

The Present Spiritual Kingdom

I. The Present Kingdom, as opposed to the coming one, is *SPIRITUAL* in nature

Colossians 1:13-18

Romans 14:17 – “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the *Holy Spirit*.”

Ephesians 1:20-23

Matthew 12:28 – “But if it is *by the Spirit of God* that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

II. Our dealing with the spiritual kingdom today determines our position in the coming physical kingdom

Matthew 18:17,18

1 Corinthians 5:11; 6:9

Matthew 24:45-47 – “Who then is the faithful and wise slave whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.”

III. The present spiritual kingdom is God’s *instrument* in ushering in the coming physical kingdom

2 Peter 3:11,12 – “Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, *waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God*.”

Revelation 19:7,8 – “Let us rejoice and exult and give him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and *his Bride has made herself ready*; it was granted her to *clothe herself* with fine linen, bright and pure’ – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of *the saints*.”

Revelation 12

Romans 16:20 – “The God of peace will soon crush Satan *under your feet*. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”