THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KINGDOM

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Theories concerning the establishment of the Kingdom:

a. Before the foundation of the world

b. To the House of Abraham

c. In the days of John the Baptist

d. During the personal ministry of Christ

e. On the day of Pentecost

f. A.D. 70 .

g. At Christ’s second coming

**At what time in the world’s history was the Church established?**

**Daniel 2:44**

And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

The Kingdom would be established in the time of the Roman Empire, thus after Daniel’s day.

According to the Scriptures

**Matthew 3:1-2** John the Baptist announced the Kingdom was at hand, circa A.D. 27

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

**Matthew 4:17** Jesus announced the Kingdom was at hand

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

**Matthew 6:10** Jesus prayed for the Kingdom

Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.

**Matthew 6:33** Jesus commanded others to seek the Kingdom

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

**Matthew 16:18** Jesus promised to build the Church

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

**Mark 9:1** Some Apostles would live to see it

And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

**Luke 19:11** Some expected it to immediately appear

Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.

**Luke 22:18** Kingdom spoken of in the future tense at the Last Supper

“…for I say to you,I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

**Luke 23:51** Kingdom spoken of in the future tense after the Crucifixion

[Joseph] had not consented to their decision and deed. *He was* from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God.

**Acts 1:6** Disciples expected it at the ascension

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

**Revelation 1:9** The Kingdom was spoken of in present tense, circa A.D. 96

I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

**Colossians 1:13-14** The Kingdom was spoken of in present tense, circa A.D. 64

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14in whom we have redemption through His blood,the forgiveness of sins.

**1 Thessalonians 2:12** The Kingdom was spoken of in present tense, circa A.D. 53

… that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

The Conclusion of the Matter

**Luke 19:11-12, 15** Jesus went to receive His Kingdom

Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. 12Therefore He said: “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.

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.

**Acts 1:9** He ascended in the clouds

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

**Daniel 7:13,14** Daniel saw Him coming in the clouds

“I was watching in the night visions,
And behold, *One* like the Son of Man,
Coming with the clouds of heaven!
He came to the Ancient of Days,
And they brought Him near before Him.
14Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.
His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion,
Which shall not pass away,
And His kingdom *the one*
Which shall not be destroyed.

**Mark 9:1** Kingdom and power to come together

And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

**Luke 24:49** Power to come when the Spirit came

Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem[ until you are endued with power from on high.”

**Acts 1:8** Power to come when the Spirit came

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**Acts 2: 1-4** The Spirit came on the day of Pentecost, circa A.D. 33

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

***Therefore, the Spirit, Power, and Kingdom came on the day of Pentecost.***

***Scholars tell us that Pentecost came on the 12th day of the 3rd month. Peter tells us that it was the 3rd hour of the day (Acts 2:15).***

All Scripture references are from the NKJV.