

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

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Systematic Theology

Kingdom of God

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History/Introduction to K.O.G.

- 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 KOG with visible church (growing more Roman Catholic)

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History/Introduction to K.O.G.

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

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What is KOG?

- Universal Kingdom—God reigns over every detail of the universe
 - Psalm 103:19; 1 Chron 29:12; Dan 4:34
- Mediatorial Kingdom—The KOG is established on earth by means of human agents—IE: Saul, David, Solomon and ultimately Christ, the God/Man.

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Story of the Mediatorial Kingdom

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

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Story of the Mediatorial Kingdom

4. Kingdom Land Given to the Chosen Nation—Joshua 21:43
5. High Point of Kingdom: Three kings
 1. Ended with Babylonian Captivity
 2. This kingdom went from 1445-605BC (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

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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)

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Story of the Mediatorial Kingdom

8. What Kingdom did Jesus and John the Baptist Mean?
 - Known to the Jews
 - Earthly kingdom
 - Consistent with OT view of Kingdom
9. Nearness of the Kingdom: Proximity not arrival, availability, person of the King, words of the King, works of the King

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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)

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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 future Tribulation period

13. The Murder of the King—Ps 22; Is 53

- Ends Mosaic Covenant; Estab. New Covenant

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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 grafted into Israel's kingdom promises (Rom 11:17-24)

15. At the end of Christ's Ministry, kingdom is still future—Acts 1:3-7—affirms a restored ISRAEL

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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 Second Coming—Dan 7:13-14; Zech 14; Matt 25:31; Rev 19-20

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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)

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Church's Relationship to KOG

- Church is not the KOG but related to the plan
- OT 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

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Church's Relationship to KOG

The Church SHOULD preach:

- Being born again the only way to enter KOG (John 3:3)
- Repent because the King is coming
- Spiritual blessings of KOG are available now

The Church should NOT preach:

- KOG is only a spiritual reality (Matt 19:28; Acts 3:19-21)
- KOG is advancing in a postmillennial sense

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CONCLUSION:

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

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