

# **“The Kingdom of Heaven & The Kingdom of God”**

**All Scripture is KJV:**

## **INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY?**

Just for your information there is a Doctrine out there that says the Kingdom of Heaven was given to the Jews, and that the Kingdom of God, is written unto the Christians?

There is an agenda out there to try and elevate the Jews above the Christians, and to somehow say that the Jews in Israel have a special place in the Kingdom of Heaven.

- Well I am here today to show you from the scriptures that; that is not the case.

Somehow they, the heretic theologians would want to teach you that there is a difference between the Kingdom of Heaven, and the Kingdom of God.

- Because if they can get that right it gives them an opportunity to put the Jews above that of the saved Gentiles.
- But remember what Jesus told Paul. He said.....

### **Romans 10:12**

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

### **Galatians 3:28**

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

1. Remembering what it's going to be like in the last days.....we need to be aware Jesus said.....for if it were possible even the elect would be deceived.
2. But you brethren are not so.....that; that day should overtake you as a thief.
3. You see deception is what Satan is using.....and Jesus warned us against him.

And NO.....the Beatitudes were not written to the Jews or the other people groups.

4. The Beatitudes were addressed to his 12 apostles. So to say that the Beatitudes were written to the Jews is incorrect.
5. In fact the passage of scripture in Matthew 5 opens to say that when he had seen the multitudes he went up into a high mountain and called his disciples, and then began to teach them.
6. If you notice that in **Matthew 4:25** many different nationalities tried to come to him to be healed.

<sup>25</sup> **And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.**

7. The bible says in Matthew 5:1 that when he saw these people he left to go up into a high mountain.

- People will try and use the beatitudes to say that Jesus wrote the book of Matthew primarily to the Jews. Which of course is also a lie.
- If that was the case then how come all the other Gospels say the same things to other people groups?

**Romans 16:25-27** <sup>25</sup> Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, <sup>26</sup> But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, **made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:**

### **2 Timothy 3:16**

**All scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

1. What the majority of people forget is that the Jews are not Israel, and Israel is not the Jews.
2. But people will automatically insert the word Jews into places that don't even mention it. Like in Rev 14 with the 144,000.
3. Failure to understand the history of Israel is a failure to understand the scriptures, which eventually results in a distorted theology.

So the question is.....

What is the Kingdom of Heaven and What is the Kingdom of God.

Again we turn to the bible itself for the answers.

- For after all the Kingdom of heaven is mention 32 times in Matthew only.
- And the Kingdom of God is mentioned 69 times in the NT books.
- ✓ So this is where we are going to get our answers.
- ✓ Look what Jesus said.

### **Matthew 19:23-24**

<sup>23</sup> Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, **That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

<sup>24</sup> And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for **a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.**

- Yet people will look at this scripture and still not believe it.
- Even though Jesus has used it interchangeably here in the very same context.
- ✓ They will say to you that you just don't understand .....and that it's not the same thing.

Well then how about some more scriptures to back that statement up.

**Matthew 4:17**<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

**Matthew 3:2**<sup>2</sup> And saying, Repent ye: for the **kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

**Mark 1:15**<sup>15</sup> And saying, The time is fulfilled, and **the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.**

- ✓ Still not convinced.....how about.

**Luke 13:28**<sup>28</sup> There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the **kingdom of God**, and you yourselves thrust out.

**Matthew 8:11**<sup>11</sup> And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the **kingdom of heaven.**

- ✓ Still not convinced?
- ✓ You might say well that may be so but I still don't believe that the Beatitudes were written all nations, and that the beatitudes were written to the Kingdom of heaven people, which are the Jews? - Well let's test the scriptures on that also.

**Matthew 5:3**<sup>3</sup> Blessed are **the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Luke 6:20**<sup>20</sup> And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, **Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.**

- ✓ What about other scriptures in Matthew 11:11.

**Matthew 11:11**<sup>11</sup> Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a **greater than John the Baptist**: notwithstanding he that is least **in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.**

**Luke 7:28**<sup>28</sup> For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a **greater prophet than John the Baptist**: but he that is least **in the kingdom of God is greater than he.**

- ✓ So at this point what would you say about the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven?
- ✓ Are they the same thing?

Still not convinced maybe?.....then here are more scriptures.

**Matthew 13:11**<sup>11</sup> He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to **know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it is not given.

**Luke 8:10**<sup>10</sup> And he said, Unto you it is given to **know the mysteries of the kingdom of God:** but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

✓ What about another scripture.....just in case you still have doubts.

**Matthew 13:24**<sup>24</sup> Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, **The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:**

**Mark 4:26**<sup>26</sup> And he said, **So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;**

- ✓ So can't you see that these two sayings are exactly the same. That God uses them interchangeably?
- ✓ But yet many people don't know this? And don't even want to know it and they don't even want to believe it.
- ✓ I am going to give you one more scripture in 2 verses just in case this can make or break your deal.

**Matthew 18:3-4**<sup>3</sup> And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and **become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**<sup>4</sup> **Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

**Mark 10:14-15**<sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, **Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.**<sup>15</sup> **Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein**

- ✓ So wouldn't you say that if all this was confirmed by Jesus, is it not the same thing then used synonymously?
- ❖ One of the main reasons why people do not want to believe that these two are same is because they really want to hang onto the Kingdom of Heaven.
- ❖ Because what they want you to believe is that although the kingdom of God was taken from a people, it was not taken from the Jews.

### **Matthew 21:42-44**

<sup>42</sup> Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? <sup>43</sup> **Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you,** and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

<sup>44</sup> And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

CLOSE IN PRAYER.....