



# JESUS IS KING

*A Study on the Kingdom of God*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The purpose of this teaching and study booklet is to help bring your 'spiritual eyes' into focus on Jesus as King and to better understand His Kingdom. It flows from my own personal pursuit to 'see' the King and to experience His life and kingdom rule in and through my own life. Jack Hayford's teaching on The Kingdom of God, which is in the Spirit Filled Life Bible and is included in this booklet has been very instrumental in my gaining this spiritual understanding.

Please use this booklet for study; but much more than that, my prayer is that it would be instrumental in bringing you within the 'spiritual sight' of beholding Jesus, your King. Journey through it slowly, reflectively, and interactively with your God. May the Holy Spirit Himself open up the eyes of your heart to see the King of glory and then may He teach you how, by faith, His power can operate freely in and through your life.

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Living and Reigning in His Kingdom together,

**Altha Burts**

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In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!” And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; **for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.**” Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal that he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged.” Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?”

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

It is not enough that we know Jesus as Lamb of God and as Savior of the world; we must know Him also as God's Christ, God's King; God's Judge. When we see Him as Savior, we say, "How lovable!" and lean on His bosom. When we see Him as Monarch we say, "How terrible!" and fall prostrate at His feet. The one issues in thanksgiving, the other in worship. To see Him now as King is, one might almost say, to see "another" Christ, to experience "another" salvation.

What Shall This Man Do? by Watchman Nee

Let's look at "first things first" . . .

## **God's Sovereignty** Foundations of the Kingdom

*In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1*

The necessary beginning point in studying the theme of “the kingdom of God” is the Bible’s opening verse. Here we meet the Sovereign of all the Universe, whose realm, reign, and regency are described at the outset.

1. His **realm** (or scope of His rule) is transcendent; that is, not only does it include the entire physical universe, but it exceeds it. He existed before all creation, He expands beyond it, and by virtue of having begotten it, He encompasses all that it is.
2. His **reign** (or the power by which He rules) is exercised by His will, His word, and His works. By His own will He creatively decides and designs; by His own words He speaks creation into being; and by His own works, His Spirit displays His unlimited power.
3. His **regency** (or authority to rule) is in His preexistence and holiness. He is there before creation “In the beginning.” Thus, as its Creator, He deserves to be its Potentate. His benevolent intent in creating things “good” reveals His holy nature (that is, complete and perfect), and thus His moral right to be creation’s King. All kingdom power and authority flow from Him.

Let’s behold **JESUS as King...**

## **JESUS . . .**

### **Existing from the beginning**

John quotes Genesis 1 in the opening phrase of his Gospel “in the beginning.” These words return us to the era before creation, when Jesus existed as God and with God. John goes on to show that the eternal Word, through whom God has ever expressed Himself, took human flesh and entered the world He had made.

*That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.. John 1:9-10*

The writer of Hebrews also identified Jesus as the One who “in the beginning” as Lord “laid the foundations of the earth.” He will continue long after the universe is gone.

*And, You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. Hebrews 1:10*

Let's behold Jesus as the Eternal King for He was 'in the beginning' . . .

I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple... my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Hosts. Isaiah 6:1, 5



He upholds the universe by the Word of His power. Hebrews 1:3

## The Sovereignty of Jesus

- His realm (or scope of His rule) is transcendent, that is, not only does it include the entire physical universe, but it exceeds it. He existed before all creation, He expands beyond it, and by virtue of having begotten it, He encompasses all that it is.
- His reign (or the power by which He rules) is exercised by His will, His word, and His works.
- His regency (or authority to rule) is in His preexistence and holiness. He is there before creation 'in the beginning.' Thus, as its Creator, He deserves to be its Potentate.

*In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1*



## Jesus Is King, The Lord of Hosts

*Jesus is the Lord of hosts, He is the King of Glory (Psalm 24:7, 10).*

Jesus is not only King, but He is the “Lord of Hosts,” all hosts! Notice the word ‘hosts’ is plural. He is King and is sovereign in every realm!

- Jesus is Lord of the angelic hosts above. Having created all angelic beings, they carry out His will and purpose on our behalf. Hezekiah learned this when one angel, at our Lord’s command, slew 185,000 Assyrians (II Kings 19:35; Isaiah 37:36).
- Jesus is also the Lord of all the feathered hosts of the sky. His power brought the birds into being and they willingly act as His messengers when needed, as Elijah discovered when the ravens fed him (I Kings 17:1-6).
- Jesus is Lord over the elements, as Moses and all of the children of Israel experienced when they walked on dry land through the parted walls of the Red Sea (Exodus 14:26-29). A New Testament example: the wind blows where He pleases, “Then Jesus arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace, be still.’ And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.” The disciples expressed that even the winds and the sea obey Him (Mark 4:41).
- Jesus is Lord over all human hosts, and would have us cease from fearing man (Proverbs 21:1; Exodus 34:24):  
*Proverbs 21:1 “The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes” (Ephesians 1:1; James 4:13, 15; Proverbs 16:9; Psalm 31:15; 37:7).*
- As to all the hellish hosts, God is supreme over that realm as we see in the book of Job (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-6; Matthew 8:29; Mark 1:27).
- Jesus is the Lord of all the animal hosts, as Daniel experienced when He closed the mouths of the lions (Daniel 6:22).
- Jesus is likewise the Lord of the stellar hosts; the sun, the moon, and the stars. They are His handiwork. Having created them, He controls them, as Joshua realized when God made the sun stand still as he fought to victory over the Amalekites (Joshua 10:13). “The heavens declare the glory (the power) of God” (Psalm 19:1).
- All heavenly bodies move at His bidding. “When they (the wise men) heard the king they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them.” (God caused it. Matthew 2:9).

- Lightness and darkness are controlled by Him, as Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, at God's command, and there was darkness over the land of Egypt (Exodus 10:22).
- All of the alterations and variations of the elements are under His reign. The Psalmist says:

*He sends out His command to the earth;  
His word runs very swiftly.  
He gives snow like wool;  
He scatters the frost like ashes;  
He casts His hail like morsels;  
Who can stand before His cold?  
He sends out His word and melts them;  
He causes His wind to blow, and the waters to flow.*  
*Psalm 147:15-18*

All the Promises of the Bible, Lockyer

Let's behold Jesus in His Kingdom as the **LORD OF HOSTS . . .**

Beholding Jesus in His  
His Power and Authority

He is the  
Eternal King

HE IS THE LORD OF HOSTS  
**JESUS**  
BEHOLD HIS KINGDOM

He upholds the universe by the  
Word of His power. Hebrews 1:3

LORD OVER ALL  
STELLAR HOSTS  
God created the heavens  
and the earth. Col 1:1

LORD OVER ALL  
ANIMAL HOSTS  
God shut the lion's  
mouth. Dan 6:22

LORD OF  
THE ELEMENTS  
Crossing the Red Sea  
Ex 14:22

LORD OF  
HELLISH HOSTS  
Demoniac healed  
Luke 8:28-35  
Leprosy healed  
Matt 8:1-4, 6-13

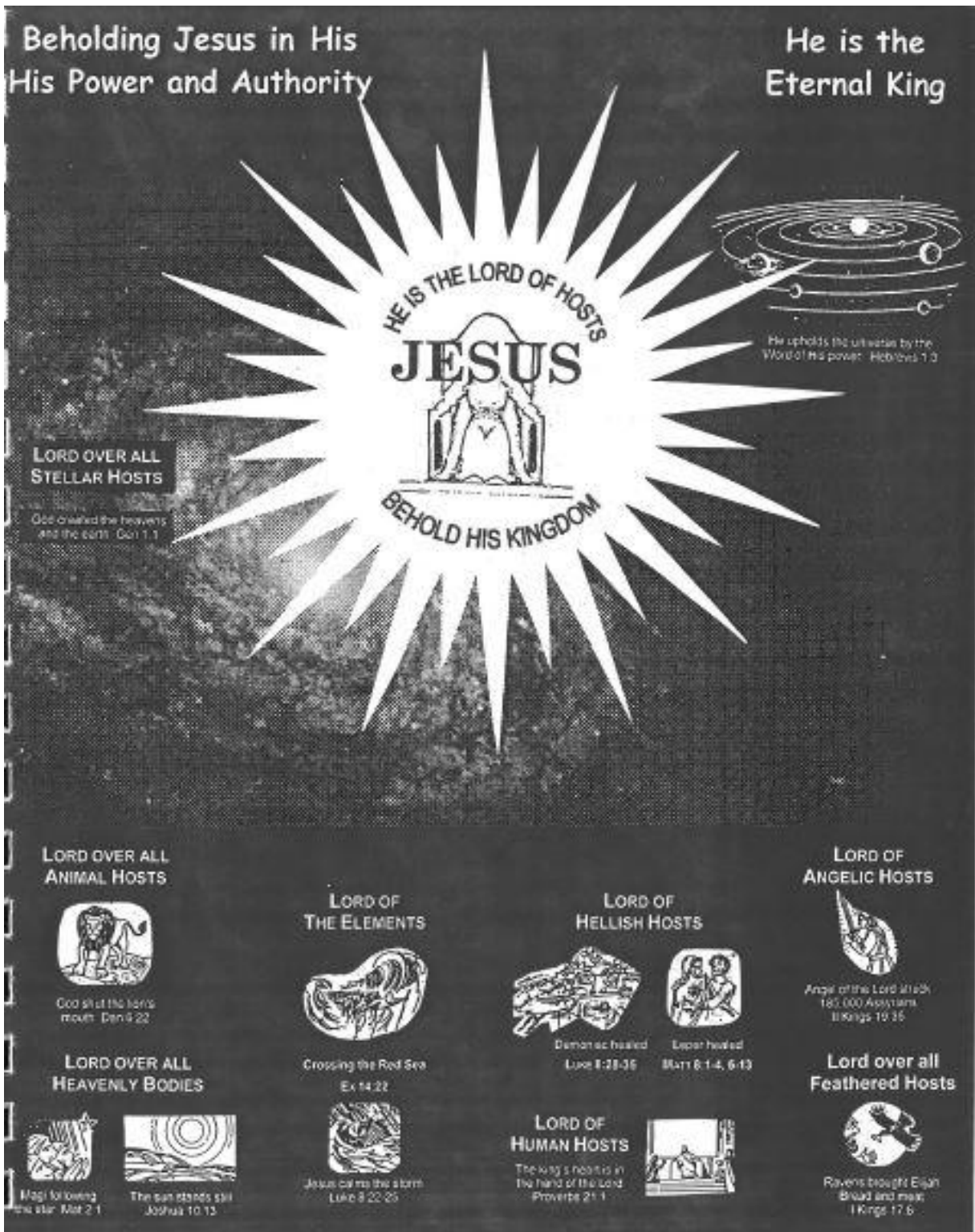
LORD OF  
ANGELIC HOSTS  
Angel of the Lord struck  
185,000 Assyrians.  
Isaiah 37:35

LORD OVER ALL  
HEAVENLY BODIES  
Magi following  
the star. Mat 2:1  
The sun stands still  
Joshua 10:13

JESUS CALMS THE STORM  
Luke 8:22-25

LORD OF  
HUMAN HOSTS  
The king's host is in  
the hand of the Lord.  
Proverbs 21:1

LORD OVER ALL  
FEATHERED HOSTS  
Ravens brought Elijah  
bread and meat.  
1 Kings 17:6



Let's reflect on the following verses  
that give us a full orbbed view of Jesus as King . . .



## Jesus as King

**JESUS' TITLE, KING, IS PROBABLY THE MOST AUGUST  
AND FAR-REACHING OF HIS TITLES.  
OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT CARRY OUT THIS IDEA**

Acts 17:7 Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king; Jesus.

Isaiah 6:5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."

John 12:41 These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

**HE IS A KING BY DIVINE PREROGATIVE. DESIGNATED  
AS THE KING OF GLORY**

Psalms 24:7-10 Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hebrews 2:7 You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands.

John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

**HE IS PICTURED AS ENTHRONED**

Psalms 2:6 "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion."

Ephesians 1:20-22 Which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church.

**HE IS THE ETERNAL KING**

Micah 5:2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.

I Timothy 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**IN RELATION TO ISRAEL HE IS THE KING OF ISRAEL**

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

John 12:13 Took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!"

**HE IS GOD'S KING**

Genesis 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people.

Numbers 24:17 I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; a Star shall come out of Jacob; a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, and batter the brow of Moab, and destroy all the sons of tumult.

Psalms 2:6 Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.

Acts 13:33 God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You."

**A PROPHESED KING**

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Matthew 21:5 Tell the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Isaiah 6:5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."

John 12:38-41 That the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?" Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them. These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

**HE IS THE COVENANT KING**

II Samuel 7:16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.

I Chronicles 17:11-14 And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled, when you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your seed after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be His Father, and He shall be My son; and I will not take My mercy away from Him, as I took it from him who was before you. And I will establish Him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and His throne shall be established forever.

This is based on the covenant God made with David. His human claim was valid, yet the Old Testament teaches that:

**KING MESSIAH IS FAR ABOVE HUMAN ATTAINMENT**

John 1:49 Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 11:1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

Zechariah 12:8 In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them.

Matthew 9:27 When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

Luke 1:31-33 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.

Acts 2:30, 36 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne... Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.

**HE IS INDEED THE KING OF THE JEWS, THE MESSIANIC KING**

Isaiah 33:17, 22 Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; they will see the land that is very far off. For the LORD is our Judge, the LORD is our Lawgiver, the LORD is our King; He will save us.

Isaiah 43:15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.

Isaiah 44:6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God.

Matthew 2:2 Saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Matthew 27:11 Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" So Jesus said to him, "It is as you say."

Mark 15:26 And the inscription of His accusation was written above: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

**HIS KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD**

I Timothy 6:13-15 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

John 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

**BUT OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HEAVEN, OF WHICH  
HE SPAKE SO MUCH**

I Timothy 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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**HE IS PRIEST-KING OF THE CHURCH**

Psalm 110 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool." The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. The LORD has sworn and will not relent, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." The Lord is at Your right hand.

Hebrews 7:1-3 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

**BELIEVERS ARE A "ROYAL PRIESTHOOD"**

I Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Revelation 1:6 And has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.



In relation to the world He is pictured in a different light

**IN CONTRAST HE IS A RIGHTEOUS KING**

Isaiah 32:1 Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice.

Psalm 72:1-4 Give the king Your judgments, O God, and Your righteousness to the king's Son. He will judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice. The mountains will bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor.

John 18:37-38 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all.

**HE IS A KING BY RIGHT OF CONQUEST**

Ephesians 4:8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."

Colossians 2:15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Revelation 17:14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.

Revelation 19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

**HE IS THE "KING OF KINGS"**

Psalm 89:27 Also I will make him My firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

I Timothy 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen

I Timothy 6:15 Which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

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**AGAIN, HIS KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD**

*John 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."*

When Pilate asked Jesus, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world.” Observe that He did not say ‘My kingdom is not *in* this world,’ but ‘My kingdom is not *of* this world’ (Pink).

Again, Jesus says about Himself to Pilate when He was asked if He were a king:

*“You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth.”*

*John 18:37*

That He was “king” our Lord would not deny, but boldly acknowledged “to this end I was born,” knowing full well what would be the cost of His affirmation.

“To this end I was born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth” (John 18:37). Our Savior here linked together His kingdom and His bearing witness unto the truth. His “came I into the world” – distinguished from His being “born” in the previous clause – which was a direct hint that He was from Heaven! (John, A.W. Pink)

## **Jesus is King!**

His Kingdom is not ‘of’ this world, but is ‘in’ it, and we can ‘see’ Him, and His Kingdom, through the ‘eyes’ of faith.

But how is this kind of ‘seeing’ brought about?

Lets look at the keys to ‘seeing’ Jesus and ‘understanding’ His Kingdom . . .



## Keys to Understanding Jesus' Kingdom

From Truth-In-Action, Spirit Filled Life Bible

The dominant theme of Jesus' teaching is the kingdom of God. Jesus presents numerous word pictures of what this supernatural realm "is like." But the kingdom is not merely to be understood with the **mind**. Rather, it is **spiritual** and is to be **comprehended** and **entered** into by **spiritual means** and in **practical living**. Let us meditate daily on Jesus' words in order to *receive* the keys of the kingdom.

Matthew 11:12-14      **Enter the kingdom of Jesus by "violent" determination.**  
Luke 16:16            **Be aggressive about serving Christ.**

*Matthew 11:12-14*

*And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!*

*Luke 16:16*

*The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.*

Luke 17:20-21      **Understand** that Jesus' kingdom is an internal rulership unobservable by the natural eye.

*Luke 17:20-21*

*Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."*

Matthew 13:44-52      **Recognize** that Jesus' kingdom requires your highest commitment. **Understand** that the kingdom is worth more than any other pursuit. **Be ready** to forsake any personal goal that hinders your entering into it.

*Matthew 13:44-52*

*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."*

Matthew 18:1-5 Mark 9:33-37 Luke 9:46-48	<b>Recognize</b> that Jesus' kingdom people are childlike (not childish) in their faith, trust, and blamelessness. <b>Pursue</b> childlikeness in all your interpersonal dealings.
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*Matthew 18:1-5*

*At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

Now let's move on to our study of the Kingdom Dynamics . . .

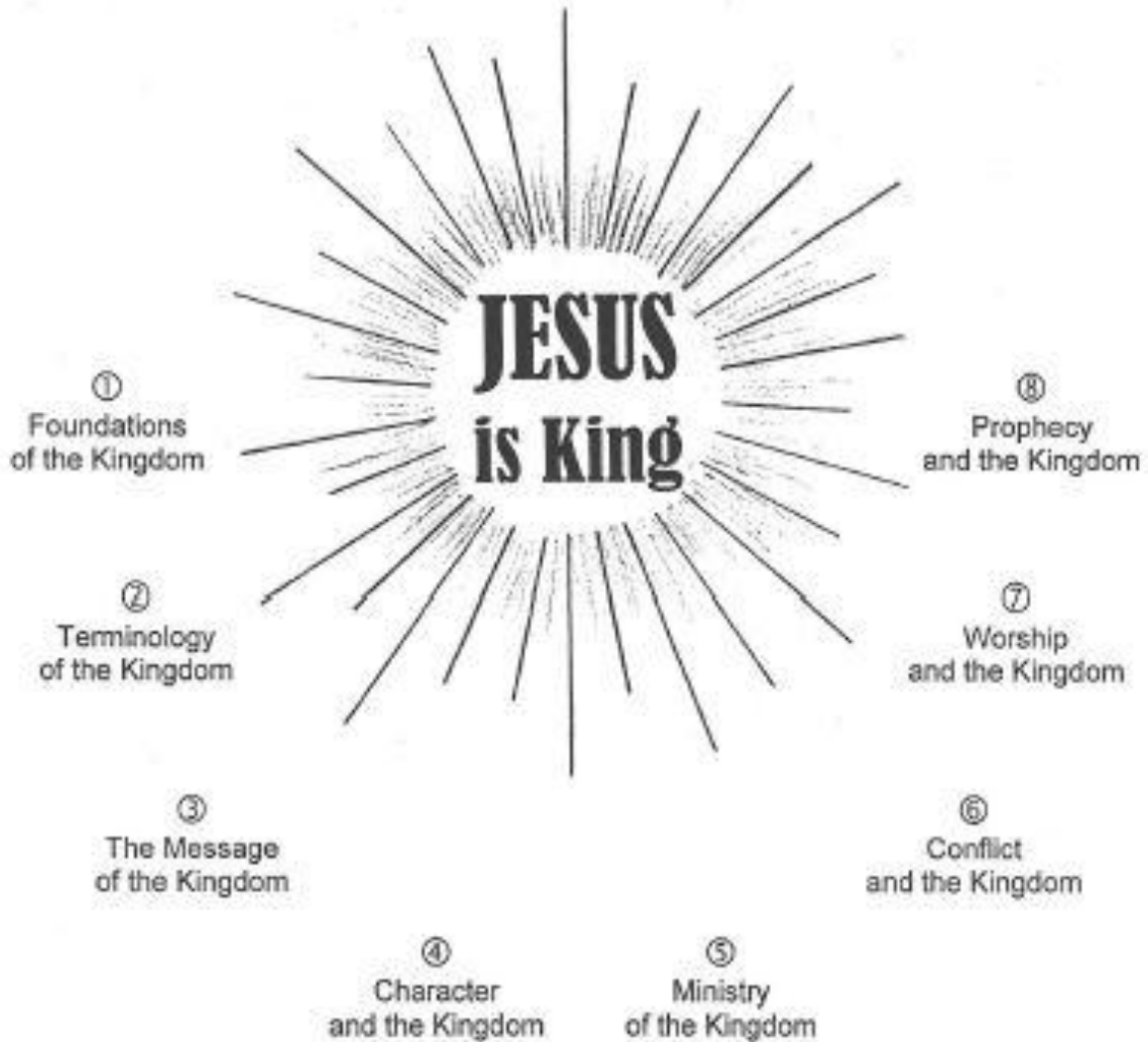
The purpose of studying this panorama is to help you come into a ‘full-orbed’ view of the Kingdom of God and stay balanced in your perspective. As you study, pray that the Lord will ‘open the eyes of your heart’ to see our glorious King and His Kingdom (Ephesians 1:17). But remember, Jesus said,

*“Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you – more [besides] will be given to you who hear.”*

*Mark 4:24, Amplified Bible*

Now we will begin by looking at our Tapestry of Truth which will establish our faith and help us move into living and operating in the power of our authority in Christ...

## Kingdom Dynamics Tapestry of Truth



**Living and Reigning in the Kingdom of God**

## The Kingdom of God

Jack Hayford from The Spirit Filled Life Bible

The whole of Jesus' own preaching, teaching, and ministry centered in these words: "The kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:15). He came as the Savior-Lamb to rescue and redeem mankind to know His original estate in the divine order. The dynamic of Christian life and ministry is found in understanding the kingdom of God, which is not in "eating and drinking" (that is, ritual performance), but in "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17).

Here is a wealth of material to establish a full-orbed perspective on the kingdom of God, the essence of the church's message and life. The writer of this study unfolds the *balance* that calls us to **kingdom life** and **power** in the present, while still anticipating the **kingdom's final fullness** and **consummation in the future**.

### 1. FOUNDATIONS OF THE KINGDOM

- God's Sovereignty (Genesis 1:10)
- Man's Delegated "Dominion" (Genesis 1:26-28)
- Before the Fall (Genesis 1:31)
- Impact of the Fall (Genesis 3:16-24)
- After the Flood (Genesis 8:20-9:17)
- Prototype "Kingdom" Person (Genesis 12:1-3)
- Patriarchal Examples (Genesis 26:1-5)
- Human Responsibility (I Chronicles 29:10-16)

### 2. TERMINOLOGY OF THE KINGDOM

- Defining the Hope (Matthew 3:1-2)
- Synonymous Expressions (Matthew 19:23-24)
- John's Writings (John 18:36)
- Paul's Writings (Colossians 1:27-28)

### 3. THE MESSAGE OF THE KINGDOM

- The Gospel of the Kingdom (Mark 1:14-15)
- Repentance (Matthew 3:1-2)
- New Birth (John 3:1-5)
- Present and Future Kingdom (Matthew 13:1-52)
- People of the Kingdom (Colossians 1:13)
- The Kingdom Within You (Luke 17:20-21)

#### **4. CHARACTER AND THE KINGDOM**

- Basic Traits (Matthew 5:1 – 7:27)
- Childlikeness (Matthew 18:1-4)
- Forgiveness (Matthew 18:18-35)
- Integrity and Morality (I Corinthians 6:9-10)

#### **5. MINISTRY OF THE KINGDOM**

- The Holy Spirit (Mark 1:15)
- Authority for Ministry (Luke 9:1-2)
- Prayer and Intercession (Luke 11:2-4)
- Casting Out Demons (Luke 11:20)
- Receiving Kingdom Power (Acts 1:3-8)

#### **6. CONFLICT AND THE KINGDOM**

- Earth's Evil "Ruler" (Luke 4:14-32)
- Taking it by Force (Matthew 11:12)
- Grounds of Authority (Colossians 2:13-15)
- Pressing In (Luke 16:16)
- Suffering, Tribulation (Acts 14:21-22)

#### **7. WORSHIP AND THE KINGDOM**

- A Kingdom of Priests (Exodus 19:5-7)
- "Establishing" God's Throne (Psalm 22:3)
- Inviting God's Rule (Psalm 93:2)
- Worship and Praise (Revelation 1:5-6)
- Priority of Worship (I Peter 2:9)

#### **8. PROPHECY AND THE KINGDOM**

- Old Testament: Possessing the Kingdom (Daniel 7:21-22)
- New Testament: Age-long Warfare (Revelation 12:10-11)