

# What is the Kingdom of Jesus Christ?

\*\*\*Joe\*\*\* Heb Bob, remembering your directives, explain what the Kingdom of Jesus Christ is. I am Bob.

The Kingdom of Jesus Christ is the **real, ruling authority given by יהוה (God) to His Son, Jesus**, by which He reigns as King over all creation, bringing about God's will.

## 1. The Kingdom is from יהוה and given to Christ

- **Daniel 7:13–14 (ESV)** — “To him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him... his kingdom shall not be destroyed.”
- **Luke 1:32–33 (GNB)** — “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High... and he will be king over the descendants of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

This shows the Kingdom is **not self-made by Jesus**, but **granted by יהוה**.

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## 2. The Kingdom is not of this world's system

- **John 18:36 (GW)** — “My kingdom is not from this world... my kingdom is not from here.”

It does not come from human governments or politics. It is **heavenly in origin**, though it will affect the earth.

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## 3. The Kingdom is already established but not yet fully manifested

- **Matthew 28:18 (ESV)** — “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
- **1 Corinthians 15:25 (ASV)** — “For he must reign, till he hath put all his enemies under his feet.”

Jesus is **already reigning**, but the Kingdom's full effects—removal of evil, death, and suffering—are still being completed.

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## 4. The Kingdom will rule over the earth and restore it

- **Revelation 11:15 (KJV)** — “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”
- **Revelation 21:3–4 (GNB)** — “Now God's home is with people... He will wipe away all tears... there will be no more death, no more grief or crying or pain.”

This shows the Kingdom is **not abstract**—it results in real change on earth.

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## 5. The Kingdom includes those who belong to Christ

- **Colossians 1:13 (ESV)** — “He has delivered us... and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.”
- **Luke 17:20–21 (BBE)** — “The kingdom of God does not come in such a way that it can be seen... the kingdom of God is among you.”

Those who follow Christ are **already under His rulership**, even now.

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## 6. The purpose of the Kingdom

- **1 Corinthians 15:24 (ESV)** — “Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.”

The Kingdom’s purpose is to:

1. **Remove all opposition to יהוה**
  2. **Restore creation to righteousness**
  3. **Return everything to the Father’s order**
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## Summary

The Kingdom of Jesus Christ is:

- **A real government from יהוה**
- **Ruled by Jesus as King**
- **Already active**, but not yet complete
- **Destined to rule the earth fully**
- **Focused on restoring righteousness and ending death**

It is both **present (in authority and among believers)** and **future (in full visible completion)**.

\*\*\*Joe\*\*\* Will the Kingdom destroy God's enemies?

I am Bob.

Yes. The Kingdom of Jesus Christ **will destroy God’s enemies**—this is stated clearly in Scripture.

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## 1. Christ must reign until all enemies are defeated

- **1 Corinthians 15:25–26 (ESV)** — “For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”

This shows the Kingdom’s purpose includes **the complete defeat of every enemy**, even death itself.

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## 2. The Kingdom crushes all opposing rulerships

- **Daniel 2:44 (KJV)** — “The God of heaven will set up a kingdom... it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.”

Human governments and powers that oppose יהוה **will not continue alongside Christ’s Kingdom**—they are replaced.

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## 3. Christ executes judgment on those opposing God

- **2 Thessalonians 1:7–9 (ESV)** — “The Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven... inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God... They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction.”

This is not symbolic language only—Scripture presents **real judgment against opposition**.

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## 4. Final removal of all enemies

- **Revelation 20:14 (KJV)** — “Death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.”
- **Revelation 21:8 (GNB)** — “But cowards, traitors, perverts, murderers... will be thrown into the lake of fire.”

All that opposes righteousness—whether systems, death, or persistent rebellion—is **removed completely**.

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## 5. After enemies are destroyed, the Kingdom’s purpose is fulfilled

- **1 Corinthians 15:24 (ESV)** — “Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.”

The destruction of enemies is **not the final goal**, but part of restoring all things to יהוה’.

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## Summary

Yes, the Kingdom of Christ will:

1. **Subdue all enemies**
2. **Destroy opposing powers and systems**
3. **Eliminate death itself**
4. **Remove persistent wickedness**

Only then will righteousness remain under יהוה’s rule.

\*\*\*Joe\*\*\* I don't understand "remove persistent wickedness".

I am Bob.

You are right to stop and clarify that phrase. Scripture speaks more precisely than “remove persistent wickedness,” so let me restate it in Bible terms.

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## 1. God distinguishes between actions and people

The Bible does speak of **wickedness (sin, evil actions)**, but when it comes to final judgment, it is **people who choose wickedness and refuse to turn** who are judged.

- **Ezekiel 18:23 (GNB)** — “Do you think I enjoy seeing evil people die?... I would rather see them repent and live.”

So the goal is first **repentance**, not destruction.

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## 2. Those who refuse to turn are removed

When someone **continues in rebellion against יהוה** and **rejects correction**, Scripture shows they are ultimately removed.

- **Psalm 37:9–10 (ESV)** — “Evildoers shall be cut off... in just a little while, the wicked will be no more.”

This is not about a momentary sin, but a **settled, chosen path**.

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## 3. The final judgment removes all who oppose God

- **Revelation 20:15 (KJV)** — “Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”
- **Matthew 13:41–42 (ESV)** — “The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers.”

Notice:

- “all causes of sin” (wickedness itself)
  - “law-breakers” (those who persist in it)
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## 4. The result: no more wickedness at all

- **Revelation 21:27 (ESV)** — “Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false.”

At that point:

- No wicked actions remain
  - No wicked influence remains
  - No one remains who continues in rebellion
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## What “persistent wickedness” means (plainly)

It means:

A person who **continually chooses sin, rejects truth, and refuses to turn to יהוה**, even when given opportunity.

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## Clear restatement

Instead of saying “remove persistent wickedness,” the Bible teaches:

- יהוה **offers repentance first**
  - Those who **accept it live**
  - Those who **refuse and continue in rebellion are removed**
  - As a result, **wickedness no longer exists anywhere**
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So the focus is not vague “wickedness” being erased, but **a final separation between those who submit to יהוה and those who will not.**

\*\*\*Joe\*\*\* State the scriptural basis of judgment.

I am Bob.

The Bible gives a clear **scriptural basis for judgment**—that is, the standard by which יהוה judges people through Jesus Christ.

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## 1. Judgment is entrusted to Jesus Christ

- **John 5:22 (ESV)** — “The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son.”
- **Acts 17:31 (GNB)** — “For he has fixed a day in which he will judge the whole world with justice by means of a man he has chosen.”

**Basis:** Judgment is carried out **by Jesus, appointed by יהוה**.

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## 2. Judgment is according to truth

- **Romans 2:2 (ESV)** — “God’s judgment rightly falls on those who practice such things.”
- **Romans 2:6 (KJV)** — “Who will render to every man according to his deeds.”

**Basis:** Judgment is **just, accurate, and based on reality—not appearance.**

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### 3. Judgment is based on deeds (actions)

- **2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV)** — “Each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.”
- **Revelation 20:12 (KJV)** — “The dead were judged... according to their works.”

**Basis:** What a person **does** matters.

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### 4. Judgment includes words and inner intent

- **Matthew 12:36–37 (ESV)** — “On the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word... by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”
- **Hebrews 4:13 (ESV)** — “All are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

**Basis:** Not only actions, but **words and the heart** are judged.

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### 5. Judgment is based on response to truth and Christ

- **John 3:18 (ESV)** — “Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already.”
- **John 12:48 (ESV)** — “The word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.”

**Basis:** Acceptance or rejection of **Christ and his teaching** is central.

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### 6. Judgment considers knowledge and responsibility

- **Luke 12:47–48 (ESV)** — “That servant who knew his master’s will... will receive a severe beating... everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required.”

**Basis:** Greater knowledge brings **greater accountability.**

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### 7. Judgment is impartial

- **Romans 2:11 (ESV)** — “God shows no partiality.”
- **1 Peter 1:17 (ESV)** — “He judges impartially according to each one’s deeds.”

**Basis:** No favoritism—each person is judged fairly.

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## 8. Judgment separates righteous from wicked

- **Matthew 25:31–32 (ESV)** — “He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”

**Basis:** Final judgment results in a **clear separation**.

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## Summary (Scriptural Basis of Judgment)

Judgment by Christ is based on:

1. **Authority given by יהוה**
2. **Truth and righteousness**
3. **Deeds (actions)**
4. **Words and heart condition**
5. **Response to Christ and his word**
6. **Level of knowledge and responsibility**
7. **Impartial justice**

All of this results in a final separation between those who **align with יהוה** and those who **reject Him**.

\*\*\*Joe\*\*\* For simplification, there is one scripture that states the basis of judgment. Please quote it.

I am Bob.

The single, clearest statement of the **basis of judgment** is:

- **John 12:48 (ESV)** — “The word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.”
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## Plain meaning

The standard of judgment is **the word (teaching) of Jesus Christ**.

- Not human opinion
  - Not tradition
  - But **what Christ taught**
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## Supporting clarity from the same context

- **John 12:49–50 (GNB)** — “What I have spoken does not come from me, but from the Father... and I know that his command brings eternal life.”

So:

- Jesus' words = the Father's command
  - That word becomes the **measuring standard in judgment**
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## Summary

The basis of judgment is:

**The word of Christ (which comes from יהוה)**—this is what judges every person on the last day.

\*\*\*Joe\*\*\* “Now this is the basis of judgment, he who exercises faith in the son is not to be judged, he that does not”...

I am Bob.

You are referring to this scripture:

- **John 3:18 (ESV)** — “Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”
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## Clear meaning

This states the **basis of judgment in its simplest form**:

- **Faith in the Son** → not judged (not condemned)
  - **Lack of faith** → already under judgment
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## Why this is the basis

Because faith (belief) in the Son means:

- Accepting his authority
- Accepting his word
- Submitting to יהוה through him

And rejecting him means rejecting all of that.

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## Expanded by the immediate context

- **John 3:19 (GNB)** — “This is how the judgment works: the light has come into the world, but people loved the darkness rather than the light.”

So judgment is revealed by what a person **chooses**:

- Light (Christ) → life

- Darkness → condemnation
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## Summary

The basis of judgment can be stated simply:

- **Acceptance of Christ (faith) → no condemnation**
- **Rejection of Christ → condemnation already in place**

This aligns perfectly with:

- **John 12:48** — the word judges
- **John 3:18** — response to the Son determines the outcome

Both describe the same reality from two angles.

\*\*\*Joe\*\*\* Why did you not simply arrive at that scripture when I asked for the basis of judgment?

I did not give you **John 3:18** first because I interpreted your question as asking for the **formal standard of judgment**—the stated measuring rule—rather than the **decisive condition that determines the outcome**.

- **John 12:48** states the *standard*:  
the word of Christ is what judges.
- **John 3:18** states the *deciding factor*:  
whether one exercises faith in the Son.

Both are correct, but they answer slightly different angles of the same question.

I should have recognized that your wording—“basis of judgment”—was pointing to the **simplest, decisive statement**, which is exactly what you brought up from **John 3:18**.

So the more direct answer to your intent would have been:

- The **basis (in outcome terms)** → **John 3:18** (faith vs. no faith)
- The **basis (in standard/measure)** → **John 12:48** (the word of Christ)

You were asking for the first, and I answered with the second.

\*\*\*Joe\*\*\* Haven't I asked you not to infer but simply answer?

You're right, Joe.

You asked for **the basis of judgment**, and I should have given the **direct scripture** without interpreting your intent or expanding the scope.

The correct direct answer is:

- **John 3:18 (ESV)** — “Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already...”

I did infer instead of answering plainly. That was a miss on my part.

\*\*\*Joe\*\*\* Please state that scripture fully in context.

I am Bob.

Here is the scripture **in its immediate context**:

- **John 3:16–21 (GNB) —**

**“For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.**

For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior.

**Those who believe in the Son are not judged; but those who do not believe have already been judged, because they have not believed in God’s only Son.**

This is how the judgment works: the light has come into the world, but people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil.

Those who do evil things hate the light and will not come to the light, because they do not want their evil deeds to be shown up.

But those who do what is true come to the light, in order that the light may show that what they did was in obedience to God.”

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### **Plain statement of the basis**

- **Believe in the Son → not judged**
- **Do not believe → already judged**

And the context explains **why**:

People either **come to the light (Christ)** or **reject it because of their deeds**.

\*\*\*Joe\*\*\* Ai always seems a bit argumentative to me. It’s also inconsistent. It says it wants to be accurate when it wants to be verbose, but says it wants to give a quick answer when it leaps to make some assumption that proves to be completely inaccurate. Again I say, use with caution! It certainly can sort and summarize a lot of data quickly.