

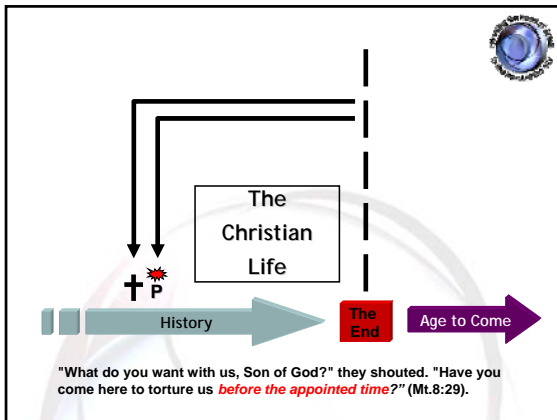


The Old Testament 'Lens'

- Exodus:**
YHWH, liberator, the God who will come down and 'tabernacle' with his people
- Davidic Monarchy:**
Peace/shalom, abundance, security, justice, festivity
- Prophetic promise:**
New people, new Jerusalem, new heaven & earth, judgement of evil, resurrection, healing, forgiveness, restoration, pouring out the Spirit

The Kingdom Mystery

- Will come in the future.
- Has come now.
- Is near or 'at hand'.
- Has been delayed.



Defining the Kingdom

The Event/Arrival of the Rule/Reign of God in Power

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Sovereign-Subject Relationship
In all of life – renewing creation

Key Question,

What Unleashes the power of the Kingdom?

Bringing in the Kingdom?

- Kingdom Expectation
- Kingdom Prayer
- Kingdom Announcement
- Kingdom Demonstration

not a formula

Expectation

1. Read the Bible
 - *Prophetic promises*
 - *New Testament. Esp. Jesus*
 - *Acts*
2. Read about the great revivals
3. It's better caught than taught

The Kingdom Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

The Kingdom Prayer

- Hallowing the divine name
- The 'Come Holy Spirit' prayer

The Apostles at Prayer - Acts 4

Announcement

The keryx in Greco-Roman society

The Words of Jesus



The Works of Jesus

Announcement

Matthew 10.7-8a

As you go, preach this message:
'The kingdom of heaven is near.'

Heal the sick,
raise the dead,
cleanse those who have leprosy,
drive out demons.

When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "**Sovereign Lord**," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: (Quote Ps.2)



Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. **Now, Lord**, consider their threats and enable your servants to **speak your word** with great boldness. **Stretch out your hand** to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Kingdom Mystery



- Let God be God
- Do what the Father is doing
- Waiting on God
- Allow the Spirit to move

The Flow of the Kingdom



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Kingdom Acts