

# Easter Bible Conference

## 1 — The Kingdom

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### INTRODUCTION

#### The Topics: The Kingdom And The Covenants

Why these topics? (1) There is confusion. (2) These are foundational.

#### The Scope Of These Topics & The Importance Of These Topics.

#### God's Plan For History — Three Views

1. The Kingdom — this emphasizes God's work THROUGH man.
2. The Covenants — these emphasize God's work FOR man.
3. The Dispensations — these emphasize God's work WITH man.

### WHAT ARE "THE KINGDOM" AND "THE COVENANTS"?

The Kingdom, Or The Kingdom Of God: Theme & Definition

The Covenants Of God: Definition & Description

#### I. THE KINGDOM DEFINED.

- A. Defined In The Ultimate Sense — The Kingdom Of God The Father.
- B. Defined Specifically — The Kingdom Of God Is... God's The Father Direct And Personal Rule Over The World.

#### II. THE KINGDOM OF GOD THE FATHER DESCRIBED — THE BEGINNING AND THE END.

- A. Genesis 1-2: Creation (Col 1:16; Jn 1:3 & Gen 1:2; Job 26:13; 33:4)
- B. Rev 20-22 (with 1Cor 15:24): New Creation.
  1. 1Cor 15:24ff

*"Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power."*
  2. Rev 20-22 describes the New Creation & the kingdom of the Father.
- C. The Scope Of The Kingdom. (Gen 1-2; Rev 21-22; 1Cor 15:27)
- D. The Overview of the Kingdom
  1. Think in terms: All of Time, God the Father as the Ultimate Ruler, & the Kingdom being developed
  2. History begins and End with God the Father directly and personally ruling over the world.
  3. God the Father designates man as His appointed ruler over the world between the creation and new creation.
  4. Man fails and therefore God must provide the perfect man to be His perfect ruler over the world.
  5. The perfect man and ruler will be Jesus Christ and His rule will be in the Millennial/Messianic Kingdom.
  6. Jesus Christ will hand back the Kingdom to God the Father.

#### III. THE KINGDOM DEVELOPED.

- A. The Meditorial Kingdom Defined — The Meditorial Kingdom is the Kingdom of God the Father, ruled by the Father's divinely appointed Meditorial King — a Man.
- B. The Meditorial Kingdom Established. (Gen 1:26-28; Ps 8)
  1. When It Is Established. (Gen 1:26-28)

*"26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and **subdue** it; have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*
  2. The Description of its Establishment. (Ps 8)
- C. The First Phase Of The Meditorial Kingdom & Ruler — Adam. (Role, Gen 1:26-28; Failure, Gen 3; Continuance, Gen 3:17-24)
- D. The Second Phase Of The Meditorial Kingdom & Ruler — The Times Of Noah. (Gen 5-9)
- E. The Third Phase Of The Meditorial Kingdom & Ruler — Society. (Gen 9)
- F. The Fourth Phase Of The Meditorial Kingdom & Ruler — Abraham—King Zedekiah. Gen 12–2 Chr 36
  1. God Chooses Abraham. (Gen 12:1-5)

*"1 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

*"4 So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan."*

2. God's Choice of Abraham Is Passed on to his Descendants. (Gen 17:7)

*"And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you."*

3. The Family of Jacob Becomes a Kingdom/Nation. (Ex 14 & 15 W/ Num 1 & 2)
4. Moses and Joshua. (Ex—Josh)
5. Priests & Judges. (Judg-1Sam)
6. The Kings of Israel. (1Sam 8—2 Chr 36)

**G. The Fifth Phase of the Meditorial Kingdom & Ruler — the Gentile Kingdoms.**

1. The Transfer of the Kingdom to the Gentiles. (Book of Daniel)
2. The Continuation of Gentiles Rulers. (Rom 13:1-7)
3. Why the Kingdom Is Given to the Gentiles? (The Prophets)

**IV. THE KINGDOM DONE (ACCOMPLISHED) — The sixth and final phase of the meditorial kingdom and ruler. (Two parts: the 1st coming of Jesus Christ and the 2nd Coming)**