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## Jurisdiction: Kingdom of God

Jurisdiction is one of the best words to describe how we function in the Kingdom of God. This is what I am seeing prophetically for 2023: **"Justice will bring forth Liberty, the Supreme Law of the Land will stand and Jurisdiction will be established, making the crooked places straight."** The purpose of setting forth a prophetic word is for direction and guidance as we enter into spiritual warfare. The outcome is always up to God.

**Jurisdiction: To declare the law and administer justice** (see last weeks complete definition). What we **say, do** and **worship** is what we give our authority to, establishing jurisdiction.

**Luke 20:20-26** *So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might **seize on His words**, in order to deliver Him to the **power and the authority of the governor** \*(jurisdiction). 21 Then they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, we know that You say and teach rightly, and You do not show personal favoritism, but teach the way of God in truth: 22 Is it **lawful** for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" \*(emphasis mine)*

*23 But He perceived their craftiness, and said to them, "Why do you test Me? 24 Show Me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it have?" They answered and said, "Caesar's." 25 And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 26 But they **could not catch Him in His words** in the presence of the people. And they marveled at His answer and kept silent.*

The Pharisees operate in the jurisdiction of **"this world"** and Jesus operates in the Kingdom of God. They were trying to get Jesus to step into the jurisdiction of "this world" by His words. The wrong answer would place Him under the authority of this world's system. Jesus is God, but also a man in the flesh.

The County Sheriff only has authority to exercise his power in his jurisdiction which is his county. If the Sheriff went to another county and used force, he could be prosecuted. Satan wants us to step outside of our jurisdiction in order to put us in bondage.

### What we Say, Do and Worship Determines Jurisdiction

**Matt 4:1-11** *Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "**If You are the Son of God, command** that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered and said, "**It is written**, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"*

To "command" is to give a verbal order, to speak a word. Jesus knows who He is, and did not have to prove it by following the orders (submitting to) Satan. How many times have we heard, "If you were really a Christian, you would..." Satan tried to get Jesus to **speak** and **do** what he told Him to do by trying to manipulate Him. Satan is the "ruler of this world" (**Jn 14:30, 12:31, 16:11**) and he tried to get Jesus to step into his jurisdiction. Jesus has jurisdiction in the Kingdom of God as He walks in the Spirit and did not fall for his trap.

*5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "**If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:** 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "**It is written again**, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"*

Again, Satan challenges the identity of Jesus and tells Him to prove it by **throwing** Himself down, and this time **Satan quotes Scripture** and says **"For it is written:"** Throwing yourself down is an action, something we **"do."** We have to be careful not to use Scripture to justify something we know is wrong.

*8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the **kingdoms of the world** and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will **fall down and worship me.**" 10 Then Jesus*

said to him, "**Away with you, Satan! For it is written**, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" 11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

Satan offered Jesus the "**kingdoms of the world**" if He would **worship him**. Jesus knew one day; *"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"* 16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and **worshiped God**, (**Rev 11:15-17**).

Jesus came to "this world" to establish His Kingdom which is the Kingdom of God.

1. Jesus taught more about the Kingdom of God than anything else.
2. The first recorded words when Jesus started His ministry were about the Kingdom of God.
3. Jesus said the thing we "seek first" is the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.
4. The most important prayer Jesus taught (The Our Father) was teaching us to call forth the Kingdom. This prayer ends with saying *"Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever."* The most important prayer starts with Kingdom and ends with Kingdom.
5. Jesus told us we will know the end is near when *"the gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world."* Jesus' ministry started with the Kingdom of God and ends with the Kingdom of God.
6. The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet is the last Trumpet in Revelation, and just before it sounds, the mystery of God will be made known.
7. The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet proclaims, *"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord..."*

**Matt 4:17** From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, **"Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."** F/N SFLB "is at hand means "has come," "has arrived," or "is here" and suggests the inauguration of the reign of God, which still awaits its consummation." The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**Matt 6:31-33** "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness**, and all these things shall be added to you. The Kingdom is provision.

**Matt 6:9-13** Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 **Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.** 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For **Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.** Amen. We have not yet reached the point where all things are happening on earth as it is in Heaven. **Holy Spirit, please give us a greater revelation about the jurisdiction of His Kingdom!**

**Matt 24:13-14** But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 And this **gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.** This will bring people to a choice: the Kingdom of Satan or the Kingdom of God? In order for this to happen, we need to walk in Kingdom power!

**1 Cor 15:24-28** Then comes the end, when **He delivers the kingdom to God the Father**, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put **all enemies under His feet**. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 27 For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. 28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. Under Jesus' feet, under our feet! We reign with Christ. We have jurisdiction!

**Rev 10:7** but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets. The prophets declaring the Kingdom of God.

**Rev 11:15-16** Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed

Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, *"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"* 16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God