

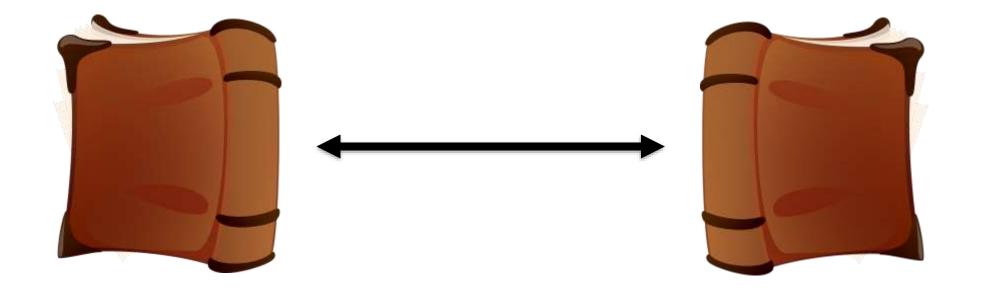
Message

"The kingdom of God..."

'with God's people, in God's place, under God's rule, and enjoying God's blessing.'

Genesis 12

1 Kings 11



'The kingdom of God...'





BIBLE

THE PROPHETS







'The time has come...The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

(Mark 1:15)

'For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ.' (2 Cor. 1:20)

The kingdom of God... God's people



'I am the true vine...you are the branches.'

(John 15:1, 5)

The kingdom of God... God's place



'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God....the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.'

(John 1:1, 14)



'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour'...



'Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

(Luke 4:18-21)



'Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!'

The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!'...



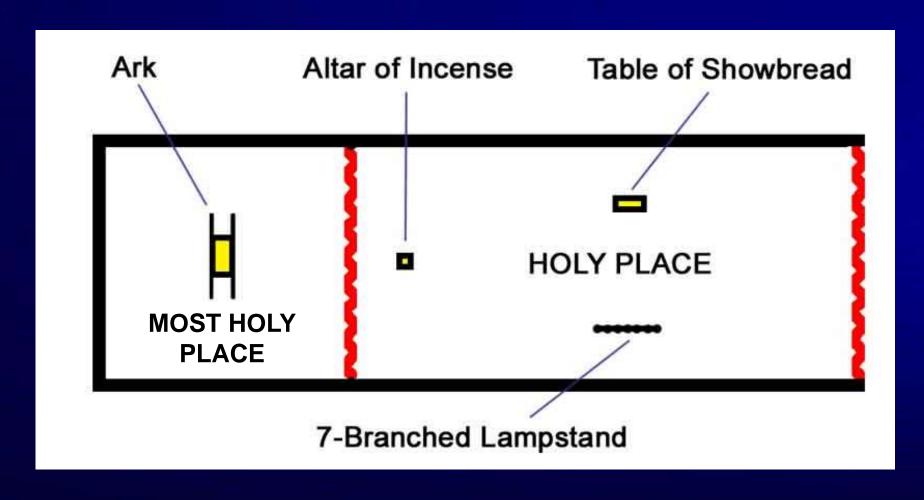
'Jesus stopped and called them. 'What do you want me to do for you?' he asked.

'Lord,' they answered, 'we want our sight.' Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.'

(Matthew 20:30-34)



Hebrews 9:1-5... foreshadowing in the tabernacle



Hebrews 9:6-7...

foreshadowing in the tabernacle

'When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance.'

(Heb. 9:6-7)

Hebrews 9:8-10... foreshadowing in the tabernacle

'The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still functioning. This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshipper.'

(Heb. 9:8-9)

Hebrews 9:11-15... foreshadowing in the tabernacle Jesus...

- Came as a new high priest v11
- Went to an heavenly tabernacle v11
- Gained access by His own blood v12
- Secured eternal redemption v12
- Ushered in a new promise and relationship v15





Missing the kingdom...



'You will be a blessing...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'

Genesis 12:2-3





Jesus embodied the kingdom of God...

Have we missed this?

Are we lukewarm towards Him?

Do we reflect the heart of God and the way of the Kingdom?