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Biblical Kingdoms Defined

The Greek word for kingdom is “**bas-i li'-ah**,” it is a realm of royal rule, the question is; who is the ruler and what is their dominion [authority]?

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We see immediately that the ruler of this kingdom is the Almighty, Eternal One who spoke all things into existence. Everywhere in the Bible when the phrase “<i>kingdom of God</i>” is used it is in the Genitive Case (possession); e.g. the kingdom of God belongs to God. This phrase is used 70 times in the New Testament (70 stands for completeness of God's responsibility). All belong to Him and He is going to keep it as long as He desires, no one can take it away from Him no matter how hard they try. Even the great king Nebuchadnezzar admitted to the greatness and dominion of God [Dan.4:3]. In Mat.6:33, we are told to first seek “<i>the kingdom of God...and all these things</i> (individual needs) <i>shall be added unto you.</i>”	The phrase “heavenly kingdom” is only found in the Gospel of Mark and is used 34 times. The Greek word for heaven “ouranos” is in the Argumentative Case (direction); the simple meaning is “upward”; includes everything in the atmosphere (where the birds fly to the throne of God). In most instances it should be translated “the kingdom of the heavens”. It is God's place where He reigns over all His creation—angels and mankind [Amo.9:6]. The highest of the heavens is found in 2Co.12:2 where we read, “<i>I knew a man in Christ...caught up to the third heaven</i>”. In Am.9:6 we read, “<i>It is He that builds His stories in the heaven</i>”, the thought is that this is God's place of authority (where He reigns). He is king	Jesus' direct teachings were to the Jews about His [Jesus] kingdom, which is also a part of the Kingdom of God as well as a part of the heavenly kingdom. In the Tares & Wheat parable [Mat.13], Jesus told His disciples He was the sower; the good seed <u>the children of the kingdom</u> but the tares are the children of the wicked one. By their Jewish birth, Israel is counted as children of His earthly kingdom; however it is their faith that brings them into this relationship. Not all will believe and unbeliever must be judged, “<i>in the end of this world</i>” (end of Grace Age) [Mat.13:40-43]. At this time, Satan's kingdom will come to an end because he and all his angels will be cast into the lake of fire [Mat.25:41, Rev.20:10]. Then	The Eternal Kingdom is established when the kingdom of Christ has ended because God's purposes will have all been fulfilled and every dispensation (age) is over. The last acts during the Kingdom of Christ will be: ① Making of a “<i>new heaven and new earth</i>”, ② bringing <i>new Jerusalem</i> down out of heaven, ③ <i>God and all humanity dwell together</i>, and the ④ <i>abolishment of tears, death, sorrow, crying, and pain</i>. Jesus' final act will be turning His throne back to God the Father. Then Jesus, the Son himself, will be “<i>subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all</i>” [1Co.15:24-28]. Time will be no more. God's work is finished, all will enter into eternity. We read that “<i>the things which</i>	Satan is the arch-enemy of all that is good and desires to defeat all of God's purposes. He (the accuser) has a kingdom, he is called the devil (slanderer). He is the god of this world and blinds the minds of humanity from the light of the gospel [2Co.4:4]. His desire is to be higher than God [Isa.14:13-14]. God's answer to Satan's aspirations? Satan will be brought down to hell [Isa.14:15]. Satan (adversary; enemy; accuser) started out as Lucifer (son of the morning); after his fall, he is called the prince of the world [Joh.12:31, 14:30, 16:11]; the prince of the power of the air; and the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience [Eph.2:2]. The Pharisees accused

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The kingdom of God is all He is and all that He owns including hell which will be cast into a lake of fire. Mat.6:33, 12:28, 19:24, 21:31; Mar.1:14-15, 4:11, 9:1,47, 10:14-15, 12:34, 14:25, 15:43; Luk.4:43, 6:20, 7:28, 8:1, 9:2,11, 10:9,11, 11:20, 12:31, 13:18, 14:15, 16:16, 17:20-21, 18:16-17, 19:11, 21:31, 22:16, 23:51; Joh.3:3,5; Act.1:3, 8:12, 14:22, 19:8, 20:25, 28:23; Rom.14:17; 1Co.4:20, 6:9-10, 15:50; Gal.5:21; Col.4:11; 2Th.1:5; Heb.1:8; Rev.12:10.	over all His creation even over the angels and lives of men. Jesus preached concerning the gospel of the kingdom [Mat.4:23]. This part of God's kingdom is the spiritual working in mortal, fallen mankind—the product of grace. Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them to pray. Jesus replied, "When ye pray, say, <u>Our Father which art in heaven ... Thy kingdom come</u>" [Luk.11:2]. As a result of Jesus' death, this heavenly kingdom is established in our hearts. Jesus opened the way for the Gentile believers to walk with God [1Th.2:12]. What a spiritual kingdom we have been called into by the blood of Jesus [Col.1:13]! It is into this heavenly kingdom we go upon leaving this earth [2Ti.4:18]. Mat.3:2, 4:17, 4:23, 5:3, 5:10, 5:19-20, 7:21, 8:11, 10:7, 11:11-12, 13:11, 13:24, 13:31, 13:33, 13:44-45, 13:47, 13:52, 16:19, 18:1, 18:3-4, 18:23, 19:12, 19:14, 19:23, 20:1, 22:2, 23:13, 25:1, 25:14; Luk.11:2; Col.1:13; 1Th.2:12; 2Ti.4:18.	the Gentile nations that have blessed God's people will be brought into their place in the earthly kingdom that was prepared from the foundation of the world [Mat.25:34]. What place will Jesus' apostles have in the Kingdom of Christ? The answer is found in Luk.22:29-30, "...ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom"; Jesus will make for them a place fit for royalty. I don't fully understand in what capacity they will reign with Jesus or when it will take place because we do not know the "times or the seasons" [Act.1:6-7]. However, the restoration of Israel is a sure thing and takes place after The Church is gone [Act.15:16]. Mat.13:41, 16:28; Luk.1:33, 12:32, 19:12-15, 22:29-30, 23:42; Joh.18:36; Act.1:6-7, 15:16; Col.1:13; Heb.12:28; Jas.2:5; Rev.1:9.	are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" [2Co.4:18]. There will be no need of any material things because the old heaven and earth are gone; a new heaven and earth are in place and all is under the authority of God. 1Co.15:24-28; 2Co.4:18, 5:1; 2Pe.1:11.	Jesus of casting out devils, by Beelzebub but Jesus answered, "if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his [Satan's] kingdom stand?" [Mat.12:26]. 1Jo.3:8 tells us that Satan sinned from the beginning, so why do we believe his lies and let his doubts flood our minds? During the end times, Satan will have a great system on earth; a trinity of evil: Satan, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet. God calls this trinity of evil "the beast" [Rev.6:10-11]. Their destiny? The lake of fire [Rev.19:20, 20:10]. Jesus told of this time "many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ... ye shall hear of wars and rumors off wars...nation shall rise against nation... famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" [Mat.24:5-8]. Gen.3:5; Ps.109:6; Job 1:7; Isa.14:13-15; Mat.12:24, 12:26, 12:31, 13:19, 13:38-39, 14:30 16:11, 16:23, 25:41; Luk.4:6; Joh.8:44, 12:31, 14:30, 16:11; 2Co.4:4;

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