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# The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8



# The Two Aspects of the Kingdom of God

## Universal Rule of God

The Kingdom of God has *always* existed.

The Kingdom of God is *universal*.

The Kingdom of God is God's *direct* rule on the earth.

The Kingdom of God is God's *unconditional* rule over all His creation.

## Theocratic Rule of God

The Kingdom of God is a historical kingdom among mankind.

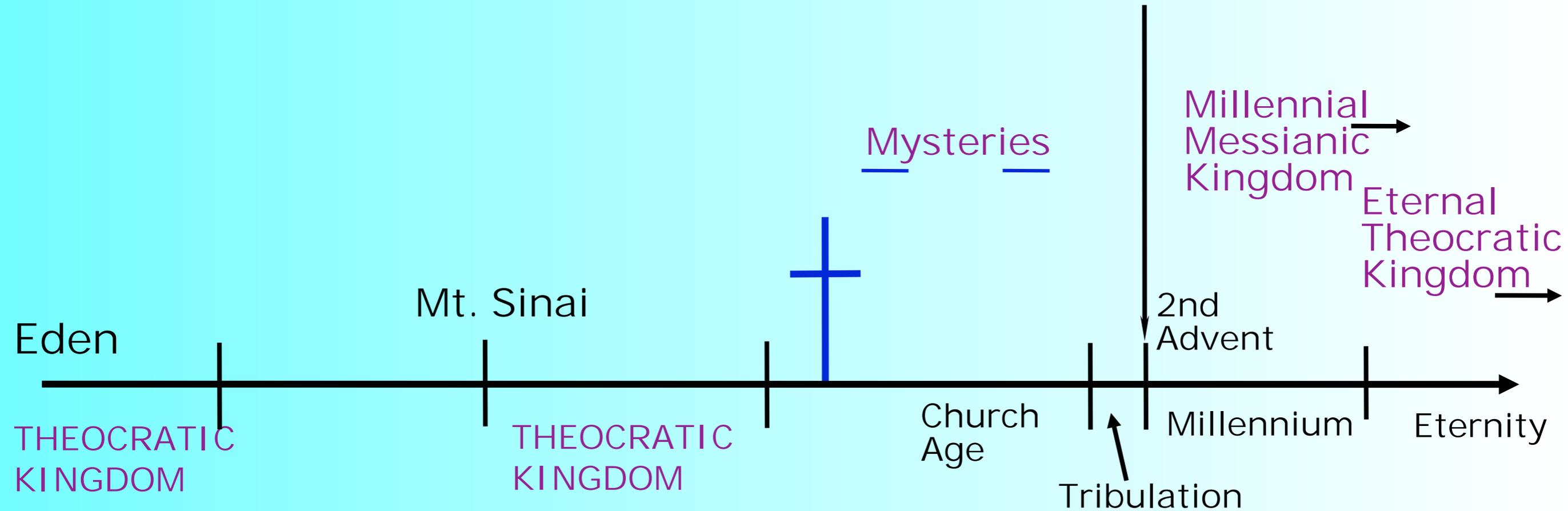
The Kingdom of God is *located on the earth*.

The Kingdom of God is mediated through an agent on the earth.

The Kingdom of God operates within a covenant structure between God and mankind.

# KINGDOM OF GOD IN THE BIBLE

← **The Universal/Sovereign Kingdom** →



# **The Kingdom Prophecies in the Old Testament**

# The Kingdom is Prophesied as a Literal Kingdom

## A Literal King

Isa. 33:17, “Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; they will see the land that is very far off.”



# **The Kingdom is Prophesied as a Literal Kingdom**

Literal Land, Literal Geographical Location

Isa. 14:1, “For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will still choose Israel, and settle them in their own land. The strangers will be joined with them, and they will cling to the house of Jacob.

Isa. 14:2, “Then people will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them for servants and maids in the land of the LORD; they will take them captive whose captives they were, and rule over their oppressors.”

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## Literal Jewish Citizenry

Jer. 23:3, “But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

Jer. 23:4, “ ‘I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking,’ says the LORD.

Jer. 23:5, “ ‘Behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘that I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

Jer. 23:6, “ ‘In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.’ ”

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## Literal Temple in Literal Jerusalem

Isa. 2:3, “Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”

# The Kingdom is Prophesied as a Literal Kingdom

## Literal Nations Involved

Isa. 11:11, “It shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, from Assyria and Egypt, from Pathros and Cush, from Elam and Shinar, from Hamath and the islands of the sea.”

# The Unique Ruler of the Future Kingdom

Isa. 32:1, “Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice.

Isa. 32:2, “A man will be as a hiding place from the wind, and a cover from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.”

# The Unique Ruler of the Future Kingdom

Dan. 7:13, “I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.

Dan. 7:14, “Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.”

# **The Government of the Kingdom Will be a Benevolent Monarchy**

Isa. 9:6, “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

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# The Extent of the Kingdom

Zech. 14:9, “And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—‘The LORD is one,’ and His name one.”

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Isa. 9:7, “Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”

# The Kingdom in the Gospels

Matthew: 55× in 53 verses

Mark: 20× in 18 verses

Luke: 46× in 44 verses

John: 5× in 3 verses

Acts: 8× in 8 verses

Paul: 14× in 14 verses

The remainder: 5× in 5 verses

Revelation: 9× in 9 verses

# The Kingdom in the Gospels

1. It is announced by angels (Luke 1:11ff; 1:26ff).

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2. It is anticipated by the Magi (Matt. 2:1–6).

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3. It is announced by John the Baptist (Matt. 3:1–3).

# The Kingdom in the Gospels

4. It is proclaimed by our Lord Himself (Matt. 4:17, 23).

# The Kingdom in the Gospels

Matt. 4:17, “From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand [ἐγγίζω (engizō)].’ ”

Matt. 4:23, “And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.”

# The Kingdom in the Gospels

5. The Kingdom was then offered by the twelve apostles (Matt. 10:1–7).

Matt. 10:6, “But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matt. 10:7, “And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand [ἐγγίζω (engizō)].’ ”

## The Kingdom in the Gospels

6. It was then offered after that by the seventy (Luke 10:1–9).

Luke 10:9, “And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near [ἐγγίζω (engizō)], to you.’”

**Luke 11:20, “But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.” [φθάνω *phthano*, to come up with, come upon, be close at hand, to arrive]**

**Luke 17:21, “nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within [ἐντός *entos*] you.”**