

**Kingdom of God**  
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**INTRO, Part I:** What title would you give to the Bible?

Answers might fall into two categories:

**#1 God-Centered**

Short-comings?

**#2 Man-Centered:**

Dominant theme will line up w/ man's 2 deepest questions:

- 1.
- 2.

Introduce Dr. Alva McClain and his book, *The Greatness of the Kingdom*

“For it is in this Kingdom that the Father’s eternal purpose in the incarnate Son shall be certainly and completely fulfilled.

This reign of God arises out of His own sovereign nature,

was reflected in the “dominion” bestowed by God upon the first Adam,

was forfeited quickly by reason of the sin of man,

has been restored judicially in the Last Adam,

will be realized on earth in the final age of human history,

and reaches out endlessly beyond history where we behold a throne which ...is “the throne of God and of the Lamb.”

Throughout church history, 3 general views of the Kingdom of God have surfaced:

1. The Kingdom of God is the visible church in the world
2. The Kingdom of God is the Millennial Kingdom of the visible reign of Christ.
3. The Kingdom of God is the eternal state of perfection under the future reign of God after judgment.