

Lesson 4 - By D.B. Ray

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Page 57– The Kingdom is an Organized Institution

- The Lord is the supreme King and Law-giver.
- Subjects are His obedient disciples who observe His commandments...
- The inspired word in the NT contains the only rule of faith and practice
- Includes the sum total of local, scriptural Churches
- These points combine to make the Kingdom an Organic Government

Page 57 – Daniel 2:44

- The Lord Jesus Christ is the “God of Heaven” who set-up the Kingdom
- This is an Everlasting Kingdom which will Not be left in hands of others

Page 58 – First Proof

- Kingdom must be an Organized Government seeing that it was “Set-Up”
- It was fully set-up during the Lord’s personal ministry in the earth

Page 58 – Second Proof

- Kingdom must be Organic because the born again are translated into it
- Col 1:13 makes it unreasonable anyone was translated into an unorganized...
- 1 Cor 12:13 – this verse is given from the RSV. (Unreliable manuscripts.)
- The KJV states, “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body ...”
- The “by” is G1722 “en”.
- Used 2800 times in the NT. 1902 of those times it means “in”.
- The Church body was Spirit filled on Pentecost/House of Cornelius
- Children of God enter Spirit filled body when baptized into Church
- Speaking of water baptism used to bring children of God into Church
- The Lord baptized with the Spirit on Pentecost/House of Cornelius, Mat 3:11
- No scriptures speak of the Holy Spirit performing baptism

Page 59 – Matt 23:13

- These “Shut Up” the Kingdom to some and refuse to “go in” themselves
- Either of these could only happen to an organized, organic Kingdom

Page 59 – Third Proof

- Must be an organized Kingdom because it succeeds Jewish Kingdom
- Government of Christ was to be fulfilled/perpetuation of David’s government
- See Luke 1:32-33

Page 59 - 62 – Fourth Proof

- Must be real, visible Kingdom because it’s laws were committed to Churches
- Executive authority in Kingdom to bind and loose was entrusted to Churches
- Compare Matthew 16:16-19 to Matthew 18:16-18
- It is absurd to claim that sinful men have the keys to open and shut heaven
- *We understand the key power simply to mean the authority to receive members...
- If a Church fails to act in accordance with the scriptures, she fails to use the keys
- Read the bottom of page 61.

Page 62 – Fifth Proof

- Kingdom must be organized seeing the Lord’s Supper was appointed to it
- Luke 22:28 – 30, the Lord’s Table was set into the Kingdom, physically set...
- Visible bread and visible fruit of the vine must be in visible Kingdom

Page 62 – 63 – Sixth Proof

- Kingdom must be organic seeing that it has been persecuted.
- Matt 11:12 – 13, ...the violent take it by force...
- There are NO invisible kingdoms which could suffer violence and be taken by force.
- The Lord, the King of the Kingdom, suffered violence. Of the Lord we are told:
- 1) “He came unto His own and His own received Him not,” John 1:11.
- 2) “He is despised and rejected of men,” Isa 53:3.
- The fact that Christ’s Kingdom on earth suffered violence shows that it is a real, visible, organic Kingdom.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW

1. Who are the Subjects of the Lord’s Kingdom?
2. Who was the “God of Heaven” mentioned in Daniel 2:44?
3. When was the Lord’s Kingdom fully set-up?
4. How is the Greek word “en” translated most frequently in the KJV?
5. What must the Kingdom be in that some were able to “Shut it Up”?
6. How does the Government of Christ relate to the Government of David?
7. How is the “Key Power” described in this lesson?
8. What happens if a Church fails to act in accordance with the scriptures?
9. Where did the Lord place His table so that His Supper could be observed?
10. What are proof texts that the Lord suffered violence during His earthly ministry?