**Thy Kingdom Come, Came, and Is**

*Matthew 6:9-10*

**Introduction**

1. **Matthew 6:9-10** – a prayer appropriate for the time, but no more.
   1. Yet still we hear it all the time.
2. The fact that the fulfillment of such requests in prayer during Jesus’ day have come is of great importance – the kingdom came and is in existence today.
3. To deny that the kingdom has come and is yet in the future is to refuse the truth of God and bring on many consequences.
   1. EX: Premillennialism – Christ will come back to establish His kingdom and reign for 1,000 years. Rests on premise that the kingdom is yet to be established.
4. Some distinguish the church from the kingdom, and suggest the kingdom is yet to come – **cf. Matthew 16:18-19** (church and kingdom same institution)
   1. Knowing when the kingdom is established answers the question concerning which is the proper church.
   2. Any church not identified with the kingdom already established is false (denominationalism).
5. The Bible is clear that the kingdom has come and is a present reality.
6. Thy Kingdom Come
7. The Kingdom in Prophecy
   1. Daniel tells and interprets Nebuchadnezzar’s (King of Babylon) dream:
      1. **Daniel 2:28** – events and state of ***“the latter days.”*** (Final dispensation in time.)
      2. Dream – **Daniel 2:31-35** – image, head (gold), chest and arms (silver), belly and thighs (bronze), legs (iron), feet (partly iron and clay), stone cut out w/out hands and struck/destroyed image became mountain that filled the earth.
      3. Interpretation – **Daniel 2:36-45**
         1. **(vv. 36-40a)** – head of gold is Nebuchadnezzar – king of Babylon – world empire; succeeded by another, and a third and fourth.
         2. **(vv. 44-45)** – in the days of ***“these kings”*** God sets up His kingdom that destroys them, fills the whole earth, but itself will never be destroyed.
         3. **NOTE: (1)** Each is a world empire. **(2)** Each succeeds the other. **(3)** In the dream, the image represents them all at once, as well as their destruction together.
         4. **Head of gold (Babylon); Chest and arms of silver (Medo-Persia); Belly and thighs of bronze (Greece); Legs of iron, feet of iron and clay (Rome)**
         5. The Kingdom of Christ/God established in the latter days during the Roman empire.
   2. Isaiah prophesies about the mountain (**Daniel 2:35, 45**) of the Lord’s house – **Isaiah 2:2-4**
      1. **(v. 2a)** – Time: ***“latter days”*** (**cf. Daniel 2:28**)
      2. (**v. 2b**) – What: mountain (government/kingdom) of the Lord established.
      3. **(v. 3)** – Where: Zion/Jerusalem.
      4. **(v. 3)** – How: word of the Lord taught.
      5. (**vv. 3-4)** – reconciliation to God (walk in His paths) and resulting peace between nations.
   3. Joel prophesies about the Spirit being poured out, and the coming of the prophesied salvation – **Joel 2:28-32**
      1. **(v. 28)** – Time: ***“afterward”*** (**Acts 2:17** – ***“last days”***) (**cf. Daniel 2:28; Isaiah 2:2**)
         1. Referring to the coming kingdom.
      2. (**vv. 28-31)** – Spirit poured out, word of the Lord revealed.
         1. NOTE: The “What” here is the “How” of Isaiah 2 – the establishment of the mountain of the Lord’s house by the word.
      3. **(v. 32a)** – Salvation.
      4. **(v. 32b)** – in Jerusalem.
8. The Kingdom at Hand
   1. John prepared the way for the Lord – **Matthew 3:1-3** – preaching repentance, and nearness of the kingdom.
      1. NOTE: Gospels/NT set during the Roman empire – THESE ARE THE DAYS OF “THESE KINGS.” – during kingdom of iron and clay (legs and feet) when God’s kingdom to be set up.
      2. Jesus baptized by John.
      3. Jesus tempted in the wilderness.
   2. Jesus begins His ministry in Galilee – **Matthew 4:12-17** – fulfills prophecy, preaches repentance and nearness of the kingdom.
      1. **(vv. 15-16)** – quoting **Isaiah 9:1-2**
      2. Prophecy continues to the rule of the Messiah – **Isaiah 9:6-7**
   3. Kingdom preceded by Jesus’ ascension – **Luke 19:11-12, 15** – kingdom not immediate, but ascension first.
      1. **Daniel 7:13-14** – Son of Man (Messiah), Ancient of Days (God, Father), given dominion, glory, kingdom.
      2. Jesus to Mary after resurrection – **John 20:17** (not do not touch, but do not cling) – permanent reception of Him is not until He has ascended and received kingdom.
   4. Kingdom’s proximity to generation of Jesus’ lifetime – **Mark 9:1** – some Jesus was talking to would be alive when the kingdom is established.
      1. NOTE: If not yet, then Jesus lied, or there are people who cheated death. (NOT LONG AFTER JESUS’ ASCENSCION.)
      2. ***“present with power”*** – reflects kingdom prophesy regarding the outpouring of the Spirit (**cf. Joel 2**)
   5. Tarry in Jerusalem until promise of Spirit – **Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5, 8** – Promise, HS baptism, power, in Jerusalem.
      1. Lining up with prophesies of Isaiah 2 and Joel 2.
      2. Lining up with **Mark 9:1** – present with power.
   6. **Matthew 6:9** – appropriate to pray at this time.
9. Thy Kingdom Came
10. The Establishment of the Kingdom
    1. **Kingdom prophecy – After Jesus ascends (soon – Mark 9:1), Jerusalem, Spirit, Power, Word Proclaimed, Salvation.**
    2. Jesus ascends, and apostles return to Jerusalem as per Jesus’ instructions – **Acts 1:9, 12** – to receive Promise – baptism of HS and power.
    3. Received the Promise (HS baptism), and power manifested – **Acts 2:1-4** – speaking language not learned (miraculous – understood by witnesses – (**vv. 7-8, 12)**
    4. Explanation of Peter – **Acts 2:14-21** – fulfillment of **Joel 2:28-32**
    5. Jesus/word of salvation/gospel preached (word of the Lord going forth from Jerusalem – **Isaiah 2, Joel 2**) – **Acts 2:22ff**
       1. **(vv. 30-36)** – Christ has taken His throne – King, throne = kingdom established. (**cf. Psalm 16:8-11** – quotation of David’s prophecy concerning Jesus)
       2. **(vv. 37-39)** – fulfillment of **Joel 2:32** – (**v. 21)**
       3. **(v. 47)** – church established – **Matthew 16:18-19** = kingdom.
11. **Psalm 2** – efforts to thwart failed – ***“Yet I have set My king on My holy hill of Zion” (v. 6).*** (**cf. Acts 4:25-28**)
12. Thy Kingdom Is
13. The Kingdom Discussed as a Present Reality
    1. Scattered preaching the kingdom – **Acts 8:4-5, 12** – “***concerning the kingdom”*** – i.e. as present, and way of entrance ***(“keys of the kingdom,”*** **Matthew 16:19**).
       1. Paul in Ephesus – **Acts 19:3** – persuading them about the fulfillment of kingdom prophecy – Messiah came and is on the throne!
          1. Had preached the kingdom of God – **Acts 20:25** – to Ephesian elders.
       2. Paul in Rome (house arrest) – **Acts 28:23, 30-31** – preaching things of kingdom in Law and Prophets fulfilled in Jesus.
    2. Conflict of judging/despising addressed by showing what the kingdom is actually about – **Romans 14:17** – i.e. they’re in the kingdom now, and should be focusing on these things.
    3. Lord’s Supper – **1 Corinthians 11:20, 23-26; Matthew 26:29** – a memorial observed in the kingdom.
    4. Paul wrote to Colossians about them being in the kingdom at the time of his writing – **Colossians 1:13; 4:11** – fellow workers in kingdom.
    5. John – **Revelation 1:9** – a companion with others in the kingdom.
    6. It is abundantly clear that the New Testament scriptures were written by those in the kingdom, about the kingdom, to those in the kingdom.
14. If the Kingdom Has Not Come
    1. Christ is not King – **Acts 2:34-36** – no throne, no king – not king in waiting. (**cf. Psalm 2**)
    2. Christ is not High Priest – **Psalm 110 (cf. Acts 2:34-35)** – sits at God’s right hand on throne, also priest according to Melchizedek (**cf. Hebrews 7:1** – king and priest).
       1. **Zechariah 6:12-13** – king on throne and priest.
    3. Cannot be born again – **John 3:3, 5** – new birth is for entrance into kingdom.
    4. In darkness and sin – **Colossians 1:13-14**
    5. THANK GOD THE KINGDOM HAS COME AND IS.

**Conclusion**

1. The kingdom has come.
2. Are you in it?