Studies In The Kingdom Of God

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- Kingdom (Gr. *basileia*) “is primarily an abstract noun, denoting ‘sovereignty, royal power, dominion’” (W. E. Vine)

- He has always had a kingdom (Psa. 103:19; 1 Chron. 29:11–12; Psa. 29:10; Isa. 37:16)

- God has given man dominion over the earth (Gen. 1:26; Psa. 8:3–8)
Jehovah Is Ruler Over All

◆ Ruler over the **physical elements** of the earth, like plagues, winds, waves and storms (Psa. 148:1–14; 19:1–4)

◆ Ruler over **human kings** (Rom. 13:1; Isa. 45:3–7; Dan. 2:37–38; 4:17, 32; 2:21)

◆ A king is no less a king because his citizens have rebelled
Jehovah Has Always Been A King

- A King before Sinai (Ex. 15:18)
- At Sinai, a special relationship with Israel—a “holy nation” (Ex. 19:5–8)
- Israel ratified covenant (Ex. 19:8; 24:3–8)
- David’s confession (1 Chron. 29:10–12)
- Solomon sat on the “throne of the Lord over Israel” (1 Chron. 28:5; 29:23; 9:8)
Rule Of God Expressed

- His rule over the *Invisible Creation* (Col. 1:16; Psa. 148:2, 5)
- His rule over the *Visible Creation* (Psa. 33:6; Psa. 19:1)
- His rule over *Evil Men and Nations* (Dan. 4:17, 32)
- His rule over the *Righteous* who live in His favor (Matt. 8:11; 16:18; Heb. 12:22–24)
The Consolation Of Israel

- Micah 3:9–4:8 speaks of Zion being plowed under by Gentiles, but also of it being rebuilt and of a restoration of the kingdom in glory to Israel
- The Lord did not rebuke the Apostles for asking about the kingdom (Acts 1:6)
- Covenant with David (Psa. 89:2–4)
Rule Of God And Christ

- All power given to Christ (Matt. 28:18)
- He is now the “ruler of the kings of the earth” (Rev. 1:5)
- He is now “Lord of lords and King of kings” (Rev. 17:14)
- When we yield to Him, there is a new relationship with Him (2 Cor. 5:17)
Jesus Now Reigns!

◆ When God set Jesus on the throne of David as the Messiah, the universal sovereignty passed into the hands of the Son of God (Acts 2:29–28)

◆ At that moment all the righteous dead came under His reign, so did angels and members of the newly created church