

# The Coming of the Kingdom

## Bible Study Guide

Objective: To show fulfilled biblical prophecies about the “Kingdom of God” and their connection to the church

“Kingdom” can denote “realm” (area of influence) or “rule” (actual influence). God reigns over everything (1 Chronicles 29:11-12; Isaiah 37:16), and over specific things. Thus his kingdom has a general and specific impact. It also has both present and future aspects. This study focuses on a specific event, the “coming of his kingdom” to earth.

### Old Testament Prophecies

Isaiah 2:1-4 (c. 700 BC)

Note the word “kingdom” is not present.

- What *event* is described?
- What are the details? (who, when, what, where)

Daniel 2:1-45 (c. 600 BC)

- What is being described here?
- What successive “kingdoms” are to be revealed? (Note: History has fulfilled this prediction—in succession, the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman empires.)
- What are the characteristics of God’s kingdom? (See also Daniel 7:16-18.)

Optional: Joel 2:12-17, 28-32. Background is in Joel 2:1-11.

- What is the event described here?
- What does God want to do?

### New Testament Prophecies (c. 30 AD)

Matthew 3:1-2, 4:17

- What are John the Baptist and Jesus saying?
- How might this have made the listeners feel?

Luke 17:20-21

- How is the “coming” described?
- What does this say about the “kingdom”?

John 3:1-7

- What is being discussed here? What does this say about the kingdom?
- Why is being “born again” (=“born of water and spirit”) important?

Matthew 16:13-18

- What was the discussion about?
- What is Peter’s role? (Hint: Keys open doors.)
- How can we connect “kingdom” and “church”?

### Fulfillment: Acts 2:1-47 (c. 30 AD)

- What event is being described here?
- How does this event fulfill the prophecies? The church’s launch/“birthday” at Pentecost ties up the ends.

Conclusion: God’s kingdom is especially manifest on earth in the church!

### Optional Verses

Exodus 19:5-6

Who is this referring to?

What kind of kingdom was God envisioning for the Israelites?

How is this fulfilled in the New Testament? (See 1 Peter 2:9-10)

Isaiah 9:6-7

What do you see about the “Kingdom” language here.

Matthew 5:17

What does this describe? How is this fulfilled?

Matthew 6:25-33

What does it mean to “seek first” the Kingdom? (Hint: Contrast with worry/worldly pursuits.)

Mark 9:1

How will the kingdom come? (with power!)

Hebrews 12:22-29

How does thinking about the kingdom inspire you to worship God?