

Dispensationalism — Kingdom

1. Ruler—a kingdom involves a ruler with rightful and adequate authority and power.
2. Realm—a kingdom involves a realm of subjects to be ruled.
3. Rulership—a kingdom involves the exercise of ruling.

— Alva McClain, *The Greatness of the Kingdom*, 17.

Universal Kingdom vs. Mediatorial Kingdom

Universal Kingdom: God's eternal rule over all creation.

Mediatorial Kingdom: God's rule on the earth through man who acts as God's representative

"While most kingdom passages focus on God's mediatorial kingdom on the earth (Dan 2:44; Matt 6:10; Acts 1:6), God's universal kingdom is always in operation. He is always in control and He always prevails. For a time, men may resist God's mediatorial kingdom plans, yet they never escape God's universal rule."

— Michael J. Vlach, *He Will Reign Forever: A Biblical Theology of the Kingdom of God*, EPub, (Lampion Press, LLC, 2017), 56.