

The Kingdom in Acts and the Epistles

Acts 1:3-6: The Expectation of a Coming Kingdom for Israel

- Disciples receive 40 days of Kingdom instruction.
- The disciples still expect a kingdom for national Israel—no indication they were wrong.
- What is unknown is the timing of this kingdom.

Acts 3:19-21: Israel's Repentance Linked with Jesus' Second Coming and Kingdom

- Israel's repentance will lead to forgiveness of sins.
- Israel's forgiveness of sins leads to:
 - Times of refreshing (kingdom)
 - Second coming of Jesus
 - Restoration of all things.

Acts 28:17-30

- Paul was looking for a consensus among Israel's leaders that Jesus was the Messiah.
- Acts 1 begins with the kingdom.
- Acts 28 ends with the kingdom

Kingdom in the Epistles

- Romans 14:17
- 1 Corinthians 4:8
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
- 1 Corinthians 15:24, 50
- Galatians 5:21
- Ephesians 5:5
- Colossians 1:13
- Colossians 4:11
- 1 Thessalonians 2:12
- 2 Thessalonians 1:5
- 2 Timothy 2:12
- 2 Timothy 4:1, 18

Romans 14:17

- for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 4:8

- You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become **kings** without us; and indeed, / wish that you had become kings so that we also might **reign with you**.
- Paul uses sarcasm about the Corinthians thinking they are reigning.

1 Corinthians 6

- Verses 2-3: saints will judge world and angels.
 - Or do you not know that the **saints will judge the world**? If the world is judged by you, are you not competent to constitute the smallest law courts? Do you not know that **we will judge angels**? How much more matters of this life?
- Verses 9-10: Wicked will not inherit kingdom.

1 Corinthians 15:24-28, 50

- A successful kingdom of Jesus will lead to a handing over of the Kingdom to the Father.
- Verse 50: Only glorified saints will enter the eternal kingdom.

Galatians 5:21

Ephesians 5:5

- Wicked will not inherit God's kingdom.

Colossians 1:12-13

- Kingdom is a future inheritance (v. 12)
- Saints positionally belong to Jesus' kingdom (v. 13)
- giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and **transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,**

Colossians 4:11

- “and *also* Jesus who is called Justus; these are the only fellow workers for the **kingdom of God** who are from the circumcision, and they have proved to be an encouragement to me.”

1 Thessalonians 2:12

- so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own **kingdom and glory**.

2 Thessalonians 1:5

- *This is* a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the **kingdom of God**, for which indeed you are suffering.

2 Timothy 2:12

- If we endure, **we will also reign with Him**;
If we deny Him, He also will deny us;

2 Timothy 4:1, 18

- I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and **by His appearing and His kingdom** (v.1)
- The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His **heavenly kingdom**; to Him *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen. (v. 18)

Hebrews 12:8

- Therefore, since we receive a **kingdom** which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

James 2:5

- Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the **kingdom** which He promised to those who love Him?

2 Peter 1:11

- for in this way the entrance into the eternal **kingdom** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.