and “a cubical city that falls down from the sky and lands on Jerusalem.” Plus, their definitions always include the assumption that their kingdom is in the distant future.

Whether in outer space, or in Jerusalem, the church description and placement of “The Kingdom” is clearly mythological in nature. Nothing in the real world could possibly lead us to think in their terms of God and his Kingdom. In essence, by planting mythological concepts of God’s Kingdom in the minds of their people, the churches have given their people a mythological god. Thus, the god of the churches is a myth, and so is their “kingdom.”

The god of the churches is a hybrid creation that evolved out of Persian Zoroastrianism and Jerusalem’s Judaism. This false god (called “God” in the churches) is preferred by churchgoers who reject the truth of the true God of Holy Scripture.

These facts should help to explain and expose the false gods promoted by churches ... and why the churches are unable to help Americans in times of financial and political difficulty and confusion ... like today.

#### “KINGDOM” OR “KINGSHIP”?

Does Scripture teach of “God’s Kingdom”? Or does it teach of “God’s Kingship”? There is a difference! A kingdom is a physical place with physical borders: a city, a nation, etc. However, a kingship is not physical. It is a condition; a concept; a state of mind.

If Jesus had truly taught of “a Kingdom” then He certainly would not have said that it “comes without observation.” Kingdoms are physical, observable and tangible.

**However, a kingship is NOT physical or observable. Rather, it is a concept; a condition; a state of being.**

In the King James Version of the Bible the term “Kingdom” appears often (316 times). The phrase “Kingdom of God” appears 69 times in the New Testament (it does not appear in the Old Testament).

As you must know by now, the KJV often mistranslates words and confuses meanings. This is the case again with the word “Kingdom.” The Hebrew word usually translated “kingdom” is “*malak*” (to reign) or “*molek*” (king). In the Old Testament as well as the New, “reign” or “kingship” is usually the preferred translation rather than “kingdom.”

In the New Testament, βασιλευς (*basileus*) is “king.” The Greek βασιλεια (*basileia*) is translated “kingdom” by the KJV. However, “*basileia*” correctly means “kingship” or “reign” (not “kingdom”).

When you look at the word *basileia* you notice it has an ending (suffix) “*ia*.” Greek words with the suffix “*ia*” generally refer to a state of being, a condition (as in the English words: abstinence, amnesia, mania, insomnia, euphoria, phobia, etc.) In other words, *basileia* is the condition or situation of a king’s reign ... and by extension it infers also the body of people involved in that reign.

Thus, “*kingship*” or “*reign*,” being a condition rather than a physical realm, denotes a qualification in the minds of a people. Its bounds are measured, not by physical boundaries, but by FAITH in the minds and hearts of its people.

His Kingship exists wherever his people honor Him as King.

“*Ecclesia*” (suffix “*ia*”) is another word that denotes a condition. The word means, literally, “*the called-out*” and refers to the condition or result of being “called out” from among those who are lost in darkness. By inference it is the people who are called-out: those who have heard the “call” and have accepted the new life – their new identity. The “*ecclesia*” is the body of people who live under the condition into which they were called.

“*Basileia*” (suffix “*ia*”) is “*reign*” ... not “*kingdom*.” When you read the words “Kingdom of God” in the KJV, it should have been translated “The Reign of God” (i.e., Christ’s Reign established by God). Those who accept and follow the Reign of Christ are literally part of his Reign (i.e., his *Basileia*). They are not only “in” the Reign ... they actually embody the Reign of Christ; they are the spiritual stones (building blocks) of the spiritual Temple of God and New Jerusalem (Rev. 21):

19. *Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;*
20. *And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;*
21. *In whom all the building fitly framed together grows into a holy temple in the Lord:*
22. *In whom you also are built together for a habitation of God through the Spirit.*

Eph. 2:19-22

5. *You also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

1 Pet. 2:5

Thus, that which the KJV calls “The Kingdom of God” is actually “**The Reign Of God.**” In the New Covenant Age the “Kingship/Reign” refers to the fact that Christ is reigning, and that we are included in his Reign. His Reign does not refer to real estate or territory. Christ’s Reign did not come “with observation” (i.e., with physical observance). Rather it came as a spiritual condition in the hearts and minds of those who believed in Him. That is his “Kingship.” It exists – He is our Reigning King – right now. It has existed – He has been reigning – ever since He ascended his Throne ... as recorded in Matthew 28:18 and Acts chapters 1 & 2.

So you see, the misinformed and confused people who are waiting for Jesus to physically “return” from the skies, or for a city to fall out of the sky, or for something visible and touchable, are missing the actual Reign of Christ even as it exists right now. By looking for a physical kingdom they are blinding themselves to the actual Kingship of Christ. It is here, but they just don’t see it ... because they have been programmed to think of it wrongly. The so-called “Kingdom of God” does not “*come with observation.*” It comes “*within us*” if we believe Jesus is King – Lk 17:21.

But someone might ask: “How can there be a “kingship”

without a “kingdom”? The answer is, no one is suggesting that God has no kingdom. Indeed, the whole Earth belongs to Him who created it. He is unquestionably King over ALL of his physical creation. All creation is his kingdom. That goes without saying.

However, this misses the point of the specific scriptures I’m talking about. The term “Kingship” is used in Holy Scripture to identify and express a specific concept. That concept is this: it is necessary for man to think of God as God. By this I mean “God” in the same sense that God thinks of Himself ... not in the sense that pagans think of their gods. Pagan gods are considered optional, prone to fits of rage, error prone and mischievous.

Accepting God (Yahweh) as true God means also accepting his Son (Jesus) as true King. In the Bible this condition is called “Kingship.” It refers to man’s attitude toward God ... not a physical “kingdom.” Man, for his own well-being, physically and mentally, needs to recognize God as God, and Christ as King.

In Matthew 12:28, Jesus explained that when He casts out devils (i.e., when He gave his disciples the ability to see the real devils among them) then *the Kingship of God had come upon them*. In other words, when they gained the ability to see Christ as their King they also gained the ability to see the devils in governments and temples for what they really were. That condition (having “eyes to see, and ears to hear”) is a gift to those who are “called out” of darkness and into Christ’s light.

#### WHY CAN’T THE TRANSLATORS GET IT RIGHT?

The translators aren’t paid to “get it right.” They are paid to get it the way the churches (and governments) want it. Bible publishers choose the texts (and translators) they prefer to publish. The system demands it. They are paid to produce Bibles that hide the truth. The King James Version Bible was financed and sanctioned initially by King James who was also head of the Church of England. It was called “the authorized version.” James authorized it because it upheld his perverted, corrupt establishment. Other translations published since then were also made to fit the establishment mold. Big publishing houses accept only versions that don’t upset the system of church & state. Bibles accepted by the church world are not meant to reveal truth, but rather to keep churchgoers confused and helpless.

Most Christians get herded into churches ... and there they are turned into pacified cattle. Few ever get beyond the

churches. They wither and rot there. Their faith in God is assaulted every time they attend church and witness the absurd teachings there. With their initial faith in God destroyed they are left with only the Church & State in which to believe. It makes no sense to them, but they are compelled to accept it. It neutralizes their brains and their faith ... but they go on with the charade, pretending to believe in things they do not understand.

The churches have a purpose. That purpose is to corral Christians and turn them into confused cattle who never question the system or think for themselves. This is done, in part, by programming them to believe that Jesus is not King, that an evil being they call “Satan” is king of their world ... and that God is unable to do anything about him without the help of the churches. Then when churchgoers see that even the churches cannot stop “Satan,” they give up.

Authorized Bibles are produced by churches ... and churches are creations of the state. This fact alone should make any thinking man realize that he cannot trust any church-accepted or authorized Bible. That means that everyone who wants to find truth must learn how to navigate Greek and Hebrew enough to check the translations and correct them where they are wrong.

Most people claim they don’t have the ability to do this, but I have found that anyone with a little will power can learn at least rudimentary skills at reading and translating the Hebrew and Greek texts. Of course, even a correct text can be misunderstood when readers don’t have God’s guidance.

I didn’t say it would be easy. But God doesn’t reveal his truths to people looking for “easy.” You need to ask yourself just how important it is to you. Where does truth rank in your list of priorities? Truth is like “the pearl of great price” (Mtt. 13:46) which a man finds and then sells all he has to buy it. Today there isn’t one in a thousand with that kind of thirst for truth, or who can navigate the Greek New Testament. Thus, they are left to place their trust in church-hired translators. How will they answer to their Lord for their lack of effort to find truth? Truth is available to anyone who hungers and thirsts for it and will strive to find it. But ONLY the sincere find it. Truth is not inherited. It is not like the lottery ... it is not acquired by luck. Truth is found and kept ONLY by the man who values it over all other possessions. That is the nature of truth ... only the sincere find it.

New Jerusalem stands before us today ... but only the sincere can find her gates and enter. Others walk right by and don’t see it.

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## WAR GAMES

Central government systems are evil and devilish. To them, men’s lives mean no more than the lives of bacteria. They love games, and war is one of their favorite.

Government teaches Americans that war is “fun & games.” Kids just out of school are particularly susceptible to be recruited into the military to become cannon fodder for the enjoyment of those who own the game.

One of their devilish ploys to prey on kids is to offer

them computer war games. Kids raised on military-sanctioned computer war games get programmed in war skills at home. After months of shooting and blowing up make-believe people on the screen their basic ethics against murdering innocent people becomes dulled. This quality makes them valuable assets for the military that is in the business of torturing, killing, and blowing up things.

One such computer program is called “America’s Army.”

It is an on-line combat game developed by the Pentagon, to help boost military recruitment. The game's technology is very much like the tools used in today's war zones to guide unmanned drones used to bomb and kill people. The game is what they call a "first-person shooter." The player looks down the barrel of a gun on the battlefield.

Millions of people play the game. It ranks in the top 10 of all downloadable games. Interestingly, the Chinese government sought to ban it. But its depictions of combat were meant to be a recruiting tool — and "America's Army" has succeeded in that goal. They found that the game had more impact on actual recruits than all other forms of Army advertising combined.

The game lets players vicariously experience killing Muslims, and being killed, during the invasion of Iraq. Recruiters call the game "militainment." The game's controls serve as models for the actual controls for remote-controlled weapons like the Air Force's *Predator* and *Pacbot*. This gives the kids training at home without costing the military anything, and then later when the controls for remote drones are placed into the hands of an 18-year-old recruit he already knows how to use them.

Why are American parents condoning their kids being turned into mindless military killers? Ethics and morals are being redefined in America, turning people into zombies. Fear, terror, war, deception, secrecy and murder are becoming the accepted norm for Americans. This is disturbing.

#### **SUICIDE CLAIMS MORE U.S. LIVES THAN ENEMY FIRE**

American military personnel are continuing to take their own lives in unprecedented numbers as the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq drag on. In 2009, at least 350 members of the armed forces committed suicide ... more than were killed in Afghanistan or Iraq. The toll of military suicides last year was the worst since records began to be kept in 1980.

For every suicide death, at least five more were hospitalized for unsuccessful attempts of suicide. Alcohol abuse and illicit use of drugs is also high.

The most alarming statistics are those on mental illness related to the hundreds-of-thousands of veterans of the two wars who have left the military. While there is no exact figure, studies estimate that as many as 20 to 30 percent of veterans suffer from mental disorders that hinder their ability to hold down jobs, maintain relationships, overcome substance abuse and, in some cases, maintain their will to live.

An article by the *Florida Today* site on January 3 reported that over half of the homeless in Brevard County were Iraq or Afghanistan veterans. Shelters in California are reporting twice as many requests for assistance from new veterans. At the current rate, they will eventually outnumber the more than 100,000 homeless Vietnam vets.

The suicide estimates do not include the hundreds of young veterans who die each year in auto accidents due to excessive speed or driving under the influence. These kill or injure others as well. In 2008, veterans who served in Iraq or Afghanistan were 75 percent more likely to die in an auto accident than non-veterans, and 148 percent more likely to die in a motorcycle crash. Suicide statistics also do not

count deaths that are classified as accidental drug-related overdoses.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and depression are psychological conditions that afflict tens of thousands of Afghanistan and Iraq veterans and can trigger suicidal tendencies.

Veterans Affairs (VA) reported in January that 178,483 veterans of the two wars had been diagnosed with one or more mental illnesses between 2002 and September 2008.

The trauma experienced in combat include the killing of people, repeated exposure to scenes of death and injury, the constant threat of death or injury, and the dehumanizing policing operations and raids that American soldiers are ordered to conduct against civilians. No one who has taken part in the occupations of Afghanistan and Iraq could have returned unscathed by the experience.

The true extent of mental illness among war veterans is believed to be far worse than VA's figures. It has only treated around 400,000 of the 1.7 million men and women who have served. "We know there are guys who desperately need help who aren't coming to us," a spokesman told the *Air Force Times*.

As many as 18 veterans of American wars take their own lives in the United States every day—more than 6,500 per year. Vietnam veteran advocates have estimated that suicide ultimately killed more American soldiers who fought in that conflict than were killed in the actual war itself. The same trend is now seen among the veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq.

If the military was forced to put a "WARNING!" sign on their recruitment office windows — something like the cancer warnings tobacco companies were forced to put on their cigarette packages — saying that military service can kill you and/or destroy your brain ... maybe fewer young Americans would volunteer to be pushed through the government's meat grinder.

The bottom line is this: WHEN PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN TORTURE, MURDER AND BLOWING-UP INNOCENT PEOPLE — EVEN WHEN THE POLITICIANS AND GENERALS TELL THEM IT IS OK — GOD'S JUDGMENT FALLS UPON THEM.

The news reporters and politicians often mention the war expense in dollars. None of them ever mention the expense in human lives ... including the victimized soldiers who must come home after killing and blowing up people and try to live with themselves.

The U.S. today is the modern equivalent of the U.S.S.R. of four decades ago. And Americans need to learn what the people in the U.S.S.R. learned ... namely, that big government and war hurts everyone. All big governments are criminal in nature. They steal, lie, torture and murder. The bigger they get the worse they are.

The U.S. Government and its military is by far the biggest in the world ... thus it is the worst in the world.

Pray that Americans will open their eyes.

