

The Kingdom from the Heavens
Interpreting the Gospel of Matthew

- The Kingdom from the Heavens is distinct from the Kingdom of God (Mt. 19:23-25).
 - Repent! Why? (Mt. 3:1-2); No longer to wait for Jehovah's return.
 - The Anointed One is back among Israel (Ps. 2:2).
 - Kingdoms have different forms—mobility of God.
- 1.** The Kingdom of God during the Old Testament (Ps. 103:17-22).
- 1) Throne, kingdom, dominion (*cf.* Is. 66:1).
 - 2) Men: fear/reverence, covenant, precepts.
 - 3) Angel: hosts/armies, do His pleasure.
 - 4) Saved men, unfallen spirit beings.
- 2.** The Kingdom from the Heavens during the Old Testament (Dan. chapters 4 and 10; 1 Kings 22:19-22).
- 1) The Heavens rule over earth through angels.
 - 2) God uses base human rulers in His plan.
 - 3) The kingdom is “seen” or manifest.
 - 4) Includes both saved and unsaved men; fallen and unfallen angels.