



“My Kingdom Is Not Of This World”
John 18:33-37

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Kingdom Prophesied

- **Daniel 2:44-45** – Kingdom would not be destroyed. The kingdom would be made without hands, signifying that the kingdom would be spiritual in nature.
- **Daniel 7:13-14** – Kingdom given when Son of Man ascends.

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Kingdom “At Hand”

- John the Baptist. **Matthew 3:1-3**
- Jesus. **Matthew 4:17; 10:5-7; Mark 1:14-15; Mark 9:1**
- Apostles. **Matthew 10:7**
- The 70 disciples. **Luke 10:9**

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Nature Of The Kingdom

- Jesus disclaimed any pretensions to an earthly kingdom when he said to Pilate, **“my kingdom is not of this world.” John 18:36-37; cf. John 6:15; Luke 17:20-21**

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Nature Of The Kingdom

Spiritual Kingdom. John 18:36

- **Romans 14:17**, *“for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”*
- Message of Righteousness. Romans 1:16-17
- Heavenly Jerusalem. Hebrews 12:23-24
- Redeemed. Colossians 1:13-14
- Priesthood. Hebrews 9:11-12; 10:12-14; 8:1-2

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Nature Of The Kingdom

Spiritual Ruler. Ephesians 1:19-23; Acts 2:29ff

- Daniel 7:13-14 – Ascended to spiritual throne.
- Hebrews 8:4 – Cannot be on earth.
- Zechariah 6:12-13 – Priest and King at same time.

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Christ Sitting at God's right hand.

- King on David's throne. Acts 13:30-34
- Head of His church. Ephesians 1:22-23
- God's great and final prophet to man. Hebrews 1:1-3; 12:25

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Spiritual Rule. Luke 17:20-21

- Not a threat to world empires. Romans 13:1-7

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Citizenship Obtained By Spiritual Birth.

John 3:1-6

- Entrance gained by doing the will of God. Matthew 7:21ff
- Contrast physical Israel and spiritual Israel. cf. Hebrews 8:6-12

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- The new Birth and Baptism ...
 - Mark 16:15-16 Baptized – Salvation. (cf. Luke 24:47)
 - Acts 2:38 Baptized – Remission of Sins.
 - John 3:5 Baptized – Born again (cf. Romans 6:3-4)
 - Ephesians 5:25-26 Baptism – Washed
 - Acts 22:16 Baptized – Washed sins away
 - 1 Corinthians 12:13 Baptized – Into One Body
 - Galatians 3:26-27 Baptized – Into Christ
 - Galatians 3:26-29 Baptized – Heirs of Abraham

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Spiritual Hope. Daniel 2:44ff; Hebrews 12:28

- It is the hope of heaven. 1 Peter 1:3-5; Colossians 1:5; Ephesians 4:4
- In the end, the kingdom delivered up to God. 1 Corinthians 15:22-25