

# “The Kingdom Of God Is In Your Midst”

## Introduction:

- A. “What is truth?”
- B. Why not consult the Owner’s Manual?
  1. It teaches us that the goal of our Creator is to build a community of people who will acknowledge Him as their God.
  2. He seeks a relationship based upon my willingness to humble myself and exalt Him as King.

## I. The Meaning Of *Kingdom*

- A. *Daniel 4* – example of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon
- B. The vital message of *Revelation 11:15*
- C. “Kingdom” implies that there is a people under the reign of the King.

## II. The Kingdom Of God and Israel

- A. God reigns over all nations (*Psalms 95:1-3; 29:3-4,10; 47:2,6-8; 96:10-13*).
- B. In the Old Testament, in a specific sense, Jehovah desired to be acknowledged as King over the nation of Israel (*Exodus 19:5-6; Isaiah 43:14-15*).
- C. One of the themes of the Old Testament is the proving of the chosen nation of Israel and her kings to be imperfect manifestations of the reign of God.
- D. The prophets looked forward to a better day (*Isaiah 24:23; Obadiah 21; Zechariah 14:9*).

## III. The Kingdom Of God And Jesus

- A. Jesus of Nazareth steps onto the scene with words that His Jewish audience had been waiting to hear for more than 500 years! (*Matthew 4:17,23; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:43*).
- B. Two great themes:
  1. “*The time is fulfilled*”
  2. “*The kingdom of heaven is at hand*”

**Conclusion:** *can we encourage YOU to be a part of that kingdom?*