



The Kingdom

STORY



The Kingdom Between Two Ages

The New Testament view can be summarized in four statements:

- The kingdom will come.
- The kingdom has come.
- The kingdom is coming immediately.
- The kingdom will be delayed

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Life in the “Age To Come”

Revelation 11:15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”

Revelation 21:3-4 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Life in “The Present Age”

1 Peter 2:9-12 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy...

John 16:33 “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Kingdom of God vs. Kingdom of The World

Righteousness-----Sin
Love ----- Hate
Joy -----Sorrow
Peace -----Conflict
Hope -----Despair
Health -----Sickness
Life -----Death

Freedom ----- -Bondage
Unity -----Factions
Grace -----Judgement
Glory-----Shame
Justice -----Injustice
Eternal-----Temporal

Jesus Christ

life, teaching, death,
resurrection, and
ascension

Christ's Return

fully realized
kingdom, resurrection
of the dead

PRESENT AGE

.exile
.oppression
.reign of sin, & death

Already/not yet kingdom

COMING AGE


.restoration of kingdom
.freedom from oppression
.reign of Messiah over Israel
.presence of God

begun

consummated



11 Months
of fighting



D-Day: June 6, 1944

The enemy was
defeated

VE-Day: May 8, 1945

The fighting stopped and
peace came

How do we live in this present age?

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11 Dear friends, I urge you, as **foreigners and exiles**, to **abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul**. **12** Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, **they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us**.

Living Between Two Ages

The “Here” but “Not Yet”

Philippians 3:10 I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, 11 so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

Invitation

Invite Jesus' Kingdom power and presence into whatever circumstances that you are in right now.