

# What is the Kingdom of God?

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*(Scripture references from the Legacy Standard Bible)*

The Kingdom of God is the rule and reign of Yahweh Elohim over all creation, manifest both now and in the age to come. It is not merely a far-off heavenly realm—it is the unfolding of God's purpose wherever His authority is revealed and His will is done.

From the beginning, man was created to reflect God's image and to steward the earth under His authority (Genesis 1:26–28). But when Adam sinned, mankind fell under the curse of death and separation from God. The Kingdom of God, therefore, is Yahweh's redemptive plan to restore what was lost—accomplished through the atonement provided by Yeshua the Messiah, who is the Word made flesh (John 1:14).

Yeshua began His ministry proclaiming, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15, LSB). His miracles, teachings, and authority over evil spirits were not mere signs—they were demonstrations of the Kingdom breaking into this age. Through His death and resurrection, He paid the penalty for Adam's sin and made a way for mankind to be redeemed, reconciled, and restored (Romans 5:12–19).

When asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, Yeshua responded, “Behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst” (Luke 17:21, LSB). He was not speaking of an internal or symbolic kingdom within the heart—He was declaring that He Himself, the King and embodiment of God's reign, was standing among them. The Kingdom had arrived because the King had come. Yet they did not recognize Him.

Still, for those who *did* recognize Him, He taught them how to live as citizens of His Kingdom even while awaiting its full manifestation. Though the Kingdom's ultimate fulfillment is future and physical, its transforming power begins now in the hearts and minds of believers. Yeshua calls His followers to let the meaning of His Kingdom enter deeply into their lives, changing their thoughts, behavior, and purpose. This present spiritual transformation foreshadows the glory of the coming age, when the King will reign visibly on the earth.

The Kingdom is present wherever Yeshua is acknowledged as King and His Word is obeyed—but it is also future. Scripture speaks clearly of a day when Yeshua will return to establish His rule upon the earth. Revelation tells us, “And they came to life

and reigned with Christ for a thousand years” (Revelation 20:4, LSB). This is known as the Millennial Kingdom. During this time, Satan will be bound (Revelation 20:2), and Yeshua will reign over the nations with righteousness, fulfilling God’s promises to Israel and to David (2 Samuel 7:12–16; Isaiah 2:2–4).

The purpose of this Kingdom is not only rulership but redemption. It is the fulfillment of God’s plan to undo the curse brought by Adam’s transgression and to bring all things under the Messiah’s authority. Yeshua’s reign will be a time of peace, restoration, and justice, preparing the way for the final defeat of death and the full realization of God’s eternal Kingdom.

As Paul writes, “He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be abolished is death” (1 Corinthians 15:25–26, LSB). And when His redemptive work is complete, “then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all” (1 Corinthians 15:28, LSB).

In summary, the Kingdom of God is the unfolding of God’s plan to redeem and restore His creation through Yeshua the Messiah. It was present in power when the King walked among us. It continues through the lives of those who live under His lordship. And it will be fully revealed when He returns to reign for a thousand years, bringing God’s justice and glory to the entire earth. Until that day, we live as transformed subjects of the King—our hearts ruled by His truth, our minds renewed by His Spirit, and our lives shaped by the values of the Kingdom that is both here and yet to come.