The Kingdom Of God

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Text: Heb. 12:28-29

### Intro

1. The Kingdom of God, physically manifested as the church, was foretold long ago and came into power in the 1st century on the Day of Pentecost as recorded in *Acts 2!*
	1. Dan. 2:44: God, through Daniel, foretold the Kingdom would come in the days of Rome *(the 4th Kingdom – Dan. 2:40-43; Gal. 4:4: Jesus came in the “fullness of time”)* and it would be a Kingdom that would never be destroyed!
	2. Mk. 9:1: Jesus said there were some standing in His audience who would not die till they saw the Kingdom come in power (If waiting for Jesus’ 1,000 year reign for His Kingdom to begin then there are some really old Jews! – Refutes Premillennialism!)
	3. Acts 2:29-33, 36 (Rev. 22:16): The Kingdom of God came in power on Pentecost and the people there both saw and heard. Jesus is the descendant of David and sits at the right hand of God, exalted in Heaven!
	4. Acts 10:34-35: The Kingdom is open for all who do what is right! (Mk. 16:15-16)
	5. Col. 1:13: Not waiting for a future kingdom, for saints now are rescued “from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son!”
	6. Heb. 12:28-29: This Kingdom will never be shaken! (As foretold by Daniel – Dan. 2:44)
2. What makes up a Kingdom?
3. There are four things necessary to constitute a kingdom:
	1. King
	2. Territory
	3. Subjects
	4. Law
4. All four of these criteria are present in the Kingdom of God!

#### King

* 1. Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords!
		1. Jer. 23:5-6: The promised descendant of David (Acts 2:29-33; Rev. 22:16)
		2. Ps. 89:27: He was foretold to be the “highest of the kings of the earth” (Rev. 1:5: “The ruler of the kings of the earth”)
		3. I Tim. 6:15; Rev. 19:6: He has the title “King of kings” (Rev. 17:14; 19:16) and as such He will judge the small and the great – Mt. 25:31-46.
		4. Mt. 2:2; Lk. 1:31-33; Jn. 18:33-37: He was born to be King and His Kingdom would have no end! *(Dan. 2:44; Heb. 12:28-29)*
	2. Jesus, on His throne now!
		1. Is. 9:6-7: Jesus was promised to reign when He arrived! (Not to reign the 2nd time He came) – Mt. 2:2; Jn. 18:33-37: He was already the King!
		2. Acts 2:22-36; Heb. 1:8; 4:16; 8:1; 12:2: Jesus is on His throne now!
	3. Jesus, Now Reigns
		1. Acts 2:30-33; I Cor. 15:24-26; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:13: Jesus has all authority over all things, and is the Head of the church (Mt. 28:18).
	4. Jesus: The One who is the absolute Sovereign *(I Tim. 6:15),* has a name above every name *(Phil. 2:9),* a name at which every knee bows *(Phil. 2:10-11),* who is head over all things *(Col. 1:18),* and the One who possesses final authority *(Mt. 25:31-46; 28:18).*
	5. Jesus Christ the Lord is King over the Kingdom of God!

#### Territory

* 1. All the World!
		1. Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16: The disciples were sent to “Go” and “Teach” in every nation to all men!
	2. Every Nation!
		1. Is. 2:2-3 (Acts 2:4-11): Foretold by God through Isaiah that the word of the Lord would sound forth from Zion (Jerusalem) and reach all peoples!
			1. Began in Jerusalem in Acts 2 and went into all the world (Col. 1:5-6).
		2. Rom. 16:25-27: The gospel sounded forth to every nation! (Jude 3)
	3. The Kingdom of God is a kingdom without borders and with no end!

#### Subjects

* 1. All Nations!
		1. Is. 2:2-3; Acts 10:34-35: The Kingdom of God is open for all! (To all those who will believe and obey the Lord – Mk. 16:15-16)
	2. Every Creature (Men and Women)!
		1. Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16: The gospel was to go into all the world making disciples of all the nations! *(Jesus is ruler of the kings of earth – Rev. 1:5)*
		2. Acts 5:14; 8:12: Men and women alike were being baptized and being added to the number of the saved *(the church – KJV, NKJ: Acts 2:47)*
	3. Whosoever Will!
		1. Rom. 10:13 (Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21, 38; 22:16); Rev. 22:17 (Acts 10:34-35): All who “call on the name of the Lord will be saved” when they obey the gospel through baptism – All who desire it (Whosoever will – KJV) can be saved!
	4. The Kingdom without borders is open to all, to all “Whosoever will!”

#### Law

* 1. The Word of God!
		1. Ps. 19:7; Is. 2:3: The word of God is the Law that is perfect and would sound forth from Jerusalem! *(Acts 2)*
		2. Js. 2:12: The word of God (the gospel – Col. 1:5-6) is the “Law of Liberty”
	2. Perfect Law!
		1. Jn. 12:48: Will outlast man and will judge! Christ’s word is powerful – Created *(Ps. 33:6, 9; Col. 1:16),* Sustains all things *(Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3),* and one day will destroy the world *(I Thess. 4:16; II Pet. 3:10-12)* & judge men *(Jn. 12:48).*
		2. Js. 1:25: The Perfect Law of Liberty! (Ps. 19:7; Js. 2:12)
	3. All-Sufficient!
		1. Eph. 3:1-7: Mystery of Christ revealed! Jew & Gentile make up the church! *(Eph. 2:13-16)*
		2. II Tim. 3:16-17: All Scripture inspired by God and profitable to make one complete for every good work!
		3. II Pet. 1:3: Contains “everything pertaining to life and godliness” (Jude 3: Delivered once for all to the saints) – *Gal. 1:6-9; II Jn. 9; Rev. 22:18-19:* Nothing to add or take away or one will be cursed and no longer have God!
	4. The word of the Lord *(word of truth, gospel – Col. 1:5-6)* is the perfect Law of Liberty!

## Conclusion

1. The Kingdom of God came with power as foretold and will never be destroyed!
2. Saints are citizens of this eternal Kingdom (Phil. 3:20; II Pet. 1:11)!
3. The Kingdom of God (both the church and thus Heaven) is open for all who will humbly obey and submit to the King! *(“Whosoever will!” – KJV: Rev. 22:17)*
4. If you are not a Christian, you can become a citizen of the Kingdom of God today!
5. If a Christian in error, don’t wait till it’s eternally too late. Repent and be renewed!
6. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!

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| **King** | **Territory** | **Subjects** | **Law** |
| **Christ the Lord**Jer. 23:5-6*(Acts 2:29-33; Rev. 22:16)*Ps. 89:27 *(Rev. 1:5)*I Tim. 6:15 *(Rev. 19:6)* Mt. 2:2; Lk. 1:31-33; Jn. 18:33-37 | **All the World**Mt. 28:18-20Mk. 16:15-16 | **All Nations**Is. 2:2-3; Acts 10:34-35 *(Mk. 16:15-16)* | **Word of God**Ps. 19:7; Is. 2:3Js. 2:12 *(Col. 1:5-6)* |
| **On His Throne**Is. 9:6-7Mt. 2:2 *(Jn. 18:33-37)*Acts 2:22-36Heb. 1:8; 4:16; 8:1; 12:2 | **Every Nation**Is. 2:2-3 *(Acts 2:4-11)*Col. 1:5-6Rom. 16:25-27 *(Jude 3)* | **Every Creature** Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16 *(Rev. 1:5)*Acts 5:14; 8:12 *(2:47)* | **Perfect Law**Jn. 12:48Js. 1:25 *(Ps. 19:7; Js. 2:12)* |
| **Now Reigns**Acts 2:30-33I Cor. 15:24-26Eph. 1:22-23Col. 1:13 |  | **Whosoever Will**Rom. 10:13 *(Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21, 38; 22:16)*Rev. 22:17 *(Acts 10:34-35)* | **All-Sufficient**Eph. 3:1-7II Tim. 3:16-17II Pet. 1:3 *(Jude 3; Gal. 1:6-9; II Jn. 9; Rev. 22:18-19)* |