

Message



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Where is the Kingdom of God?

■ Answer: Currently, Heaven

- Isaiah 66:1- Thus says the Lord:
"Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my
footstool; what is the
house that you would
build for me, and
what is the place of
my rest?"



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- **II Chronicles 18:18** - And Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left.
- **Psalms 11:4** - The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.

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- Hebrews 8:1- Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,
- Hebrews 12:2 - looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

What is at God's Throne?

- **God's throne is a place of power and authority.**
 - In **2 Chronicles 18:18**, the prophet Micaiah relates his vision of God's throne room, in which spirit beings stand in attendance.
 - In **Job 1:6**, where God demands answers from the angelic beings summoned there.

What is at God's Throne?

- **God's throne is a place of majesty and honor.**
 - The Bible says that, when Jesus ascended to heaven, He “sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (**Hebrews 12:2**).
 - There is no higher place than heaven. God is the King of heaven, and Jesus holds the place of honor at **God's right hand**.

What is at God's Throne?

- **God's throne is a place of perfect justice.**
 - “He has prepared His throne for judgment” (**Psalm 9:7**; cf. **89:14**).
 - The final judgment, described in **Revelation 21**, is held before “a **great white throne**” (verse 11).

What is at God's Throne?

- **God's throne is a place of purity.**
 - Only the redeemed, those who have been granted the righteousness of Christ, will have the right to stand before His throne (**Revelation 14:5**).

What is at God's Throne?

- **God's throne is a place of eternal life.**
 - **God is the Source of life. In heaven, John sees "the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1).**

The gospel of the Kingdom of God

- **“Gospel” or “Glad Tidings” of the Kingdom of God**
 - ❖ **Matthew 4:23; Luke 8:1**
- **“The Kingdom of Heaven”**
 - ❖ **Matthew 4:17; Matthew 5:3, 10, 19-20**
- **“The Kingdom of Christ and God”**
 - ❖ **Ephesians 5:5**



Summary of the Kingdom Parables

Parable of the . . .

Implications of the Parable

Wheat & Tares

Many **only appear to belong** to the Kingdom.

Lamp

Listen to the message of the kingdom

Seed

Kingdom **will grow**

Mustard Seed

Kingdom will become **the greatest** kingdom

Leaven

Kingdom will be **everywhere**

Hidden Treasure

Give all that you have **to gain** the kingdom

Costly Pearl

Sacrifice for the kingdom

Dragnet

The kingdom is **only for the righteous**

The Kingdom of God is "A Mystery"

■ Literal or Figurative Kingdom?

- Mark 1:15
- Luke 17:20-21
- Mark 4:11-12
- Daniel 2:31-43



Statue in the Book of Daniel

Daniel 2:26-45



Head of Fine Gold

Babylonia (626-539 BC)

Chest and Arms of Silver

Medo-Persia (539-332 BC)

Belly and Thighs of Bronze

Greece (332-63 BC)

Legs of Iron and Feet of Iron and Clay

A Divided Kingdom/Rome

The Stone

The Everlasting Kingdom of God

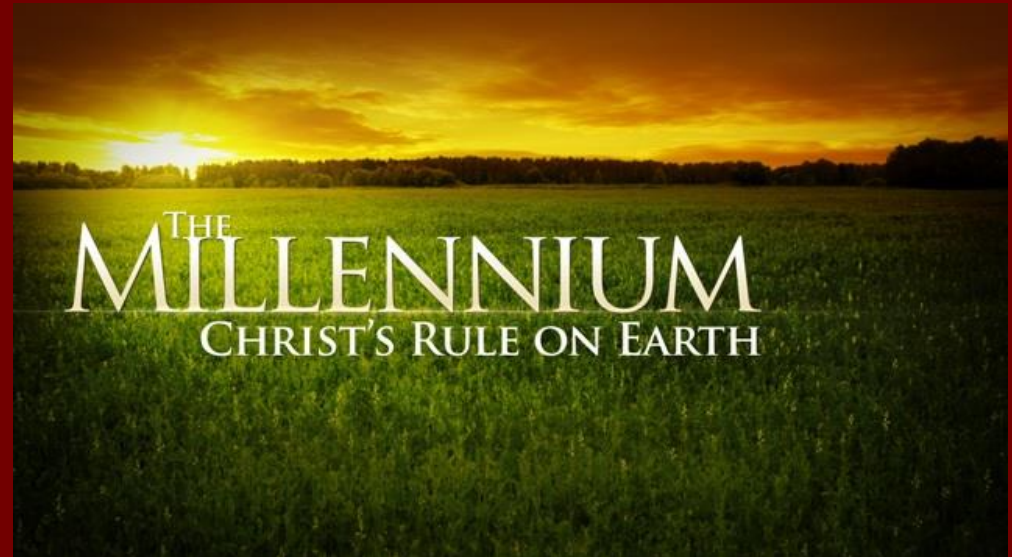
“There before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance.”

—Daniel 2:31

The illustration of the statue is based on a carving of king Nebuchadnezzar's grandson, Nabonidus. It is the most

The Kingdom of God on Earth

- Daniel 2:44
- Revelation 11:15
- Revelation 20:4-6



Prepare for the Kingdom of God

- **John 3:1-8**
- **Romans 6:1-5**
- **I Corinthians 15:50-53**
- **I Thessalonians 4:16-17**
- **Colossians 1:13**
- **Philippians 3:20**



Continually Seek The Kingdom of God

- Matthew 6:33
- Matthew 19:28

