

# UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOMS

*“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)*

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## *“The Kingdom of Heaven”*

- ❖ Found only in **MATTHEW**, the Gospel of the **KING**. The expression is used 33 times in 32 verses.
- ❖ Physical, literal dominion created by God and given to man (Adam). Man lost that dominion by rebelling against the Creator’s law.
- ❖ Contains both **SAVED** and **LOST** souls. Consider the parables of the wheat and tares.
- ❖ Offered to the Jews at the First Coming of Christ. “The kingdom of heaven is at hand!”
- ❖ This kingdom was rejected by the Jews along with their rightful King. Now the nations take the kingdom by force and violence (Matt.11:12).
- ❖ It will come in its fullest extent during the Millennium under the reign of the King of Kings
- ❖ Unites with Kingdom of God at Christ’s Coming.



## *“The Kingdom of God”*

- ❖ The expression is used 70 times in 69 verses in the Gospels and Epistles.
- ❖ Spiritual, invisible (Luke 17:20). Entered into only by the new birth (John 3:3).
- ❖ Only the **SAVED** are part of this kingdom.
- ❖ Offered to the Jews at the First Coming of Christ, “The Kingdom of God is at hand!”
- ❖ This kingdom was rejected by the Jews along with their rightful King. Now this kingdom is offered to the Jews and Gentiles who will believe (Matt.21:43).
- ❖ This kingdom is **INWARD** and **INTANGIBLE** (Rom. 14:17).
- ❖ It will come and re-unite with the Kingdom of Heaven in the Person of Christ at His Second Coming.