

The Kingdom of YHWH¹/ of heaven²

We find it very unfortunate that the most important message delivered to First Century Israel about “the Kingdom of God (YHWH)/of heaven” by the Prophet Yahshua (aka Jesus) is seldom presented correctly or even understood. Not only was this message by the prophet important, it was the primary mission that the Prophet Yahshua was sent to deliver to the Israelites, Matt. 4:16-17, 23. We believe that one of the reasons is because many people have become completely dependent upon, and tend to believe, that the words translators elected to use when they translated the original Hebrew or Greek Bible words into English are correct. Often however, important word definitions in Hebrew or Greek are completely lost because of careless or even deceptive English replacement words used to translate the original languages into a language like English. English over the last two thousand years now provides many word choices that the much older more ancient and simpler languages did not have available and did not use.

One of the most deceptive English words still used today in many English Bibles is the word “God.” This English word is often used to substitute for the Hebrew word “Alueim.” Alueim is a plural noun that has the meaning of “Powers or Mighty-ones” like the English word “deer” can be singular or plural. The word Alueim is sometimes used with a singular verb in Hebrew. The problem is that this Hebrew Word can refer to Prophets, Priests, Kings, and others that hold a position of authority. Those with authority can all be described as an “Alueim” in Hebrew (including the Almighty, when context determines meaning). Therefore, just because an English Bible uses the word “God” it is not always referring to the Almighty Sovereign Creator Power, the Ever-living named YHWH. Often the Hebrew word is “Alueim.”

The second most deceptive word used in Bibles, is the word “LORD.” This is an English derivative word coming from French, denoting a superior position, or one with authority. “Lord” has much the same meaning as the word “Alueim.” The word “LORD” is also a substitute word, but used to replace the Hebrew name of the Almighty, which is YHWH (YaH-WeH). Yahweh means “He-Exists, He-Is, or Ever-Living.” We describe YHWH as the “Life-Force Essence” because our Sovereign (heavenly Father) is the original originator of everything in the Universe that exists, has existed, or will ever exist. This is some statement isn’t it?

The same thing has happened with the name “Jesus.” This name was transliterated from Hebrew/Aramaic-into Greek, then into Latin, and into English, transforming the Hebrew name of “Yahshua.” The Hebrew name of the prophet re-named “Jesus” is YaH-ShAh (Yah-shua) this Hebrew name means YaH-rescues, or YaH-Saves. Yahshua’s name actually announces his earthly message, that YHWH is the Savior (not Jesus “Yahshua”). To understand this is very important, but the meaning is completely lost in English Bible translations using the substitute name Jesus to replace the name Yah-shua. Other English words have similar deceptive names that hide the true Hebrew meanings. In this article we will use the proper word YHWH for Almighty and Yahshua.

Yahshua’s message of “the Kingdom of YHWH/of heaven”

The meaning and understanding of the message “the Kingdom of YHWH” (according to the synoptic Gospels) must be very important since it is used 76 times in the KJV. The words “Kingdom of heaven” is used some 32 times both mean the same thing. Yet many Christians or Bible students do not really have a clear understanding as to what the “Kingdom of YHWH/ of heaven” really is or what it means, even though it was Yahshua’s main message throughout his entire ministry on earth, beginning at Matt. 4:1, and the reason for why he was sent to Israel, Luke 4:43. Why then is this message so difficult for Christians to understand?

¹ The personal proper and True Name of the Almighty Sovereign Eternal Creator Power of all, the “Life-force” of Adam, the progenitor of Abraham, Isaac, and the descendants of Jacob/Israel is “**YHWH**” (Yahweh) (shown here in English letters).

² To be up, as high in the sky above, or as a reference to the authority or position of the Almighty.

Matt. 5:17. *Yahshua said -You must repent, because the "Kingdom of heaven was at hand."*

Matt. 6:33. *"But seek ye first the Kingdom of YHWH, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."*

Matt.7:21. *"Not everyone that saith unto me, Master, Master, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."*

Matt. 12:29. *"But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of YHWH, then the Kingdom of YHWH is come unto you."*

Matt. 19:24. *"And again I say unto you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of YHWH."*

Mar. 1:15. *"And saying, the time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of YHWH is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."*

The above are just a few of the many examples, but there is a point here that can be seen running through the verses; it is, that the "Kingdom of YHWH/of heaven" often requires an action on the part of the hearer. We are told to repent "*because the Kingdom of heaven was at hand.*" Matt. 10:7. We are told to seek the kingdom of YHWH, "*seek ye first the Kingdom of YHWH.*" We are told that the Kingdom of heaven comes to the one, "*that doeth the will of my Father*" which is in heaven. "We are not told to wait for the "Kingdom of YHWH" to come to earth, because it was already near, Luke 10:9. It had come upon you" Luke 11:20; and that it does not come with observation, Luke 17:20; also, that it is "*within us*" (you)," Luke 17:21. We are also not told that Yahshua was going to be the King of the Kingdom for us on earth in the future, because it had come!

Recently we heard a man make reference to "the 'Gospel' of the Kingdom;" he said, "that it is often used among charismatics." He then added, "Amazingly however, no one seemed to know what the 'Gospel' of the Kingdom meant! A few of them made an attempt to explain it, but nothing really stood out that seemed practical or believable, and more importantly, was it really Biblically-based?" Only in the last year, through the help of a friend, this man said he thought that he found out what Jesus and his apostles meant by "the Gospel of the Kingdom" or was it "the Gospel of Christ" that they were talking about (which he thought properly translated meant "the Gospel of the King"). But I said look at the subject that Yahshua was talking about, wasn't it supposed to be the "Kingdom of YHWH," not "the Gospel of the King"? Wasn't Yahshua teaching about the "Kingdom of YHWH/of heaven?" Did Yahshua ever say, "The Gospel of the King" or the "Gospel of Christ"? No, he did not say that anywhere, so this meaning cannot be correct. Yahshua was talking about the "Kingdom of YHWH/of heaven." Did the Gospel writers make a mistake? I don't think so, in this case.

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The use of the word "Kingdom" is commonly understood in English to be a realm or a physical authority of The Almighty Sovereign Power Creator of the universe on earth. Some think it means a future physical coming realm or a rule on earth by Yahshua. This however, is very unfortunate, since it misses the true Greek/Aramaic meaning as used in ancient Biblical culture and Israelite tribal customs. Remember, Yahshua is speaking to descendants of the Israelites, not to people living in our age and in a time over 2,000+ years in the future, after Yahshua was executed. We believe it is through mistranslations, poor understanding, and bad English word selections, replacing the ancient vernacular of the Hebrew-Greek language and idioms, where many translations go off of track from the correct understanding of what were understood by the ancients.

George M. Lamza, in his book "The Kingdom on Earth" has this interesting paragraph. *"The Aramaic word malkotha, [translated in Greek as basileia] kingdom, also means counsel; the term "malko" king, means a tribal counselor. Thus God's kingdom also means God's counsel. Where injustice and suffering are dominate, people pray for a better rule, and where earthly rulers and kings fail to do justice and remedy the conditions, they pray for God's rule and His kingdom (His counsel) to prevail."*

Yahweh's (counsel) is not going to come by observation, nor will His Kingdom be "earthly." We must be faithful and do our part, our action, or things will never change. If we elect wicked and unrighteous rulers, we can expect to get a wicked and unrighteous rule. Yahshua said:

Matt. 12:5. *"The Kingdom of Yahweh is within you...."* If the Kingdom of YHWH is within us, it is up to us as His righteous representatives here on earth, to make the Kingdom of YHWH happen. We are the brothers and sisters of Yahshua, and therefore YHWH's representatives, (His Kingdom) on earth. Matt. 12:50.

Therefore the (Gospel) message of Yahshua was for the sons of Yahweh to repent, to turn to YHWH's counsel and make righteousness on earth happen. The kingdom is not some physical place - it is an authority (a Counsel) that the Father makes available to His sons/daughters when they do His will and become obedient. His authority will dwell within them, when they seek it, and then use it.

In the Hebrew Bible, the Kingdom (counsel, or authority) rested upon the anointed Priesthood, upon Kings, or the prophets as YHWH's representatives; they then directed the people by their authority. Over time, this system became corrupted and was infiltrated by Edomites. In Yahshua's time it was in the process of changing and being renewed, a "Re-newed Covenant" was coming (but not a "New Covenant"). The re-newed Covenant would require the destruction of the complete cultic Temple worship/sacrificial payment system (the old). This happened in 70 CE as was prophesied by Yahshua in Matt. 24. With the Temple destroyed, the Priesthood was also destroyed and along with the priesthood, the complete cultic system of worship. What was in the past as "external law" administered by Priests and kings would now become "internal law" for the obedient sons of the Father, the brothers and sisters of Yahshua (the true believers). No longer would the priesthood or a king be the counsel or sole authority for the people. The good news (gospel) message of Yahshua was: that the counsel (kingdom, of authority) was now available to all Israelite believers who would seek and ask YHWH for His counsel, expect to receive it, and then do the will of YHWH on earth.

YHWH's authority is the only real authority there is. He is the only one worth obeying. Submitting ourselves to the "ordinances after the traditions of men" (e.g. like covering our heads by tradition) will only lead to personal bondage and suffering. Real authority is also possible by observing the life of Yahshua, and through the illumination of YHWH's counsel; His Kingdom within us. No amount of physical effort will accomplish this, but when one of YHWH's children is empowered by His counsel, they will also express His "Kingdom (counsel) of heaven" on Earth. That is real power and that then is real authority.

To review: The first thing Yahshua taught in his First Century message to Israel, and to us was; ***"Repent for the Kingdom (counsel) of heaven is at hand"*** (Matthew 4:17). Repentance, personal accountability to the will of YHWH is the first step to fulfilling the Kingdom (counsel) of YHWH within each of us. ***Without this foundational "first" principle, the Kingdom (counsel) of YHWH does not exist on any other level.***

Personal sovereignty, seeking YHWH's counsel, and each individual taking responsibility for his personal instruction, sustenance, and protection on all levels, **is the Kingdom of YHWH**. As we grow into small individual sovereigns, we also begin to mature into "Son-ship." When we become "kings" over our own mind, and over our own actions, a result shown in our daily lives, then we learn sovereignty. When we exercise self-government according to the will and counsel of YHWH, we enter into and experience the Kingdom counsel of YHWH, and also the Government "Kingdom" of YHWH. If we reject His will and if we refuse to be governed by the principles of YHWH's Divine Edict, and avoid keeping the Covenant/contract (the Commandments) we will then also refuse citizenship in the Kingdom of YHWH, and Kingdom of heaven. Until we do, we cannot become children within His heavenly household; we will just simply remain on the outside. The Kingdom "within" us is the foundational principle of all other facets of the Kingdom (counsel) of YHWH.

If the Kingdom of YHWH is not found within us, it will not be found on the outside either!

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