

**Eschatology I: Jesus & Paul**  
**Covenant Presbyterian Church, Tullahoma - Adult Sunday school**  
Sunday, September 3 2023

**Lesson 01: The Kingdom of God, part 1 - What is it?**

“The central theme of Jesus’ message is the coming of the kingdom of God... The whole of the preaching of Jesus Christ and his apostles is concerned with the kingdom of God... It is hardly possible to mention any other theme equal in importance to that of the kingdom of heaven.” Herman Ridderbos, *The Coming of the Kingdom*

1. What is the Kingdom of God? The kingship and reign of God and his Anointed over his people and his creation.
  - a. The universal rule of God - Psalm 10:16; 24:1,8,10; 95:3; 99:1; Rev. 4:2-11
  - b. God rules over his particular people - Gen. 17:5-8; Ex. 19:5-6; Deut. 7:6
  - c. God rules through his anointed king - 2 Sam. 7:10-16; Ps 2:6-7; 78:70-71; 110:1; Jer. 33:15-17
  - d. God’s perfect & final rule - Gen. 12:3; Psalm 2:8-9; 110:5-7; Isaiah 11:9-10; 60:1-5; Jer. 23:5-8; 32:37-41; Ezek. 37:21-28; Micah 4:1-3

2. Who brings about the Kingdom of God?

“The revelation of the kingdom is the revelation of Christ.” Ridderbos, *TCG*

“The idea of the coming of the kingdom is pre-eminently the idea of the kingly self-assertion of God, of his coming to the world in order to reveal his royal majesty, power and right... In the coming of the kingdom God first and foremost reveals *himself* as the creator and king who does not abandon his world to perdition but is his people’s savior and promiser... The kingdom of heaven cannot be conceived as an impersonal metaphysical event, but as the coming of God himself as king.” Ridderbos, *TCG*

“*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*” Matt. 16:16 (Mk. 8:29, Lk. 9:20)

“*These things are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.*” John 20:31