



*What is  
The Kingdom  
Of Heaven?*



# What is the Kingdom of Heaven?

- It is wherever Jesus rules as King
  - ❖ Kingdom Now & Kingdom to Come
- It is where Jesus is King of the Heart
  - ❖ Kingdom Now
- It is where Jesus is Lord of the Earth
  - ❖ Kingdom to Come





# The Kingdom of Heaven in Systematic Theologies

## ➤ Kingdom Now Only

- ❖ Classic Covenantal, Theonomy, and the NAR, some Amil–Millennialist. Requires some form of Post–Millennialism.
- ❖ This view weak to political idolatries like Christian Nationalism and Antisemitism; no concept of physical restoration of Israel



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## ➤ Kingdom to Come Only

- ❖ Dispensationalism and Messianic Judaism.
- ❖ Kingdom tied to an Israel separate from the Church.
- ❖ No basis for mandate to claim Christ Lord of all of Life Now
- ❖ This view is weak before secular narratives



# The Kingdom of Heaven in Systematic Theologies

- **No Kingdom – Christianity only a religion**
  - ❖ Wokeness, Prog Christianity, Mainline, Hist-Critical, some Amillennialists (requires Amillennialism and secular/pagan narratives)
  - ❖ Weak to secular narratives and apostasy as it effectively denies the Lordship of Christ and boxes Christianity into the box of religion.



# The Kingdom of Heaven in Systematic Theologies

## ➤ Kingdom Now and Kingdom to Come

- ❖ Progressive Covenantalism, Messianic Christianity, few Amillennialists.
- ❖ Requires Historic Premillennialism.
- ❖ This is the only view that accounts adequately for both Israel and the Church.
- ❖ No weaknesses; This is what the Bible teaches!!!



# Where Jesus is King of the Heart



Luke 17:20–21 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God **does not come with observation;** (21) nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, **the kingdom of God is within you.**"



# Pressing into the Kingdom Now



Luk 16:16 "The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it."



# Kingdom Multiplication



Luk 13:20–21 And again He said, "To what shall I liken the kingdom of God? (21) It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."



# Where Jesus is Lord of the Earth



Luke 19:12–15 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. (13) So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come...'



# Where Jesus is Lord of the Earth

Luke 19:12–15 ... (14) But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.' (15) "And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.



# Where Jesus is Lord of the Earth

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Mat 25:31–34 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, **then He will sit on the throne of His glory.** (32) All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats...



# Where Jesus is Lord of the Earth



Mat 25:31–34 ... (33) And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. (34) Then the King will say to those on His right hand, **'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**



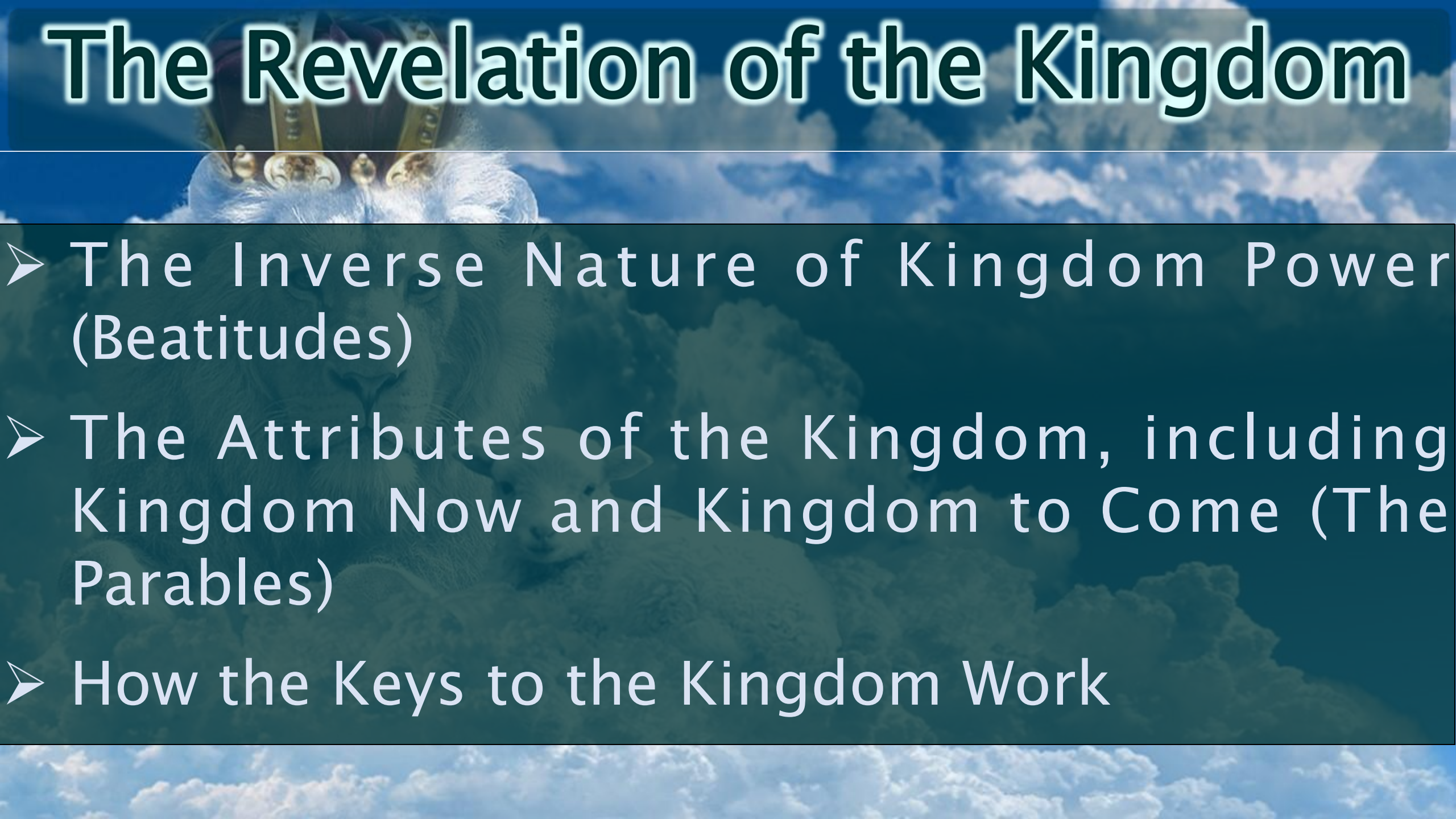
# Wherever Jesus Rules as King



1 Co 15:23–25 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. (24) Then comes the end, when He delivers the **kingdom** to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. (25) **For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.**



# The Revelation of the Kingdom



- The Inverse Nature of Kingdom Power (Beatitudes)
- The Attributes of the Kingdom, including Kingdom Now and Kingdom to Come (The Parables)
- How the Keys to the Kingdom Work





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