

God's Kingdom and the Kingdom of God

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Strong's Definitions

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KINGDOM

OT:4438 malkuwth (mal-kooth'); or malkuth (mal-kooth'); or (in plural) malkuyah (mal-koo-yah'); from **OT:4427**; a rule; concretely, a dominion: KJV-empire, kingdom, realm, reign, royal.

OT:4427 malak (maw-lak'); a primitive root; to reign; inceptively, to ascend the throne; causatively, to induct into royalty; hence (by implication) to take counsel: KJV-consult, X indeed, be (make, set a, set up) king, be (make) queen, (begin to, make to) reign (-ing), rule, X surely.

OT:4437 malkuw (Aramaic) (mal-koo'); corresponding to **OT:4438**; dominion (abstractly or concretely): KJV-kingdom, kingly, realm, reign.

NT:932 basileia (bas-il-i'-ah); from **NT:935**; properly, royalty, i.e. (abstractly) rule, or (concretely) a realm (literally or figuratively): KJV-kingdom, + reign.

NT:935 basileus (bas-il-yooce'); probably from **NT:939** (through the notion of a foundation of power); a sovereign (abstractly, relatively, or figuratively): KJV-king.

NT:939 basis (bas'-ece); from baino (to walk); a pace ("base"), i.e. (by implication) the foot: KJV-foot.

KINGDOM OF GOD

NT:2316 theos (teh'-os); of uncertain affinity; a deity, especially (with **NT:3588**) the supreme Divinity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very: KJV-X exceeding, God, god [-ly, -ward].

NT:3588 ho (ho); including the feminine he (hay); and the neuter to (to); in all their inflections; the def. article; the (sometimes to be supplied, at others omitted, in English idiom): KJV-the, this, that, one, he, she, it, etc.. ***. ho. See NT:3739.

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

NT:3772 ouranos (oo-ran-os'); perhaps from the same as **NT:3735** (through the idea of elevation); the sky; by extension, heaven (as the abode of God); by implication, happiness, power, eternity; specifically, the Gospel (Christianity): KJV-air, heaven ([-ly]), sky.

NT:3735 oros (or'-os); probably from an obsolete oro (to rise or "rear"; perhaps akin to **NT:142**; compare **NT:3733**); a mountain (as lifting itself above the plain): KJV-hill, mount (-ain).

NT:142 airo (ah'-ee-ro); a primary root; to lift up; by implication, to take up or away; figuratively, to raise (the voice), keep in suspense (the mind), specially, to sail away (i.e. weigh anchor); by Hebraism [compare NT:5375] to expiate sin: KJV-away with, bear (up), carry, lift up, loose, make to doubt, put away, remove, take (away, up).

NT:3733 ornis (or'-nis); probably from a prolonged form of the base of **NT:3735**; a bird (as rising in the air), i.e. (specifically) a hen (or female domestic fowl): KJV-hen.



God's Kingdom in the Old Testament

And David knew that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that **he had exalted his kingdom** for the sake of his people Israel. 2 Samuel 5:12 ESV

When your days are fulfilled to walk with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and **I will establish his kingdom**. He shall build a house for me, and **I will establish his throne forever**. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from him who was before you, but **I will confirm him in my house and in my kingdom forever**, and his throne shall be established forever." In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David. 1 Chronicles 17:11-15 ESV

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and **his kingdom rules over all**. Psalms 103:19 ESV

They shall speak of **the glory of your kingdom** and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and **the glorious splendor of your kingdom**. **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom**, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. Psalms 145:11-13 ESV

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, **on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it** with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. Isaiah 9:6-7 ESV

It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me. How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! **His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom**, and his dominion endures from generation to generation. Daniel 4:2-3 ESV

At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and **his kingdom endures from generation to generation**. Daniel 4:34 ESV

I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; **his kingdom shall never be destroyed**, and his dominion shall be to the end. Daniel 6:26 ESV

And **to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom**, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and **his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed**. Daniel 7:14 ESV

And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; **their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom**, and all dominions shall serve and obey them.' Daniel 7:27 ESV



Proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and **proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom** and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. Matthew 4:23 ESV

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and **proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom** and healing every disease and every affliction. Matthew 9:35 ESV

"Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears **the word of the kingdom** and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. Matthew 13:18-19 ESV

And **this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed** throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. Matthew 24:14 ESV

Now after John was arrested and put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching **the good news (the Gospel) of the kingdom of God**, And saying, The [appointed period of] time is fulfilled (completed), and **the kingdom of God is at hand**; repent (have a change of mind which issues in regret for past sins and in change of conduct for the better) and believe (trust in, rely on, and adhere to) the good news (the Gospel). Mark 1:14-15 AMP

And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, but he said to them, "**I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God** to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." Luke 4:42-43 ESV

Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, **proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God**. And the twelve were with him. Luke 8:1 ESV

And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and **he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God** and to heal. Luke 9:1-2 ESV

When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and **spoke to them of the kingdom of God** and cured those who had need of healing. Luke 9:11 ESV

To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, **go and proclaim the kingdom of God**." Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:59-62 ESV

And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. "The Law and the Prophets were until John; **since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached**, and everyone forces his way into it. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void. Luke 16:15-17 ESV



In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, **appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.** Acts 1:1-3 ESV

But when they believed Philip as **he preached good news about the kingdom of God** and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Acts 8:12 ESV

And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. There were about twelve men in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, **reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.** Acts 19:6-8 ESV

And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about **proclaiming the kingdom** will see my face again. Acts 20:25 ESV

When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening **he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God** and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved. Acts 28:23-24 ESV

He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, **proclaiming the kingdom of God** and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance. Acts 28:30-31 ESV

Entering or Inheriting the Kingdom of God

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**" Matthew 5:1-3 ESV

"Blessed are those who are **persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**" Matthew 5:10 ESV

And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the **kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion].** Matthew 11:12 AMP

And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, **unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.**" Matthew 18:2-3 ESV

Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do



not hinder them, **for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.**" And he laid his hands on them and went away. Matthew 19:13-15 ESV

"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, **the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.** For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him. Matthew 21:28-32 ESV

And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is **better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye** than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' Mark 9:47-48 ESV

But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, **for to such belongs the kingdom of God.** Truly, I say to you, **whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.**" And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. Mark 10:14-16 ESV

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "**Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.**" Luke 6:20 ESV

For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, **seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.** "Fear not, little flock, for **it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.**" Luke 12:30-32 ESV

But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, **for to such belongs the kingdom of God.** Truly, I say to you, **whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.**" Luke 18:16-17 ESV

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom 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, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom 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 its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? John 3:1-12 ESV



When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that **through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.** Acts 14:21-22 ESV

Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen **those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom**, which he has promised to those who love him? James 2:5 ESV

The Proximity of the Kingdom of God

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**" For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" Matthew 3:1-3 ESV

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**" Matthew 4:17 ESV

But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, '**The kingdom of heaven is at hand.**' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. Matthew 10:6-8 ESV

And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "**You are not far from the kingdom of God.**" And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions. Mark 12:32-34 ESV

Heal the sick in it and say to them, '**The kingdom of God has come near to you.**' But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. **Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.**' Luke 10:9-11 ESV

But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, **then the kingdom of God has come upon you.** Luke 11:20 ESV

Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "**The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed**, nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' **for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.**" Luke 17:20-21 ESV



Seeking the “Coming” Kingdom

Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. **Your kingdom come**, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Matthew 6:9-13 ESV

For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But **seek first the kingdom of God** and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:32-33 ESV

But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then **the kingdom of God has come upon you**. Matthew 12:28 ESV

"Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see **the Son of Man coming in his kingdom**." Matthew 16:28 ESV

And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death **until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power**." Mark 9:1 ESV

And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! **Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!** Hosanna in the highest!" Mark 11:9-10 ESV

And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, **who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God**, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Mark 15:42-43 ESV

"But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will **not taste death until they see the kingdom of God**." Luke 9:27 ESV

And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. **Your kingdom come**." Luke 11:2 ESV

And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you **I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God**." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on **I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes**." Luke 22:14-18 ESV

And he said, "**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom**." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:42-43 ESV

Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and **he was looking for the kingdom of God**. Luke 23:50-51 ESV



Excluded from the Kingdom of God

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, **only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven.** Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle **than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.**" When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:23-26 ESV

"Therefore I tell you, **the kingdom of God will be taken away from you** and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." Matthew 21:43-44 ESV

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For **you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in.** Matthew 23:12-13 ESV

And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "**How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!**" And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, **how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!** It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle **than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.**" And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." Mark 10:23-27 ESV

Jesus, looking at him with sadness, said, "**How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!** For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle **than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.**" Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." And Peter said, "See, we have left our homes and followed you." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, **for the sake of the kingdom of God,** who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life." Luke 18:24-30 ESV

Do you not know that **the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?** Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 ESV

Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. I tell you this, brothers: **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God,** nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 1 Corinthians 15:49-50 ESV

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that



those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21
ESV

Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), **has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.** Ephesians 5:4-5 ESV

Descriptions of the Kingdom of God

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet **the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven** is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist **until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.** For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear. Matthew 11:11-15 ESV

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,** and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matthew 16:17-19 ESV

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "**Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?**" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, **you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.** Whoever humbles himself like this child is **the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.** "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me." Matthew 18:1-5 ESV

But he said to them, "Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have **made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.** Let the one who is able to receive this receive it." Matthew 19:11-12 ESV

And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine **until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.**" Mark 14:24-25 ESV

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and **of his kingdom there will be no end.**" Luke 1:32-33 ESV

"I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet **the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.**" Luke 7:28 ESV



"You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, **that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom** and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Luke 22:28-30 ESV

Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "**My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world**, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But **my kingdom is not from the world.**" Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." John 18:35-37 ESV

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "**Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?**" Acts 1:4-6 ESV

So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. **For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.** Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. 19 So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. Romans 14:16-19 ESV

But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. **For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.** What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness? 1 Corinthians 4:19-21 ESV

Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. **He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son**, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:12-14 ESV

Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among **my fellow workers for the kingdom of God**, and they have been a comfort to me. Colossians 4:10-11 ESV

Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring. This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered **worthy of the kingdom of God**, for which you are also suffering. 2 Thessalonians 1:4-5 ESV

But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, **the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.**" Hebrews 1:8 ESV



Parables of the Kingdom

Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" And he answered them, "**To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive. Matthew 13:10-14 ESV

He put another parable before them, saying, "**The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field**, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. Matthew 13:24-25 ESV

He put another parable before them, saying, "**The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed** that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable. "**The kingdom of heaven is like leaven** that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." Matthew 13:31-33 ESV

"**The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field**, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, **the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls**, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it." Again, **the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea** and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been **trained for the kingdom of heaven** is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." Matthew 13:44-51 ESV

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. "Therefore **the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants**. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. Matthew 18:21-24 ESV

"For **the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house** who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace. Matthew 20:1-3 ESV

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "**The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son**, and sent his servants to



call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Matthew 22:1-3 ESV

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. Matthew 25:1-4 ESV

And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, "To you has been given **the secret of the kingdom of God**, but for those outside everything is in parables. Mark 4:10-11 ESV

And he said, "**The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed** on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." And he said, "**With what can we compare the kingdom of God**, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." Mark 4:26-32 ESV

And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "**To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God**, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Luke 8:9-11 ESV

He said therefore, "**What is the kingdom of God like?** And to what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." And again he said, "**To what shall I compare the kingdom of God?** It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened." Luke 13:18-21 ESV

When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "**Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!**" But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' Luke 14:15-19 ESV

As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because **they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately**. He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.' But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. Luke 19:11-15 ESV



And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, **you know that the kingdom of God is near.** Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Luke 21:29-33 ESV

The Kingdom of God that Is to Come

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' **will enter the kingdom of heaven,** but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' Matthew 7:21-23 ESV

When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob **in the kingdom of heaven,** while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 8:10-12 ESV

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the **children of the kingdom.** The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and **they will gather out of his kingdom all** causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun **in the kingdom of their Father.** He who has ears, let him hear." Matthew 13:36-43 ESV

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine **are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.**" Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." Matthew 20:20-22 ESV

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, **inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.**' Matthew 25:31-34 ESV

"But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see

Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets **in the kingdom of God** but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and **recline at table in the kingdom of God**. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Luke 13:27-30 ESV

I 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**. 2 Timothy 4:1 ESV

But he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and **the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come**, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!" Revelation 12:8-12 ESV



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