

The Tale of 3 Kingdoms

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1. First, we need to define what a Kingdom is:
 - a. A kingdom is a territory marked with very defined boundaries
 - b. A kingdom is ruled by a king
 - c. The kingdom is territory that the king has dominion over
 - i. England was ruled by a king
 - ii. The King of England ruled over all the British Isles and British territories
2. The Bible mentions:
 - a. There is the kingdom of God on earth
 - i. Made up of people
 - b. And the kingdom of God in heaven
 - i. Consists of Heavenly bodies
 1. Angels & celestial beings
 - ii. Those who have died
 1. all those who have gone before us.

Hebrews 12:1

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses”

2. because of their faithfulness
 3. Have transitioned from the kingdom of earth
 4. to the kingdom of Heaven
 5. (Promoted to the Home Office)
 6. They are part of the *“great cloud of witnesses”*
3. God is King over both of these 2 kingdoms
 - a. One is of this earth
 - b. The other is **not** of this earth
 - c. However, **Both** are spiritual kingdoms
 - d. The residents of one
 - i. are also the same inhabitant
 - ii. of the other

Matthew 6:9–10

“This, then, is how you should pray:

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

4. THUS - the Kingdom of God
 - a. is the territory over which
 - b. God claims ownership
 - c. It isn't like the historical kingdoms we relate to
5. We know it's an earthly Kingdom because;

Matthew 4:17

"From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Matthew 16:28 (also in **Mark 9:1**; **Luke 9:27** – not a mistake)

"I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

- a. The last apostle **died** (John) sometime between AD 90 – 100
- b. SO, IT'S ALREADY HERE

Acts 1:6–8

"So, when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

6. **The Kingdom on Earth** is a Spiritual Kingdom

Luke 17:20–21

"Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."

1 Corinthians 15:50

"I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable."

7. **The kingdom of God on Earth**

- a. within you
- b. does not refer to your flesh and bones,
- c. but what's inside you.
- d. Christians have the Holy Spirit living inside them.
- e. It is their earthly connection with God

2 Corinthians 1:21–22

"Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."

Ephesians 1:13–14

“And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.”

8. There is another kingdom alive and well in our world

a. One ruled over by a different king

Ephesians 2:1–2

“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.”

Revelation 12:7–9

“And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.”

Ephesians 6:10–12

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

9. There are only 2 spiritual kingdoms

a. **reigning on earth**

10. People living today are

a. card carrying members

b. of **one of these two** kingdoms

i. One belonging to God

ii. The other belonging to the Devil

11. Anyone who is **not** a Christian,

a. is under the governing leadership

b. of a different king

c. Satan

12. Everybody **at one time**

a. has been under the influence

b. and citizenship

c. of the **Devil**

13. **How do I know that?**

Colossians 1:21

“Once you were alienated from God and enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.”

Colossians 2:13

“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,”

Romans 3:23

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

14. Sad thing is **nobody realizes** that they are spiritually dead.

- a. **Most think** that everything is good between them and God
- b. Don’t even think about God as they go about their daily lives.

15. How clever is the ‘god of the air’?

2 Corinthians 4:4

“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

16. He even disguises himself very well, in order to deceive people:

2 Corinthians 11:14–15

“for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.”

2 Thessalonians 2:9–10

“The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.”

17. How do we **break away** from the kingdom ruled by the Devil?

- a. **Remember** everybody starts out in his kingdom
- b. Once we are old enough
 - i. to take **full** responsibly
 - ii. for our sins

John 3:3–7

“In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” “How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’”

Matthew 16:18–19

“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

18. Remember - Colossians 2:13

“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,”

19. Cannot enter God’s kingdom

- a. unless your sins are forgiven
- b. and you must be born
 - i. of the water
 - ii. and the Spirit

Acts 2:38–39

“Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

- a. **Peter has the keys** to unlock the Kingdom of God on earth

20. Now what about this Kingdom in Heaven?

- a. What does the Bible say about that?
- b. Remember we talked about that great cloud of witnesses

Hebrews 12:1

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses”

Revelation 7:9

“After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.”

Revelation 7:13–17

Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” I answered, “Sir, you know.”

*And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. **[the robes were formerly red, stained in sin, but are now white – washed clean]** Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.*

Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

21. God has dominion over those on earth
 - a. who have the Holy Spirit
22. **and** those in heaven
 - a. who have discarded
 - b. their earthly robes
 - c. for heavenly ones
23. **Rev 19:16** “*Jesus is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords*”

CONCLUSION

24. Jesus in his longest recorded sermon,
 - a. the Sermon on the Mount
 - b. stated the place - God’s Kingdom
 - c. should have over everyone.

Matthew 6:31–33

“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

25. Our priorities should **not** be placed
 - a. in “*the kingdom of the air*”
 - b. yet sometimes we do that.
 - i. **Actually, most** people do that
 - c. It’s misplaced priorities
 - d. **even when** it seems that
 - i. it’s the right thing to do.
26. **That Kingdom** is not under the rulership of **God**,
 - a. **rather** it’s under the rulership of **Satan**

27. **GOD WANTS YOU!**

- a. He wants **you** to participate in His Kingdom
- b. By sending Jesus to die on the cross
 - i. He has **opened the door**
 - ii. For you to **escape** the Kingdom of the air
 - iii. And **enter into** His eternal Kingdom

28. BUT GOD HAS LEFT THE CHOICE UP TO YOU

29. **Only you can decide** which Kingdom

- a. **And which King** you want to be a part of

And **now you know** the TALE OF 3 KINGDOMS