

Lesson 5 - By D.B. Ray

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Page 65 – Distinction between uses of Kingdom

- The book as a whole focuses on the Kingdom spoken of in Dan 2:44
- Book addresses what the Lord was referring to in Mark 1:15, etc...
- This does NOT mean that other senses of the Kingdom are missing
- This Lesson acknowledges other uses of the word Kingdom in the Bible

Page 65 – Kingdom meaning “God’s General Providence”

- “Providence” the care and superintendence which God exercises over His creatures. He that acknowledges a creation and denies a *providence* involves himself in a palpable contradiction; for the same power which caused a thing to exist is necessary to continue its existence.
- Ps 103:19, ... His Kingdom ruleth over all
- 1 Chron 29:11, ...Thine is the Kingdom, O LORD, and Thou art...head above all
- All creatures in heaven and earth are included in this Kingdom

Page 66 – Kingdom meaning “Political Commonwealth of Israel”

- The Jewish nation was God’s ancient political kingdom
- It was fully organized at Mt Sinai 430 years after the call of Abraham
- 2 Chron 13:8, ... the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David...

Page 66 – Bro Ray gives a Third Use – DISAGREE WITH THIS ONE

- Kingdom as “special providential care over His chosen people”
- I do NOT suggest that God fails to provide such a care for His chosen ones. Seems this is addressed in the explanation of “Providence” above.
- Disagree with the use of Rom 14:17 and especially Matt 21:43 to support it
- [Mat 21:43] Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.
- Understand that the Church Kingdom first consisted of Jews
- The Apostles were Jews; they make up foundation (Eph 2:20, 1 Cor 12:28)
- Time came when Jews rejected the Lord and His Church (Matt 23:37-38)
- Church Kingdom then passed to the Gentiles (Acts 13:45-46)
- When Church Kingdom passed from Jew to Gentile, fulfilled Matt 21:43
- Consider Rom 11:15; vs19-21; vs25 along with Ezk 37:12-17 & Rev 11:7-15

Page 67-68 – Kingdom as the Heavenly Home

- Bible sometimes refers to heaven above as place where Christ intercedes
- Chief reference shared, 1 Cor 15:49 – 59
- Differ with his use of Acts 14:22, 2 Tim 4:18, and 2 Pet 1:11
- Suffering for the Kingdom and ministered into Kingdom indicates laboring to be a part of the Kingdom once all corruption has been removed from it
- See the Lord’s Kingdom in Militant State now and Triumphant State later

Page 68 – The Organized, Spiritual Government

- Referred to in Isa 9:6-7...the government shall be upon His shoulders...
- Kingdom of David was a type of the Lord’s current organic Kingdom
- David as King was a type of the Lord’s current Kingship
- See reference in Hos 3:5 where David is used to refer to the Lord
- The use of David as King and the Kingdom of Israel are used to refer to the Lord’s Kingship and the Lord’s current Kingdom.
- They are only the same as the “type” is to the “anti-type.”
- One is used to represent the other and is called by the same name.
- Example of John the Baptist
- John the Baptist is called “Elijah the Prophet” because he came in the spirit and power of Elijah.
- Is absurd to say that these two men are exactly the same people even though the one is used to represent the other and called by the same name.
- It is likewise absurd to say that King David and the Lord are exactly the same people just because one is used to represent the other.

QUESTIONS for REVIEW

1. What use of the Kingdom is the focus of the book?
2. What is an example of the use of Kingdom indicating the Providence of God?
3. What is an example of the use of Kingdom indicating Ancient Political Israel?
4. Who was entrusted with the Lord’s current, organic Kingdom?
5. What happened that led to them having the Kingdom taken from them?
6. What is the “Fullness of the Gentiles” mean for the Kingdom?
7. What is the difference between the Kingdom “Militant” and “Triumphant”?
8. Which Kingdom is being described in Isa 9:6-7?
9. How is David his Kingdom used to describe the Lord and His Kingdom?
10. Compare how Elijah is used to describe John the Baptist and David is used to describe the Lord Jesus Christ.