

## KINGDOM OF GOD

**Kingdom of God** — The Kingdom of God will begin in its earliest stages with the return of Jesus Christ to this earth in full glory and power (Revelation 11:15, 12:10). At Christ's return the dead in Christ (all converted individuals from the time of Adam until that particular point in time) will rise up out of their graves and meet Jesus in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:16). Then all of those converted Christians who are living at that time will also meet Christ in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:17). This is called the *first resurrection* (Revelation 20:6). But they will no longer be flesh and blood human beings but will instead be immortal, incorruptible, glorious spirit beings (1 Corinthians 15:50-54; Romans 8:18, Daniel 12:2-3)—the *literal* sons and daughters of God!

At this point they will all descend with Jesus and rule with Him as priests and kings for 1,000 years from Jerusalem (Revelation 20:6; 2:26-29; 3:21; 5:9-10). This 1,000-year period is commonly referred to as the "Millennium." It will be an absolutely magnificent and wonderful world. Satan will no longer be able to deceive and pervert mankind—as he will be locked up and put away during this time period (Revelation 20:1-3).

Christ and the resurrected saints will rule on this earth with justice and equity for all. God's laws will be taught and enforced. No longer will mankind learn warfare but will instead learn God's way of life—the way of life that focuses on giving and not on getting—the way of life that leads to incredible joy, peace, and prosperity. (Isaiah 2:2-4)

Animals will no longer kill and eat each other. *All* animals will instead eat vegetation (just as cows and many other animals do today). Animals will be at peace with each other and with human beings. The whole world will flourish and be magnificent. The deserts will even blossom like the rose and be beautiful. The blind shall see, the deaf shall hear, the dumb shall speak, and the lame shall leap. Every-

one shall be healed and have a wonderful, healthy body. There will be no more murders, rapes, robberies, drugs, violence, poverty, slums, corruption, nor greed. In other words, the whole world will be just like the Garden of Eden, when God first created Adam and Eve (nearly six thousand years ago)! (Isaiah 11:6-10, 35:5-10, 60:1, 60:17-22; Zechariah 8:3-5)

Then all those human beings who are living during that time will be given the opportunity to also become part of God's eternal Family. But they will have to accept the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, repent, and then live faithful, obedient lives. If they do, they too will be given eternal life (just like those who were resurrected at Christ's return). They then will be given a new, immortal, glorious spirit body—for they also will be the children of God! (Ezekiel 11:19-20; Isaiah 65:17-25; Amos 9:13-15; Micah 4:4; Revelation 1:6, 5:9-10)

But this will just be the beginning! For eventually (after the millennium is over) all other human beings who have ever lived will be resurrected back to life (Revelation 20:4-6) and given the same opportunity! Isaiah 65:20 with Revelation 20:11-15, Ezekiel 37:1-10, Mark 6:11 (NKJV), and Matthew 11:24 (NKJV) seems to indicate that every human being who is resurrected back to life at that time (*in the second resurrection when the 1,000 years are over*) will then live for 100 years as flesh and blood human beings in order to prove their willingness to obey God. Afterwards, each will be judged according to their works—that is—according to how they lived their lives with respect to God's Word (Revelation 20:11-15). Those found written in the Book of Life (as a result of accepting the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and then living faithful, obedient lives) will then be given eternal life and become part of God's Family!

At that time there will be no more human beings. For all human beings who have ever lived will have become immortal, glorious spirit beings (the literal children of

God!). [Except for those unrepentant individuals who had refused to live according to God's way of life—the way of give (the way of kindness, goodness, cooperation, mercy and compassion)—but instead had chosen to live according to Satan's way of get (the way of greed, lust, hatred and selfishness). These people will be put to *death* in the lake of fire—called the *second death* (Revelation 20:14-15)].

But everyone else (hopefully the vast, overwhelming majority!) will now be members of God's Family and will live forever. At this time God will create a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21:1). Then God Himself (that is—God the Father) will for the very first time come down from heaven and dwell with us! ***The Kingdom of God will have begun!***

“Behold, the tabernacle [home] of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

“And God will wipe away every tear away from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:3-4).

“Then He who sat on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.’ And He said to me, ‘Write, for these words are true and faithful.’

“And He said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, I will give of the fountain of the water of *life* freely to him who thirsts.

“‘He who *overcomes* shall inherit ALL things [the whole universe!], and I will be his God and he shall be My son” (Revelation 21:5-7). Those born into God's Family will then share the whole UNIVERSE with God the Father and Jesus Christ for all eternity!

“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming quickly.’ Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20) May God quicken that day!!

**Isa 2:2-4** — Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. *Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths."* For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall rebuke many people; THEY SHALL BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES, AND THEIR SPEARS INTO PRUNING HOOKS; NATION SHALL NOT LIFT UP SWORD AGAINST NATION, NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANYMORE.

**Isa 11:6-10** — "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb. The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.* And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious."

**Isa 35:5-10** — Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of jackals, where each lay, there shall be grass with reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and a road, and it shall be called

the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; it shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there, and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing, *with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness. And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

**Isa 60:1, 17-22** — Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. “Instead of bronze I will bring gold, instead of iron I will bring silver, instead of wood, bronze, and instead of stones, iron. I will also make your officers peace, and your magistrates righteousness. *Violence shall no longer be heard in your land, neither wasting nor destruction within your borders;* but you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; but the Lord will be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory. Your sun shall no longer go down, nor shall your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended. Also your people shall all be righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be glorified. A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation. I, the Lord, will hasten it in its time.”

**Isa 61:4-11** — And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the foreigner shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But you shall be named the Priests of the Lord, men shall call you the Servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of

the Gentiles, and in their glory you shall boast. Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, and instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; *everlasting joy shall be theirs*. “For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, and will make with them an everlasting covenant. Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people. All who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the posterity whom the Lord has blessed.” I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so *the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations*.

**Isa 62:1-12** — For Zion’s sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord will name. You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah (My Delight Is in Her), and your land Beulah (Married); for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem, who shall never hold their peace day or night. *You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, and give*

*Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.* The Lord has sworn by His right hand and by the arm of His strength: “Surely I will no longer give your grain to be food for your enemies; and the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine, for which you have labored. But those who have gathered it shall eat it. And praise the Lord; those who have brought it together shall drink it in My holy courts.” Go through, go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway! Take out the stones, lift up a banner for the peoples! Indeed the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the world: “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Surely your salvation is coming; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.’” And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

**Isa 65:17-25** — “For behold *I create new heavens and a new earth*; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing. And her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; *the voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying*. No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old, but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble; for they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speak-

ing, I will hear. *The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,*" says the Lord.

**Ezek 11:19-20** — "Then I will give them one heart, and *I will put a new spirit within them*, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE, AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD.

**Amos 9:13-15** — "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; the mountains shall drip with sweet wine. And all the hills shall flow with it. I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. *I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them,*" says the Lord your God.

**Micah 4:4** — But *everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid*; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. For all people walk each in the name of his god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever. "In that day," says the Lord, "I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast and those whom I have afflicted; I will make the lame a remnant, and the outcast a strong nation; so THE LORD WILL REIGN OVER THEM IN MOUNT ZION FROM NOW ON, EVEN FOREVER."

**Isa 6:11-13** — Then I said, "LORD, HOW LONG?" And He answered: *"Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant, the houses are without a man, the land is utterly*



*desolate, the Lord has removed men far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. But yet a TENTH will be in it, and will return and be for consuming.*

**Zech 8:4-8** — “Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each one with his staff in his hand because of great age. *The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.*’ Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, will it also be marvelous in My eyes?’ Says the Lord of hosts. Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; I will bring them back, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. **THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, IN TRUTH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS.**’”

**Mat 5:5** — “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the *earth.*”

**Mat 6:33** — “But seek first the KINGDOM OF GOD and His righteousness...”

**Mat 8:11** — “And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with *Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob* IN THE KINGDOM of heaven [or kingdom of God].”

**Mat 13:44-46** — “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 pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

**Mat 24:14** — “*And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end [of this age] will come.*”

**Rev 1:6** — [Jesus Christ] ...has made *us* KINGS and PRIESTS to His God and Father...

**Rev 5:9-10** — And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have *made us kings and priests* to our God; and *we shall reign on the EARTH.*”

**Rev 21:1-7** — And I saw A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. *Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.* And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “BEHOLD, THE TABERNACLE [HOME] OF GOD IS WITH MEN, AND HE WILL DWELL WITH THEM, AND THEY SHALL BE HIS PEOPLE, AND GOD HIMSELF WILL BE WITH THEM AND BE THEIR GOD. *And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.*” Then He who sat on the throne said, “BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. *He who OVERCOMES shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.*”

**Rev 20:1-6** — Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should de-

ceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. And *I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God*, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. AND THEY LIVED AND REIGNED WITH CHRIST FOR A THOUSAND YEARS [THIS IS THE FIRST RESURRECTION]. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.... Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

**Rev 20:4-6** — NLT — Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And *I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus, for proclaiming the word of God*. And I saw the souls of those who had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their forehead or their hands. THEY CAME TO LIFE AGAIN, AND THEY REIGNED WITH CHRIST FOR A THOUSAND YEARS. THIS IS THE FIRST RESURRECTION. (The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended.) Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years.

**Daniel 7:13-14** — I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a KINGDOM, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is AN EVERLASTING DOMINION, which shall not pass away, and His

kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.

**Daniel 7:18** — But the *saints* of the Most High shall receive the KINGDOM, and *possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.*'

**Daniel 7:21-22** — I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the *saints*, and prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the *saints* of the Most High, and *the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.*

**Daniel 7:27** — “Then *the kingdom* and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, *shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.* His kingdom is an EVERLASTING KINGDOM, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.”

**Romans 8:18** — For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the *glory* which shall be revealed in *us*.

**Daniel 12:2-3** — And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt. *Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament,* and THOSE WHO TURN MANY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE THE STARS FOREVER AND EVER.

**Revelation 11:15** — Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “*The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!*”

**Revelation 2:26-28** — “And *he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end,* TO HIM I WILL GIVE POWER OVER THE NATIONS—‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they

shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'—as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star.”

**Revelation 3:21** — “To him who *overcomes* I will grant to sit with Me on My *throne*, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

**Revelation 22:1-21** — And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And *they shall reign forever and ever*. Then he said to me, “These words are faithful and true.” And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Then he said to me, “See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.” And he said to me, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.” “And behold, I am coming quickly, and *My reward is with Me, to give to*

*every one according to his work.* I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” Blessed are those who DO His COMMANDMENTS, that they may have the right to the *tree of life*, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.