

What is the Kingdom?

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2 Samuel 1:1; 7:1-17

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Introduction

- Just completed 31 chapters of 1 Samuel, now on to 2 Samuel
- Samuel was one book until Septuagint^{285bc} when it was divided

So Why Study this Ancient History?

- Samuel covers period from 1050-970BC
- 1 Samuel covers Samuel, Saul & David - transition from Judges
- Saul's kingship was troubled; even David's reign is not perfect...
- The center of all history is Jesus Christ, son of David^{Mt1:6;20:30;Mk10:47}
- Messianic Psalms^{2,16,22,110,etc.} point to Jesus - hope of Gospel^{Ro15:4}

Transition from Saul to David

- David just triumphed over God's enemies^{1S30:18}
- Saul lies defeated at the hand of God's enemies^{1S31:1;2S1:1}
- David is now being given the kingdom of Israel

What is the Kingdom?

- Kingdom is more than national, geographic, sociopolitical^{2S7:12-14}
- Prophecy points to a forever kingdom... but David also dies^{1Chr29:28}
- the Kingdom is much bigger than David or Israelites...
- Solomon built the temple, but Christ fulfilled the temple^{2S7:13}
- Prophecies of future of hope through David's line^{Isa11:1-5; Jer23:5}
- NT opens Mat 1:1 then Lk 2:10 - picking up David's lineage...
- John the Baptist declares hope^{Lk1:17}. He was witness^{Jn1:4-8}
- After John arrested, Jesus declared *the kingdom of heaven is at hand*^{Mt4:12}

An Important 3rd day

- David got news^{2S1:2} on 3rd day; Christ rose on 3rd day^{1Co15:3-4}
- Prophet Hosea told of 3rd day^{Hos6:1-2}

Understanding the Kingdom

- ^{Mk1:15} *the time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel*^{Jesus}
- Kingdom= the reign of God over all
- Christ is the embodiment of all the OT anticipated!
- beware of viewing God's Kingdom as geographical or sociopolitical
- we must read God's Word and understand it as intended...
- Jesus is not literally bread^{Jn6:35} but He is necessary for spiritual life
- Jerusalem, Zion not always geographical, but dwelling place of God
- Jerusalem, temple was fulfilled in Christ, Jesus before Pilate^{Jn18:36}
- Kingdom not earthly prophesied by Daniel^{2:44}, Paul^{Phil3:20-21}, Heb^{12:18-24}
- Jesus established kingdom at 1st Advent^{Mk1:15}, signs^{Mk1:25,34}
- The King inaugurated Kingdom and will soon consummate^{Rev11:15}
- Saul, David, Solomon should cause us to yearn for perfect kingdom
- The Gospel is the message of Jesus' Kingdom^{Mk1:15,Act19:8}
- Paul brought message of Kingdom^{Act28:16-17,23-24} to Jews 1st
- The Kingdom of God answers the world's problems!
- Jesus didn't come to establish geographical, sociopolitical kingdom
- The Kingdom is establish by Christ(offspring), not the Jews^{Gal3:16}
- The true Kingdom is entered by faith in Jesus Christ^{Gal3:25-26}

So What?

- Christ's Kingdom received by faith^{Col1:4,12} is only solution for world
- All history, modern or ancient points us to Christ's True Kingdom
- King Jesus, the savior of sinners is the ONLY solution
- King Jesus will return soon^{Rev22:20}