

The Kingdom of God (Habakkuk 3:1-19; Heb 2:5-9)

I. Overview & Analysis of Scriptures' Teaching on the Kingdom of God

John the Baptist: "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand"

Jesus begins His ministry "repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"

Acts 1:3 Jesus teaches His disciples for 40 days about the Kingdom of God

A. So, what exactly is the kingdom of God? (attempted definition)

Not geographic (1 Cor 4:20) a dynamic reign (Lk 17:20; 4:18-19)

B. What the Kingdom is not

The Kingdom of God is not of this world (John 18:36)

Not in word but in power (1 Cor 4:20)

Not meat or drink (Rom 4:17): Righteousness, peace and the Holy Spirit

C. Who are the citizens of God's Kingdom?

Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in Spirit for theirs is the Kingdom"

Those who follow Christ & do the will of the Father in heaven (Matt 7:21)

D. The mystery of the Kingdom

Luke 8:10 'Disciples given the mysteries of the kingdom, the rest parables

II. Kingdom of God: Always Advancing, Even When We Don't see it.

Hebrews 2: 5-9 "We do not yet see all things under His feet"

III. An Example: Habakkuk's Struggle: Where is God's Kingdom?

- God will judge Israel (2:4), He will triumph (2:14) He is sovereign (2:20)
- Habakkuk's Worship: The Reality of God's Kingdom (3:1-19)