

The Kingdom ...



**The Kingdom
Prophesied**

DANIEL 2:31-45
Matthew 16:18

ISAIAH 2:2-4
John 18:36
Luke 17:20-21
Ephesians 6:12

JOEL 2:28-32
Acts 2:16-21

II SAMUEL 7:12-13
Acts 2:25-31

The kingdom was to be a Spiritual Kingdom, not material. It was “at hand,” yet to come, and come with power. It was to come within the lifetime of those disciples alive who were told of its coming by Jesus.

- JOHN** – Matthew 3:2
- JESUS** – Matthew 4:17
- PRAY** – Matthew 6:9-10
- PREACH** – Matthew 10:7
- KEYS TO** – Matthew 16:18
- POWER** – Mark 9:1
- “SEEK”** – Luke 12:31
- JOSEPH** – Luke 23:50-51
- APOSTLES** – Acts 1:6-8

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The Kingdom is no longer at hand. It is here! Many are in it. Jesus is now its King.

Acts 2:29-36
I Timothy 6:15

- REVELATION 1:9**
- HEBREWS 12:28**
- COLOSSIANS 1:13**
- Pentecost
The Hub of
The Bible**

The Kingdom Of Promise and Prophecy

Pentecost, Acts 2, has often been referred to as “The Hub of the Bible.” The reason for that is because that day was the fulfillment of numerous prophecies found in the Old Testament, and was also referred to by Jesus. The authority of the Old Law ended on that day and the authority of the New Covenant began. The first gospel message was preached and the terms of admission into the Kingdom of God, for all men, were given. The Kingdom of promise and prophecy is another name for the Church of the New Testament. That evidence will be presented on another chart. This chart shows Bible evidence for this.

Column One - Old Testament Prophecy

These four references from Old Testament prophecy point to the establishment of the Kingdom.

Daniel 2 shows the great image of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream that was interpreted by Daniel. The four parts of image portrays four kingdoms in succession. The first of Gold was Babylonian, the second was Medo-Persian, the third that of Alexander the great and the fourth, Roman. It points to the first century Roman empire as the time when the Kingdom would be established.

Isaiah shows that the kingdom would be a peaceful one, a universal kingdom. It would not be of this world but rather spiritual in nature.

Peter quotes Joel’s prophecy in Acts 2, stating that those events were specifically what Joel was referring to.

II Samuel 7 contains a double prophecy, first concerning Solomon and more broadly, the Kingdom of Christ. Acts 2 shows that Jesus was raised from the dead to sit on the throne of David. Note

especially verses 29-36 which specify this fact and fulfillment. It was fulfilled when Jesus ascended to heaven and sat down at the right hand of the Father. We might throw in the fact that Jesus is High Priest and King at the same time, just as Melchizedek was as well, Hebrews 7-9.

Column Two - Promises of Jesus

As stated at the top of the column, the kingdom would be spiritual. There is no earthly kingdom yet to come, centered in Jerusalem, as Millennialism demands. From the beginning of the work of John the Baptist, it was preached that the kingdom was “at hand.” That is not “in” hand as though it had already been established, but was close by. That could not be said if it was something that was centuries yet to appear.

The list of scriptures starts with John and progresses in historical appearance to the time of the ascension of Jesus. He said very specifically in Mark 9:1 the kingdom of God would come within the lifetime of the disciples to whom He was speaking at the moment. It would come when power came, some outstanding event. The power came on Pentecost. Jesus said they were to remain in Jerusalem when that power would come upon them, Acts 1:8. *A signal fact of all this is that up to the time of His ascension they were still looking for the kingdom to come!* It had not arrived yet.

Column Three - The Kingdom Exists Now

The kingdom is no longer “at hand.” The only time that a kingdom is referred to in some future

sense, is the “eternal kingdom” which refers to heaven, II Peter 1:11. That certainly does not refer to any material, earthly, kingdom of a thousand years here on earth.

Revelation 1:9 records the Apostle John saying that he was in the kingdom, which makes the kingdom already in existence.

Hebrews 12:27-28 speaks of the kingdom already in existence. Note the present tense in the statement.

Colossians 1:13 declares that God has already delivered us out of darkness into what is described as the kingdom of the Son of His love.

Looking over the chart as a whole, we note that the kingdom was promised and prophesied in the Old Testament, declared to be at hand, close to it, by John and Jesus. Turning it around to look at Pentecost from the back of the New Testament, we do not find that it is spoken of as it was in the Old Testament nor by John and Jesus. After Pentecost it is never referred to as “at hand.”

That makes Pentecost to be the dividing line between the Old and the New, and the time that the promised Kingdom was established.