

The Kingdom Of God: Past, Present, and Future

Mark 1:15-17

Introduction:

- A. "Kingdom of God" and "Kingdom of Heaven" used interchangeably.
- B. "Kingdoms" of God in the Bible.
 - 1. Ancient Israel. (Mt. 8:12; cf. Ex. 19:6; 2 Chr. 13:8).
 - 2. Whole world. (Mt. 13:38,41,46; Ps. 47:2,7,8).
 - 3. Heavenly kingdom. (Mt. 25:34,41,46; cfr. 2 Tim. 4:1,18; 1 Pet. 1:3-5).
 - 4. Messianic kingdom. (Mt. 16:18,19,28) -- Most common usage of "kingdom".

Discussion:

I. The Messianic Kingdom.

- A. Began in first century. (Dan. 2:44; Mt. 4:17; Col. 1:12-14).
- B. Spiritual. (John 18:33-37; Lk. 17:20-21).
- C. The church (Matt. 16:18, 19; Acts 2:29-36 w/ Eph. 1:19-23)
- D. Indestructable. (Dan. 2:44; Heb. 12:28).
 - 1. Congregations come and go.
 - 2. Kingdom or universal church indestructable because seed of kingdom is indestructable. (Matt. 19:13; Luke 8:11; 1 Pet. 1:25).
- E. Delivered to Father at 2nd coming. (1 Cor. 15:20-28).

II. The Premillennial Kingdom.

- A. "Big Events" of premillennial kingdom theory.
 - 1. Restoration of National Israel.
 - 2. Rapture
 - 3. Armageddon
 - 4. Great tribulation.
 - 5. Literal 1,000 reign.
- B. Fundamental points of Premillennial kingdom theory.
 - 1. "Unfulfilled prophecy".
 - a. Land to Israel. (Gen. 15:13-18; Josh 21:43-45; 1 Kings 4:21).
 - b. Remnant saved. (Is. 10:20-21; Jer. 25:11-12 - Ezek. 1:1-4; Neh. 1:8-10; Mt. 24:34)
 - 2. Revelation all literal. (Rev. 1:1 "*signified*"; Rev. 20 cannot be literal).
- C. The Consequences of premillennial kingdom theory.
 - 1. Jesus a false prophet. (Mk. 9:1; cf. Deut. 18:22).
 - 2. Jesus a powerless king. (Jno. 18:37).
 - 3. Jesus not priest after order of Mel. today. (Ps. 110; Heb. 7:1-3; 8:1).
 - 4. Apostles were false teachers. (Acts 2:36; Col. 1:13,14).
 - 5. Remission of sins not yet come. (Acts 5:30-31; Col. 1:13,14; cf. Lk. 24:46,47).
 - 6. Israel is still God's favored nation. (cf. Gal. 3:26-29).

Conclusion:

- A. Jesus reigns now.
- B. We are in His kingdom now.
- C. We will be delivered up to father into heavenly kingdom in last day.