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## THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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Two Biblical Expressions:

1. "the kingdom of God" appears 70X in the New Testament
2. "the kingdom of heaven" appears 31X in the New Testament

- *"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt.5:3).*
- *"...Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God" (Luke 6:20).*

COMMENTS:...

- *"And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt.8:11).*
- *"There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets; in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out: And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God" (Luke 13:28,29).*

COMMENT #2: The same comment as #1 above.

- *"And as ye go, preach saying; The kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt.10:7).*
- *"And he [Jesus] sent them [the disciples] to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick" (Luke 9:2).*

COMMENT #3: The same comment as #1 above.

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- *"Verily I [Jesus] say unto you [the multitudes, see verse 7], among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force". (Matt 11:11-12)*
- *"For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28).*

COMMENT #4: The same comment as #1 preceding.

- *"...Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given" (Matt.13:11).*
- *"...Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables" (Mark 4:11).*
- *"...Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand" (Luke 8:10).*

COMMENT #5: Three different gospel writers use two different names.

- *"Another parable put he forth unto them; saying, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in the f/e/c/"(Matt.13:31).*
- *"And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what comparison shall we compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth..." (Mark 4:31).*

COMMENT #6: Two different gospel writers use two different names.

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- *"...Except ye be converted, and become as iittie children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. ...the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt.18:3.4).*
- *"...for of such is the kingdom of God... Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child..." (Mark 10:14,15).*
- *"...for of such is the kingdom of God ...Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child..." (Luke 18:16,17).*

COMMENT # 7: Three different gospel writers use two different names.

- *"...Verily I say unto you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God" (Matt.19:23.24).*

COMMENT # 8: Jesus uses both names for the kingdom.

- *"...How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!...How hard it is for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!... than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:23-25).*
- *"...How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!... for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:24,25).*

COMMENT #9: Jesus uses "the kingdom of God" 5X

ADDITIONALLY:

- *"...My kingdom is not of this world..." (John 18:36).*
- *"...the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21).*

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## THE KINGDOM IS PRESENT NOW!

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- *"...the kingdom of heaven is at hand"* (Matt.3:2). [John the Baptist]
- *"...the kingdom of heaven is at hand"* (Matt.4:17). [Jesus]
- *"...the kingdom of heaven is at hand"* (Matt.10:7). [Jesus]
- *"...if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you [before you expected it, Amp.] (Matt.12:28). [Jesus]*
- *"...the kingdom of God is at hand..."* (Mark 1:15). [Jesus]
- *"...the kingdom of God is come nigh [close, Amp.] unto you"* (Luke 10:9). [Jesus]
- *"...be sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you "* (Luke 10:11). [Jesus]

### COMMENT #1:...

- *"...if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you"* (Luke 11:20). [Jesus]

### COMMENT #2:...

- *"...My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence [or from here]"* (John 18:36). [Jesus]
- *"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink: but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost"* (Rom.14:17). [The Apostle Paul]

### COMMENT #3:...

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## THE KINGDOM IS PRESENT NOW! (continued)

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- *"For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power" (1 Cor.4:20).* [The Apostle Paul]

COMMENT #4: The kingdom has its own inherent power!

- *"...The kingdom of God cometh not with observation" (Luke 17:20).* [Jesus]

COMMENT #5: The kingdom is not something that you can observe with the eyes, and it does not make an outward show of itself!

- *"...behold, the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21).* [Jesus]

?What would be one word that would describe the kingdom?