



## Middleburg Memos

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The one true and living God is \_\_\_\_\_, and His Kingdom represents His \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_. The Bible is filled with images and metaphors of \_\_\_\_\_. (See Isaiah 6:1–8)

The Bible also uses royal \_\_\_\_\_ to refer to \_\_\_\_\_. (See Matthew 25:31 and Isaiah 9:6)

The Kingdom of God is not like the kingdoms of this world. Earthly kingdoms are \_\_\_\_\_; the Kingdom of God is \_\_\_\_\_. Earthly kings rule over \_\_\_\_\_ kingdoms, but God’s rule knows no \_\_\_\_\_.

God’s rule is established by His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Thus, the Kingdom of God is an \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom—a Kingdom in which God’s rule is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (See Hebrews 12:28)

The Kingdom of God is a \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the Bible. Scripture presents us with an understanding of the Kingdom that is deeply rooted in biblical \_\_\_\_\_, very relevant to the \_\_\_\_\_, but ultimately focused on the \_\_\_\_\_.

In the Old Testament the Kingdom of God is seen in God’s \_\_\_\_\_ over all \_\_\_\_\_. The OT writers understood that God’s purposes would be worked out in the unfolding of \_\_\_\_\_.

In the New Testament Jesus frequently preached about the Kingdom of God—even as He announced His own ministry—and declared that the Kingdom was \_\_\_\_\_. (See Matthew 4:17) In other words, where Christ is \_\_\_\_\_, the Kingdom of God is \_\_\_\_\_.

There is coming a day when Christ’s Kingdom will be fully \_\_\_\_\_...when every knee will \_\_\_\_\_ and every tongue \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:10–11)

Christ’s appearing as the sign that the Kingdom of God had come was evident in...

1. His \_\_\_\_\_
2. The fact that demons \_\_\_\_\_ His commands
3. The fact that even the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ obeyed His voice

Although God’s rule extends to all \_\_\_\_\_ in all \_\_\_\_\_ at all \_\_\_\_\_, the Kingdom of God is identified with and understood by those who confess Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

We must be careful not to make an absolute identification between the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. The church is the eternal \_\_\_\_\_ of God, whereas the Kingdom is the eternal \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

God’s Kingdom extends \_\_\_\_\_ the church, even throughout the new \_\_\_\_\_ and the new \_\_\_\_\_ and to all orders of created beings, including \_\_\_\_\_. However, in this age and on this planet, the church is the \_\_\_\_\_ representation of the Kingdom of God in all its \_\_\_\_\_ and with all its \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus instructed His disciples to pray, “Your Kingdom come...” (Matthew 6:10). Such a prayer is an important act of Christian \_\_\_\_\_ that represents not only \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s rule but also determination to faithfully \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Kingdom in our lives.

Ultimately, the revelation of the Kingdom of God awaits the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ and the total \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s purposes.

**Cross-References:** *Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Matthew 3:2; 4:8-10, 23; 12:25-28; 13:1-52; 25:31-46; 26:29; Mark 1:14-15; 9:1; Luke 4:43; 8:1; 9:2; 12:31-32; 17:20-21; 23:42; John 3:3; 18:36; Acts 1:6-7; 17:22-31; Romans 5:17; 8:19; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 11:10,16; 12:28; 1 Peter 2:4-10; 4:13; Revelation 1:6, 9; 5:10; 11:15; 21-22*