

“The New Heaven and the New Earth: The **Mediatorial** and **Universal** Kingdom of God”
Daniel 4:34-35

“For the LORD is **our judge**; the LORD is **our lawgiver**; the LORD is **our king**; He will **save us**.”
(Isaiah 33:22)

The Universal Kingdom is, as Creator, God has every right to rule, the Father rules over all that He has been created — and He actively rules and reigns over all things, accomplishing all His purposes.

The Mediatorial Kingdom may be defined as the rule of God through a divinely chosen representative who speaks and acts for God. Its mediatorial ruler is always a member of the human race. God uses these “rulers” to reveal Himself and His plan of salvation, ultimately seen **in Jesus Christ**.

- **The Universal Kingdom** (Psalm 145:13; Psalm 115:3; **Daniel 4:17,25,32,34-35; 6:26-27**).
 - Man has no responsibility in this Kingdom (Psalm 103:19; **Ephesians 1:11**; Psalm 115:3).
 - All Creation, including humanity, worship and recognize His Universal Reign when we operate according to design (**Psalm 148:1-14**; Colossians 1:17).
 - God sustains Creation even when it does not operate in its “very good” state (Colossians 1:17).
- **The Mediatorial Kingdom** (Matthew 4:17; 6:10; 28:18-20; 1 Corinthians 15:23-28; Revelation 3:21; 22:3).
 - Man’s responsibility to be a part of this kingdom is to repent and believe. It is seen in our obedience (Philippians 1:27; **Colossians 1:10-13**) and it will be seen must fully in our reigning with Christ (1 Corinthians 6:2; 2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 5:10; 20:4, 6).
 - Leaders in the Mediatorial Kingdom were **chosen by God** and given **Divine Authority** and a **Divine Message (Matthew 28:18-20)**.
 - Abraham, Moses, David, Judges, Samuel, Saul, Solomon, the Prophets, and ultimately Christ!
- We are called to preach the Kingdom of God (**Acts 20:25; 28:30-31; Luke 24:27,44-47**).
 - *The Kingdom consists of the Old Testament predictions, the Covenants, Israel’s rejection of the Messiah; the 2nd Coming; The Millennial Kingdom, and the Eternal State.*
- Man has a natural disposition to reject God’s Universal Reign and His Mediatorial Reign.
 - Psalm 2:1-12
 - Psalm 2:1-3: Man’s desire to reject God’s rule and reign.
 - Psalm 2:4-6: God’s Universal and Mediatorial Kingdom.
 - Psalm 2:7-12: Christ’s reign Mediatorially and our response to it.
 - Daniel 4:34-36 (Universal Reign)
 - Daniel 7:13-14 (Mediatorial Reign)
- Jesus’ Kingship Biblically:
 - Jesus is King of a spiritual kingdom (John 17:3; Romans 8:2).
 - Jesus will also be King over the Geo-political nations (Psalm 2:8-9; Revelation 19:15; Zechariah 9:10; 14:9,16-19; Isaiah 2:2-4).
 - Jesus will also be King as He restores all of Creation (Isaiah 11; Hosea 2:18; Romans 8:19-22; Genesis 49:8-12; Psalm 72:16; Colossians 1:15-20).

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of April, we are collecting monetary donations for HeartCry Missionary Society. The goal of their ministry is to facilitate the advancement of indigenous missionaries throughout the world. Their strategy consists of four primary components: financial support, theological training, Scripture and literature distribution, and the supply of any tool necessary to facilitate the completion of the Great Commission. There is a container on the back table for monetary donations, or you can give on Venmo and make a note that it is for HeartCry.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch THIS Sunday, April 21st, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be THIS Sunday, April 21st, from 5:30-7pm. If you would like to participate in this, we have a sign-up list on the table in the entryway. We have that hour and a half broken up into 15 minute increments, you are welcome to sign up for as many time slots as you would like to. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body.