

Accumulating Notes on References for
Kingdom of Heaven Studies
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Study 1 - 15 January

What is a Kingdom?

ממלכה

Strong's: 4467 mamlakah; from 4427; dominion, i.e. (abstractly) the estate (rule) or (concretely) the country (realm): kingdom, king's, reign, royal.

βασίλεια

Strong's: 932. basileia; from 935; properly, royalty, i.e. (abstractly) rule, or (concretely) a realm (literally or figuratively): kingdom, + reign.

The Bible Study Tools, New Testament Greek lexicon is based on Thayer's and Smith's Bible Dictionary:

“Royal power, **kingship**, dominion, rule - **Not to be confused with an actual kingdom but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom.**”

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/kjv/basileia.html>

Main Passages

Ex 19:5-6

“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. **And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**”

Num 23:18-21

“And the shout of a **King** is among them.”

Num 24:5-7

“His king shall be higher than Agag, **and his kingdom shall be exalted.**”

Num 24:17-19

“Out of Jacob One shall have **dominion**...”

1 Samuel 8:7-8

“And The LORD said to Samuel, ‘Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, **but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.**”

2 Samuel 7:1-17

“Also The LORD tells you that He will make you a house.”

“I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, **and I will establish his kingdom.** He shall build a house for My name, **and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.**”

“**And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.**”

1 Kings 9:1-9

“if you keep My statutes and My judgments, then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father...”

Other References

Gen 10:8-10 Nimrod

Gen 20:9 Abimelech to Abraham

1 Pet 2:4-5, 9-10

Rev 1:5b-6; 5:9-10; 20:4-6

1 Chronicles 17:1-15

2 Chronicles 7:12-22

The Importance of Context

Example - *If My People...*

Leviticus 26:1-46 ► Deuteronomy 28:1-68 ► 2 Sam 7:1-17 & 1 Chron 17:1-15 ► 1 Kings 9:1-9 & 2 Chron 7:12-22

The Kingship of Heaven

Exodus 19:5-6 ► Numbers 22, 23 & 24 ► 2 Sam 7:1-17 ► 1 Kings 9:1-9

Kingship of Priests ► A King from Israel ► Promised to a descendent of David ► Offered to Solomon.

Study 2 - 19 February

The Kingship of Heaven in the Psalms

The word kingdom/kingship occurs in four Psalms: Psalm 22, Psalm 45, Psalm 103, Psalm 145

Statements concerning The LORD's Anointed, Messiah or King occur in many others.

We looked briefly at Psalm 2 and in more detail at Psalm 72.

The following thirty Psalms are all considered to speak prophetically about Jesus:

2:1-12	34:17-20	69:1-36
8:1-9	35:7-22	71:1-17
16:6-11	38:12-15	72:1-20
18:1-7, 43-50	40:6-10	78:1-4
21:1-7	41:5-12	89:1-4, 19-29
22:1-31	42:1-11	102:1-11
24:1-10	45:1-9 & 17	109:1-5, 21-27
27:7-12	50:1-6	110:1-7
30:1-12	56:4-6	118:5-26
31:1-8	68:17-20	132:11-18

This does not include Psalm 103 & Psalm 145
“because they are about the kingdom”

Psalm 22

For the kingship is The LORD'S, And He rules over the nations.

Psalm 45

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Your kingship.

Psalm 103

The LORD has established His throne in heaven, And His kingship rules over all.

Psalm 145

They shall speak of the glory of Your kingship, And talk of Your power,

To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty of His kingship.

Your kingship is an everlasting kingship, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Study 3 - 19 March

The Kingship of Heaven in the [Latter] Prophets

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETIC AUTHORS

Note: Dates are rounded to decades and cover the period of their ministries not each of the prophet's lives.

PROPHET	ESTIMATED DATES BC	NOTES
Jonah	810-790	To Nineveh
Joel	790-760	Both kingdoms
Amos	780-760	Both kingdoms
Obadiah	Date uncertain	To Edom
Hosea	780-710	Both kingdoms
Isaiah	750-690	Both kingdoms
Micah	740-720	Both kingdoms
Fall of Northern Kingdom ~719		
Nahum	660-630	To Nineveh
Zephaniah	630-620	South
Habakkuk	620-610	South
Jeremiah	630-590	South
Fall of Southern Kingdom & Jerusalem ~586		
Ezekiel	600-580	In captivity
Daniel	610-540	In captivity
Return from exile in Babylonia ~525		
Haggai	520	Post exile
Zechariah	520-510	Post exile
Malachi	420-400	Post exile

39 Books (order today)	24 Books (older order)
<p>Torah</p> <p>Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy 5</p>	<p>The Law</p> <p>Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy 5</p>
<p>Nebium</p> <p><i>Former Prophets</i></p> <p>Joshua, Judges, I Samuel, II Samuel, I Kings, II Kings 6</p> <p><i>Latter Prophets</i></p> <p>Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi 15</p>	<p>The Prophets</p> <p><i>Former Prophets</i></p> <p>Joshua, Judges, Samuel (I & II), Kings (I & II) 4</p> <p><i>Latter Prophets</i></p> <p>Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, the 12 Minor Prophets 4</p>
<p>Kethubim</p> <p><i>Poetry / Five Rolls / Historical</i></p> <p>Psalms, Proverbs, Job 13</p> <p>Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther</p> <p>Daniel, Ezra-Nehemiah, I Chronicles, II Chronicles</p>	<p>The Writings</p> <p>Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra-Nehemiah, Chronicles (I & II) 11</p>
<p>Total number of books 39</p>	<p>Josephus, 22; Jerome, 24 24</p>

N.B. Josephus combines Judges and Ruth into a single book, and does the same with Jeremiah and Lamentations.

The four passages where the Hebrew word for Kingdom / Kingship / Royal occurs in these books:

Verse	Context
Isaiah 9:7	Chapters 7 to 10
Isaiah 62:3	Chapters 58 to 66
Micah 4:8	Whole book - 7 chapters
Obadiah 21	Whole book - 1 chapter

Other notes:

Isaiah 62:3

Albert Barnes' Notes on the Whole Bible

And a royal diadem Hebrew, 'A diadem of a kingdom.' The diadem is the wreath or chaplet, usually set with diamonds, which is "encircled" (to roll or wind around, to encircle) around the head. It here means such as was usually worn by monarchs; and the sense is, that Jerusalem would become exceedingly beautiful in the sight of God.

Micah 4:8

Albert Barnes' Notes on the Whole Bible

"'Tower of Ader,' which is interpreted 'tower of the flock,' about 1000 paces (a mile) from Bethlehem," says Jerome who lived there, "and fore-signifying (in its very name) by a sort of prophecy the shepherds at the Birth of the Lord." There Jacob fed his sheep, {Ge 35:21 } and there (since it was hard by Bethlehem) the shepherds, keeping watch over their flocks by night, saw and heard the Angels singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." The Jews inferred from this place that the Messiah should be revealed there. [Cites Rabbi Jonathan of the 2nd century.]

Babylonian Talmud, Book 2, Chapter VII

(d) Cattle found all the way from Jerusalem to Migdal Eder, and in the same vicinity in all directions, are considered, if male, as whole-offerings, and if female as peace-offerings. R. Jehudah says: "If they are fit for Passover-offerings they may be used for such purpose, providing Passover is not more than thirty days off."

Source: <https://www.sacred-texts.com/jud/t02/shk11.htm>

Study 4 - 16 April

The Kingship of Heaven in the book of Daniel

The book of Daniel is to the Old Testament what the book of Revelation is to the New Testament.

The first seven chapters provide practical examples of how the faithful should live as part of a society under judgement.

The second seven chapters warn of further troubles, whilst promising the ultimate victory of One like a Son of Man, who will establish The LORD's Kingship on earth.

In Revelation, the first three chapters offers practical guidance, whilst the rest of the warns of coming tribulations followed by the return of the King of Kings!

1. The traditional approach to dividing the book based on content

	Engagement with human authority		Revelations from Heaven	
1	Exiled and honoured, but Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the king's food.	7	Vision of the four beasts, superceded by a vision of the Ancient of Days, and One like a Son of Man, who is given dominion, glory and a kingship.	
2	Nebuchadnezzar dreamt of a massive statue which falls when hit by a little stone.	8	Vision of a ram (Medes & Persians) and goat, (Greece), the latter is divided into four and then a dominant horn turns against God's people.	
3	Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refuse to worship a gold statue and are thrown into a furnace.	9	Daniel intercedes for the people to return to Jerusalem, The LORD says yes He will take them back but to war not glory.	
4	Nebuchadnezzar, dreamt of a tree cut down, didn't heed the warning, but learned that the heavens rule.	10	Daniel seeks God for 3 weeks and receives an extended vision of events and kings yet to come.	
5	Belshazzar drank from the temple vessels, a hand wrote on the wall, and he lost his kingdom.	11		After 3 weeks of prayer an angelic messenger introduces himself and his mission.
6	Darius fooled into outlawing prayer, Daniel continues to pray to God, who stood by him in the lions' lair.	12		Detailed outline of future history from 530 to 165 BC.
			This to be followed by great tribulation, deliverance and resurrection, but the words to be sealed until the end.	

2 The linguistic approach based on the languages the book is written in

Chapter 1-2:4a: Hebrew

Chapters 2:4b-7: Aramaic

Chapters 8-12: Hebrew

The word Kingdom/Kingship referring to God's rule occurs in the following passages:

Daniel 2:44; 4:3 & 34; 6:24; 7:14, 18, 22 & 27.

There are other references to His rule/reign/authority which do not use the word Kingdom/Kingship:

Daniel 4:35 & 37; 5:21; 12:1-4

Dare to be a Daniel by Philip P Bliss, 1838-76

Standing by a purpose true, heeding God's command, honour them, the faithful few! All hail to Daniel's band!	Many mighty men are lost, daring not to stand, who for God had been a host by joining Daniel's band.	Hold the gospel banner high; on to vict'ry grand; Satan and his host defy, and shout for Daniel's band.
<i>Refrain:</i> Dare to be a Daniel! Dare to stand alone! Dare to have a purpose firm! Dare to make it known!	Many giants, great and tall, stalking through the land, headlong to the earth would fall, if met by Daniel's band.	Tune: Standing by a purpose true

Philip P Bliss wrote of hundreds of Christian hymns and songs including, "It is well with my soul" and "Man of sorrows."

Study 5 - 21 May

The Kingship of God in the Gospels

The notes for this session are also available as a separate file from the session's web page.

https://amen.org.uk/ctr/seminar_210521.html

The references below are those in the four gospels to the Kingdom of God/Heaven, though I have also included the two most significant references to the Jesus as the King of the Jews. I have also changed the word Kingdom to read Kingship in accordance with our theme throughout these studies in the hope of helping the reader have a freshness in their approach to many of these statements.

In the first section I have grouped many of them together in themes. There may be other groups, but these were the key ones I identified in the limited time I had to compile this list. The second group is the remainder of the passages where this word appears. The lists were compiled by working through the gospels in order, so Matthew - which has more than 50% of the passages - provides the backbone of this document, with the other gospels being fitted in around it. It may surprise some that the word Kingship occurs just four times in John's gospel, and those are in two passages.

Finally, I have colour coded each of the gospels to encourage readers to consider the different context in which each was writing.

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Lu 1:30-33

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingship there will be no end."

The King of the Jews

Matt 2:1-3

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "**Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?** For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Mt 27:11, Mk 15:2, Lu 23:3

Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, "**Are You the King of the Jews?**" So Jesus said to him, "**It is as you say.**"

Repent, for the Kingship of heaven is at hand

Mt 3:1-2 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the Kingship of heaven is at hand!"

Mt 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the Kingship of heaven is at hand."

Mk 1:14-15 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the Kingship of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingship of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

The gospel of the Kingship

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

Mt 9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the Kingship, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Mt 10:7 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The Kingship of heaven is at hand.'

Mt 24:14 "And this gospel of the Kingship will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Lu 4:43 but He said to them, "I must preach the Kingship of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."

Lu 8:1 Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the Kingship of God. And the twelve were with Him,

Lu 9:1-2 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the Kingship of God and to heal the sick.

Lu 9:10-11 And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the Kingship of God, and healed those who had need of healing.

Parables

Matt 13:11-15

He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the Kingship of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand." And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'"

Mk 4:11 And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the Kingship of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables,

Lu 8:10 And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the Kingship of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'"

Mt 13:19 "When anyone hears the word of the Kingship, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

Mt 13:24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The Kingship of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;

Mt 13:31 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The Kingship of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field,

Lu 13:18-19 Then He said, "What is the Kingship of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches."

Mt 13:33 Another parable He spoke to them: "The Kingship of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

Lu 13:20-21 And again He said, "To what shall I liken the Kingship of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

Mt 13:38 "The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the Kingship, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one.

Mt 13:41 "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His Kingship all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,

Mt 13:43 "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the Kingship of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Mt 13:44 "Again, the Kingship of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Mt 13:45 "Again, the Kingship of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,

Mt 13:47 "Again, the Kingship of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind,

Mt 13:52 Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the Kingship of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."

Mt 18:23 "Therefore the Kingship of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

Mt 20:1 "For the Kingship of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard.

Mt 21:31 "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the Kingship of God before you.

Mt 21:42-44 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD'S doing, And it is marvellous in our eyes'? Therefore I say to you, the Kingship of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

Mt 22:2 "The Kingship of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,

Mt 25:1 "Then the Kingship of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Mt 25:14 "For *the Kingship of heaven is like* a man travelling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. [NB Words in italics are not in the Greek text.]

Lu 19:11-13 Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and **because they thought the Kingship of God would appear immediately**. Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a Kingship and to return. So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.'

Mt 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingship prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Mt 26:29 "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's Kingship."

Mk 4:26 And He said, "The Kingship of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground,

Mk 4:30 Then He said, "To what shall we liken the Kingship of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it?

Sermon on the Mount

Mt 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the Kingship of heaven.

Lu 6:20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, For yours is the Kingship of God.

Mt 5:10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the Kingship of heaven.

Mt 5:19 "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the Kingship of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the Kingship of heaven.

Mt 5:20 "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the Kingship of heaven.

Mt 6:10 Your Kingship come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

Lu 11:2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your Kingship come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

Mt 6:13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the Kingship and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Mt 6:33 "But seek first the Kingship of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Lu 12:31-32 "But seek the Kingship of God, and all these things shall be added to you. Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingship."

Mt 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the Kingship of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

The greatest in the Kingship of Heaven

Mt 11:11-12 "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the Kingship of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingship of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."

Lu 7:28 "For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the Kingship of God is greater than he."

Lu 16:16 "The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the Kingship of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it. [RSV "and every one enters it violently."]

Mt 18:1-6

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the Kingship of heaven?" Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the Kingship of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the Kingship of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

Mk 10:14-15 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the Kingship of God. "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the Kingship of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

Lu 18:15 Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the Kingship of God. "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the Kingship of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

Lu 22:27-30 "For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a Kingship, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My Kingship, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Mt 12:28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the Kingship of God has come upon you.

Mt 16:19 "And I will give you the keys of the Kingship of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Mt 16:28 "Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingship."

Mk 9:1 And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the Kingship of God present with power."

Lu 9:27 "But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Kingship of God."

Mt 8:11-12 "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingship of heaven. But the sons of the Kingship will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Mt 19:11-12 But He said to them, "All cannot accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given: For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the Kingship of heaven's sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it."

Mt 19:13-15 Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the Kingship of heaven." And He laid His hands on them and departed from there.

Mt 19:23-26

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the Kingship of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingship of God." When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Mk 10:23-27

Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the Kingship of God!" And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the Kingship of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingship of God." And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

Lu 18:24-30

And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the Kingship of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingship of God." And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Then Peter said, "See, we have left all and followed You." So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the Kingship of God, who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life."

Mt 23:13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the Kingship of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

Mk 9:47 "And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the Kingship of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire -

Mk 11:9-10 Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Blessed is the Kingship of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Mk 12:34 Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the Kingship of God." But after that no one dared question Him.

Mk 14:23-25 Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many. "Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the Kingship of God."

Mk 15:43 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the Kingship of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Lu 9:59-62

Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the Kingship of God." And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingship of God."

Lu 10:8 "Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. "And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The Kingship of God has come near to you.' But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the Kingship of God has come near you.'

Lu 11:17 But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every Kingship divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his Kingship stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the Kingship of God has come upon you."

Lu 14:15 Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the Kingship of God!" [Not the words of Jesus.]

Lu 17:20-21 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the Kingship of God would come, He answered them and said, "The Kingship of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the Kingship of God is within you."

Lu 21:29-31 Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the Kingship of God is near.

Lu 22:15-18 Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the Kingship of God." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the Kingship of God comes."

Lu 23:50-52 Now behold, there was a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and just man. He had not consented to their decision and deed. He was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for the Kingship of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Jo 3:3-8

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingship of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingship of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Jo 18:36 Jesus answered, "My Kingship is not of this world. If My Kingship were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My Kingship is not from here."

Study 6 - 18 June

The Kingship of Heaven in Acts & Paul's Letters

Acts

Ac 1:3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingship of God.

Ac 1:6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingship to Israel?"

Ac 8:12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingship of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

Ac 14:22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingship of God."

Ac 19:8 And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingship of God.

Ac 20:25 "And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingship of God, will see my face no more.

Ac 28:23 So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingship of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening.

Ac 28:31 preaching the kingship of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

Paul's letters - coloured by similarity of emphasis

Ro 14:17 for the kingship of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

1Co 4:20 For the kingship of God is not in word but in power.

1Co 6:9-10 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingship of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingship of God.

1Co 15:24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingship to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingship of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

Ga 5:21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingship of God.

Eph 5:5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingship of Christ and God.

Col 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingship of the Son of His love,

Col 4:11 and Jesus who is called Justus. These are my only fellow workers for the kingship of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me.

1Th 2:12 that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingship and glory.

2Th 1:5 which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingship of God, for which you also suffer;

2Ti 4:1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingship:

2Ti 4:18 And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingship. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!

Study 7 - 16 July

The Kingship of Heaven in the non-Pauline letters and Revelation

Non-Pauline Letters

Heb 1:8 But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingship.

Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingship which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Jas 2:5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingship which He promised to those who love Him?

2Pe 1:11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingship of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Occurrences of kingdom/kingship (of God/Heaven) in the Revelation of the Saviour King.

N.B. References anomalously from the New King James Bible, those marked with an asterisk [*] are taken from the New American Standard Bible. In the verses indicated the KJV uses "kings" instead of "kingdom."

1:6* and He has made us to be a kingship, priests to His God and Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1:9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingship and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

5:10* "And Thou hast made them to be a kingship and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And the loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

12:10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingship of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

Relevant passages to the establishment of the Kingship of Jesus and His saints in this book.

Verses in italics are also listed above. Those in red, the fate of the kings of the earth - this list is not complete. Notes are in blue.

Ch 1 - The Saviour King

5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

6 *and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

9 *I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

Ch 4

2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

Ch 5

5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

10 *And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."*

Ch 6

Note: From here onwards this record describes the actions of the Lamb from when he opens the first seal, until He returns to reign in Ch 19.

15 *And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,*

Ch 7

10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,

12 saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honour and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

16 "They shall neither hunger any more thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat;

17 "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Ch 11

11:15 *Then the seventh angel sounded: And the loud voices in heaven, saying, "The **kingdoms** of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"*

16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshipped God,

17 saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

Ch 12

12:10 *Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before God day and night, has been cast down.*

Ch 14

6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth - to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people -

7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

8 And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

Ch 15

3 They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvellous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!

4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."

8 The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

Ch 16

16:10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.

16:12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

16:14 For they are the spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Ch 17

17:2 "with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

17:14 "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."

17:17 "For God has put it into their hearts to fulfil His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.

17:18 "And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth."

Ch 18

3 "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

9 "The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning,

Ch 19

5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

19:18 "that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

19:19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

Ch 20

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

Ch 21

1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

21:24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honour into it.

The End