

## The Eternal Kingdom: The End Goal of All Things (10/10)

Texts: Daniel 7:13–14; Revelation 21:1–5

Focus: The Kingdom fully realized when Christ returns — a call to hope, perseverance, worship, and repentance leading to baptism as the only entry to life with God now and for all eternity.

We have a vision that pulls us forward: the coming of the Eternal Kingdom of God - when Christ reigns fully and all things are made new.

**Big Idea: The Kingdom of God is the eternal reign of Christ — promised in Daniel, fulfilled in Jesus, and consummated at His return. That coming Kingdom calls us to hope, perseverance, worship, and repentance leading to new life in Christ.**

### 1. The Promise of the Eternal Kingdom (Daniel 7:13–14)

Daniel's vision pierces through the chaos of empires and reveals a glorious hope: *"I saw one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was given authority, glory, and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away..."*

This prophecy finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ, the 'Son of Man.' His Kingdom is eternal, not temporary. Every human kingdom will fall — His will stand forever.

**Application:** Place your hope not in politics, wealth, or worldly success, but in the Kingdom that cannot be shaken. When we see the world in chaos, remember: the Son of Man still reigns.

### 2. The Fulfillment of the Kingdom (Revelation 21:1–5)

John sees what Daniel longed for — the Kingdom fully realized: *"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth... He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain..."*

This is the Eternal Kingdom — the union of heaven and earth under God's perfect rule. No more sin, separation, or suffering — because the King Himself will dwell with His people.

**Application:** The Eternal Kingdom gives us hope to endure trials. It calls us to persevere through suffering - because this world is not our home. It fuels our worship — we were made for this coming glory.

### 3. The Call to Enter the Kingdom — Repent and Be Baptised

Jesus proclaimed: *"Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven has come near."* (Matthew 4:17) Peter declared at Pentecost: *"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."* (Acts 2:38)

Entry into the Eternal Kingdom begins now - through repentance and baptism. We don't earn the Kingdom; we enter it through surrender. Baptism marks our death to sin and rebirth into life with God - the sign that we now belong to the eternal King.

**Application:** The Kingdom is not automatic - it requires repentance, faith, and obedience. Baptism isn't the finish line of faith; it's the starting point of a new life under King Jesus. Have you entered the Kingdom? If not, today is the day to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins - the only entry into life now and forever.

#### **4. The Response of Kingdom Citizens — Hope, Perseverance, Worship**

As those who belong to the Eternal Kingdom, we live in hope, endurance, and adoration. **Hope** – We know how the story ends. **Perseverance** – We keep serving, forgiving, and believing. **Worship** – Because the Eternal King is worthy now and forever.

Application: Let worship become our weapon of endurance. Let's keep our eyes on eternity. It gives perspective to every pain. Live now in light of then. Every act of faithfulness now echoes in eternity.

#### **Conclusion: The Kingdom Is Coming — Be Ready**

The Eternal Kingdom is not a fantasy - it's the final reality. Daniel saw it promised. John saw it fulfilled. We will see it revealed. Christ is coming again to make all things new. Until then, we wait with hope, live with endurance, and worship with joy.

If you belong to Christ - keep your eyes on the horizon. The King is coming.

If you have not yet repented and been baptised — today is the day of salvation. The gates of the Kingdom are open, but only through Jesus.

Live with hope. Persevere in faith. Worship the King. And enter the Eternal Kingdom through repentance, baptism, and lifelong devotion to Jesus Christ.

#### **Reflection & Discussion Questions**

- 1. How does Daniel's vision of the Son of Man encourage me when the world seems unstable?**
- 2. What part of Revelation's picture of the new creation gives me the most hope?**
- 3. Have I repented and been baptised as a response to Christ's call to enter the Kingdom?**
- 4. What would living as a citizen of the Eternal Kingdom look like in my daily life?**

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