

BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

1

Systematic Theology

Kingdom of God

2

History/Introduction to Kingdom of God

- ✓ First two centuries of church—Kingdom viewed as future. Church not linked with kingdom
- ✓ Early 4th century, Eusebius linked with Rome (Constantine's reign)
- ✓ Augustine's *City of God* linked Kingdom of God with visible church—growing more Roman Catholic

3

History/Introduction to Kingdom of God

- ✓ For most of church history, those with an Amillennial theology have made a strong connection between the Church and the Kingdom of God
- ✓ Since mid-1800's, many have challenged the idea that the Kingdom of God is linked primarily to the Church.

4

What is the Kingdom of God?

- ✓ Universal Kingdom – God reigns over every detail of the universe
 - ❖ Psalm 103:19; 1 Chronicles 29:12; Daniel 4:34
- ✓ Mediatorial Kingdom—The Kingdom of God is established on earth by means of human agents (i.e. Saul, David, Solomon and ultimately Christ, the God/Man).

5

Story of the Mediatorial Kingdom

1. Creation—Man is to subdue and rule as God's vice-regent over the earth
2. Abrahamic Covenant
 - ❖ Genesis 12:1–3—blessing, land, nation
 - ❖ Deuteronomy 30:1–6—God's plan for Israel
3. Formation of a Chosen Nation (Exod 19:6)
 - ❖ Constitution (Mosaic Covenant), Leader (Moses), King (God)

6

Story of the Mediatorial Kingdom

4. Kingdom Land Given to the Chosen Nation (Josh 21:43)
5. High Point of Kingdom—Three Kings
 - ❖ Ended with Babylonian Captivity
 - ❖ This kingdom went from 1445–605 BC (first Babylonian invasion)
6. Israel declines—future kingdom foretold
 - ❖ Joel 3, Amos 9:11–15, Zeph 3:14–20; Zech 8; 12:8–10; 14; Ezek 36:22–36; 37:15–28

7

Story of the Mediatorial Kingdom

7. First Arrival of the King
 - ❖ Right Lineage (Matt 1:1–17)
 - ❖ Born of a virgin (Matt 1:23)
 - ❖ Will rule Israel someday (Luke 1:32–33)
 - ❖ Will save Israel from her enemies (Luke 1:67–75)
 - ❖ He will bless Israel and the Gentiles (Luke 2:32)

8

Story of the Mediatorial Kingdom

8. What Kingdom did Jesus and John the Baptist Mean?
 - ❖ Known to the Jews
 - ❖ Earthly Kingdom
 - ❖ Consistent with Old Testament view of Kingdom

9

Story of the Mediatorial Kingdom

9. Nearness of the Kingdom—Proximity not arrival, availability, person of the King, words of the King, works of the King
 - ❖ Proximity
 - ❖ Availability
 - ❖ Person
 - ❖ Land
 - ❖ Words
 - ❖ Works

10

Story of the Mediatorial Kingdom

10. The Rejection of the King
 - ❖ Rejection of John the Baptist (Matt 11:7–19)
 - ❖ Rejection by the cities (Matt 11:20–24)
 - ❖ Rejection by the leaders of Israel (Matt 12)
11. Confirmation of Rejection
 - ❖ There will be no restoration at this point in history
 - ❖ Now Jesus speaks in parables (Matt 13)

11

Story of the Mediatorial Kingdom

12. Future Timetable—Great Tribulation is the new “nearness” of the Kingdom
 - ❖ Luke 21:31
 - ❖ Progression—Kingdom is near in early ministry of Jesus then kingdom will be near again in the future tribulation period
13. The Murder of the King (Ps 22; Isa 53)
 - ❖ Atones for sin
 - ❖ Ends Mosaic Covenant
 - ❖ Establishes New Covenant

12

Story of the Mediatorial Kingdom

14. The King Rises from the Dead
 - ❖ Gives Great Commission in Matt 28—Gospel is now not just for Israel but for the whole world
 - ❖ Gentiles brought near (Eph 2)
 - ❖ Sharers and Partakers of the Promises
 - ❖ Gentiles grafted into Israel's kingdom promises (Rom 11:17–24)
 - ❖ Kingdom and Priests (Rev 5:9–10)
15. At the end of Christ's Ministry, kingdom is still future—Acts 1:3–7 affirms a restored ISRAEL

13

Story of the Mediatorial Kingdom

16. Church age is Kingdom Preparation
 - ❖ Christians are sons and heirs (Matt 13:38)
 - ❖ God adding kingdom citizens
 - ❖ Judicially we enter the kingdom before its establishment
 - ❖ We are to exhibit kingdom righteousness (Rom 14:17)
17. The Kingdom will be established at the Second Coming (Dan 7:13–14; Zech 14; Matt 25:31; Rev 19–20)
18. The Kingdom of Christ will merge with the Father's eternal kingdom after the Millennium (1 Cor 15:24); Universal and Mediatorial Kingdom now joined (Rev 20–21)

14

Church's Relationship to Kingdom of God

- ✓ Church is not the Kingdom of God but related to the plan
- ✓ Old Testament predicted Gentile blessing, but not the unity of Gentile and Jew in Christ
- ✓ Church age is adding sons and heirs
- ✓ Christians are to act like sons and heirs
- ✓ The spiritual (not physical) blessings of the New Covenant are poured out on believers now

15

Church's Relationship to Kingdom of God

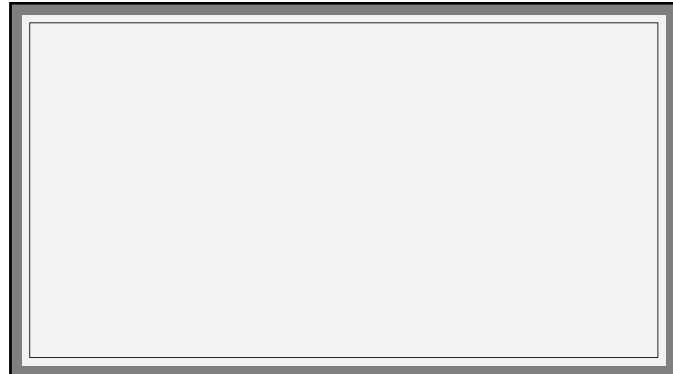
- ✓ The Church Should Preach:
 - ❖ Being born again is the only way to enter the Kingdom of God (John 3:3)
 - ❖ Repent because the King is coming
 - ❖ Spiritual blessings of the Kingdom of God are available now
- ✓ The Church Should NOT Preach:
 - ❖ Kingdom of God is only a spiritual reality (Matt 19:28; Acts 3:19–21)
 - ❖ Kingdom of God is advancing in a postmillennial sense

16

Conclusion

The Kingdom of God is **THE**
story of the Bible!

17



18
