

Kingdom of God

God is King and ruler over all the earth and all of His creation. He sustains His creation; without His sustaining love for His creation, nothing would exist. Ps. 22:28-29 CJB

God allows devil spirits and people to rebel against Him, but He is still in control. Someday they will be judged and sent to the lake of fire. God is patient and wants people to believe in Him and not to have to undergo this. 2 Peter 3:9; Rev. 20:10,12-15

Man was originally perfect, but went his own way. Throughout all of time, God has reached out to mankind. God has revealed Himself and brings the kingdom of God near mankind.

- * He promised a Messiah to Adam and Eve; they continued in relationship with Him, but had to leave their original state. Gen. 3:15
- * Noah was in fellowship with God and did what was right. God had Noah build an Ark to save mankind. Gen. 6:9-18
- * God broke into this world at Mt. Sinai to reestablish a relationship with mankind and help mankind. Ex. 19:18-20:1
- * Yeshua (Jesus) came from heaven to reveal God's kingdom, to be an example for us, and to bring more of God's kingdom into our lives through the Holy Spirit. Matt. 1:15; Luke 10:1-9; John 3:13, 17:4; Eph. 5:1-2; Acts 2:38-39

Someday God's rule and reign will be restored. All those who lived for God and acted like a child of their father God will be with Him in His eternal kingdom. God will rule as King and will restore the kingdom to what God originally intended someday and it will be perfect. Rev. 21:1-4

The false teaching of the different ages and the evolution of mankind's relationship with God.

The "different ages of man" suggest that God had different standards for mankind over the eras. For example, God expected less of the patriarchs because they didn't have the law yet. Evolution of relationship with God is not biblical. Man was originally close to God, but failed in their relationship with God.

Noah was a righteous man, had fellowship with God, and did what was right. This also does not suggest a distant relationship. The Jewish writings say that Noah gave his family God's commandments.¹ We should think of the eras as God continually reaching out to mankind to bring His kingdom into the present. The giving of the Holy Spirit through the Messiah Yeshua is another way that God has reached out to mankind. The Holy Spirit is our helper to do what is right (John 16:7-8).

Shaul (Paul) said about Yeshua (Jesus), "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him;" Through the Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) we can become righteous; we can do what is right better. Righteousness means to do what is right. Those who say they are right with God without doing what is right are wrong. Their theology makes no sense. Noah was righteous because he did what was right, not just thought he was right. Judah (Jude) uses the angels who sinned and are now bound in chains, and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah that were destroyed for their sin as examples so we would do what is right. Jude 1:6-7. We are to actually live right and if we sin, God will forgive us if we repent (1 John 1:9).

God has been at work in the past and is always at work to bring His kingdom into our lives. We are to pray for God to do His works in the present ("your kingdom come;" Matt. 6:10). God's kingdom has come to some extent in the present (Matt. 10:7), but we are not in the final eternal kingdom as yet (Rev. 21:1-4).

¹ <https://www.sacred-texts.com/bib/jub/jub21.htm>