

The Reign Of God An Introduction To Christian

You are not far from the reign of God, Jesus tells the scribe. Not far? In this collection of engaging essays, author and vocation consultant Mary Sharon Moore encourages fellow Christians to boldly travel through their own life experience from the disengaged edges to the living core of the reign of God. Drawing from Scripture's most challenging teachings as well as unexpected moments of testing and grace, *Touching the Reign of God* breaks open the transformative power of the reign of God, which is not far at all but intimately near--pervading every aspect of daily life. Thought-provoking questions at the end of each essay guide individual and study group formation in the practice of theological reflection, the work of discerning God's movement in life's circumstance. As Moore reveals through story and insight, touching the reign of God is not optional work for those who profess Christian faith; rather, it is a vital participation in the redeeming work of the risen Christ. This brilliant collection of essays models the journey into the reign of God, which every one of us must take.

The Dew of Israel and the Lily of God, Or, A Glimpse of the Kingdom of Grace by Friedrich Wilhelm Krummacker, first published in 1840, is a rare manuscript, the

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Confusion abounds among Christians today because so many believe they must postpone the reality of the Kingdom of God until some distant future or that they must wait until they die. *How to Live in the Kingdom of God* addresses the questions of what, where, when and even why with regards to the Kingdom of God. Believers today, as they enter the millennium, hunger for the deeper understandings about the Kingdom that this book offers. The Scriptures declare the Kingdom of God is a present reality in which we can partake. Readers of this book will learn the three levels of Christian maturity, how they relate to the three feasts and how to apply them to their daily Christian walk.

This book combines a description of folk Islam, biblical perspectives, and strategies for church planting among Muslims. In his theory on Muslim evangelism, Love tackles the major issues of encountering spiritual powers, contextualization, and leadership development. Teachers of Islamic subjects and practitioners in Muslim countries enthusiastically welcome this book.

The idea of the United States as a Christian nation is a powerful, seductive, and potentially destructive theme in American life, culture, and politics. Many fundamentalist and evangelical leaders routinely promote this notion, and millions

of Americans simply assume the Christian character of the United States. And yet, as Richard T. Hughes reveals in this powerful book, the biblical vision of the "kingdom of God" stands at odds with the values and actions of an American empire that sanctions war instead of peace, promotes dominance and oppression instead of reconciliation, and exalts wealth and power instead of justice for the poor and needy. With conviction and careful consideration, Hughes reviews the myth of Christian America from its earliest history in the founding of the republic to the present day. Extensively analyzing the Old and New Testaments, Hughes provides a solid, scripturally-based explanation of the kingdom of God--a kingdom defined by love, peace, patience, and generosity. Throughout American history, however, this concept has been appropriated by religious and political leaders and distorted into a messianic nationalism that champions the United States as God's "chosen nation" and bears little resemblance to the teachings of Jesus. Pointing to a systemic biblical and theological illiteracy running rampant in the United States, Hughes investigates the reasons why so many Americans think of the United States as a Christian nation despite the Constitution's outright prohibition against establishing any national religion by law or coercion. He traces the development of fundamentalist Christianity throughout American history, noting especially the increased power and widespread influence of

fundamentalism at the dawn of the twenty-first century, embodied and enacted by the administration of President George W. Bush and America's reaction to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Jesus and the Reign of God Fortress Press

"An excellent introduction to the prophets and the prophetic literature . . . The goal of the book is to understand the thought of the prophets in their historical contexts, and to communicate that understanding for our time. Its approach, while innovative, builds upon the best of contemporary analysis of the prophetic literature." --Gene M. Tucker Candler School of Theology Emory University

"Koch's first volume on the prophets of ancient Israel displays his sound and creative scholarship and will fill a bibliographical gap. He displays the individuality of each prophet with perceptive insight, but he also compares and interrelates them in his various summaries. Furthermore, Koch relates his study of individual prophets to theological currents that have been flowing through the scholarly world in recent decades." --Bernhard W. Anderson Princeton Theological Seminary

This work demonstrates a continuity between Christianity and the Akan/African religio-cultural traditions, by working with the Christian biblical metaphor of the Kingdom of God.

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You were made for more than this life has to offer. That's why you never feel quite satisfied. Even when you feel happiest, discontent is always looming at the door. That's because God created you for something far greater than this life; He created you for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. Whether we realize it or not, God designed us for a: KING-to be loved and led by an excellent king CROWN-to reflect dignity and worth as image-bearers KINGDOM-to have a purpose bigger than ourselves CASTLE-to find a secure sense of home Age of Crowns is an inspiring examination of how the future hope of heaven changes your today. It will teach you how to faithfully await (and prepare for) the Age to Come, as well as how to live a more purposeful and fulfilling life with Christ here and now. There is hope starting from now. no more dissatisfied hearts, no more xenophobia. The righteousness of God had arrived to reign. No more love absences that lead to anger. The book is written based on the nine South African provinces under one family of "Nguni" who is said to be the father of South African Tribes, But because of lack of knowledge about their back ground, they turned against each other and bring chaos in the world as a whole. Now the author is bringing them together by the word of God "Our Maker" by training the young men who would be place as provincial kings. The intention was to place leaders who have the mind of God. This is set like the things that happened in

the bible.

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EVERY CHRISTIAN should read this book. It sets out clearly and simply what the kingdom of God is, exactly. You dont need to have a masters degree in theology to understand it, either. The Bible says, Get wisdom and get understanding. This book will build your comprehension in the vital and basic areas of the new birth, discipleship, daily devotions, and the Gospel of the kingdom. Jesus instructed us to seek first the kingdom of God. This book will help anyone who is intent on doing just that.

Leaning into the Future seeks to explore what it may mean to believe in the Kingship of God and wait for his Kingdom by considering the fundamental role the Kingdom of God plays in the theology of Juergen Moltmann and in the book of Revelation. Part one is devoted to how Moltmann understands The Kingdom of God as the fundamental symbol of hope for humanity, and how he sees the presence of God's reign and kingdom in history as hidden and paradoxical. Part two turns to the way the Book of Revelation uses royal and other political

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language in its portrait of the future and God's presence in history. In this second part, the book also seeks to explore how Moltmann and the Apocalypse may mutually inform each other, how Moltmann may help us read this biblical book today, and how it in turn may overcome some of the weaknesses in Moltmann's proposal.

Song's theology is a startling rebuke to Christologies centered either in historical-critical searches or church doctrines. For Song, theology is the biography of God, and God's reign is evident in stories of God's saving presence in Jesus. The reign of God in Jesus "becomes manifest through movements of people to be free from the shackles of the past, to change the status quo of the present, and to have a role to play in the arrival of the future".

The Interpretation of REVELATION by the Sanhedrin, Romans, and Disciples of Jesus Christ Inspired by the Devil, the Sanhedrin and Romans had slain the Lord Jesus, and now they were brutally murdering His disciples to rid the earth of His kingdom. Jesus had instructed His saints, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12:19). Finally, the time for His vengeance had come—the avenging of the blood of His saints was at hand! He sent His hidden message in Revelation to His disciples to get out of His way. Then Almighty God filled the vials of wrath until they overflowed with His fury. The angels in heaven gave a harkening blast on the trumpets of war, shaking the very foundations of heaven and earth. And the armies of the Lord prepared for battle, for the great day of God's wrath had come, and no one would be able to stand against it. This book will teach you the interpretation of Revelation for the three target audiences, along with all the metaphors Jesus strategically selected for His greatest parable of all: • The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse • The Beast of the Land • The Beast of the Sea

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with Seven Heads and Ten Horns • The Land, Sea and Trees • The Mark of the Beast, and the Number of His Name: 666 • The Two Super Witnesses • The Plague of Locusts • The Seven Seals, Seven Trumpets and Seven Vials of Wrath • The Three Heavens • The New Heaven and New Earth, and New Jerusalem • And much more!

'Anthony Hoekema brings to the study of biblical prophecy and eschatology a maturity that is rare among contemporary works on the subject. Free of sensationalism, he evinces a reverence for the Scriptures and a measured scholarship...One of the best studies on eschatology available.' ---Christianity Today

This synthesis of recent research by Protestant and Catholic theologians presents what is known about the actual life of Jesus and the apocalyptic time in which he lived and traces the progress of the Church's interpretation of his life and work

In this profound and enlightening book, theologian Antonio Gonzalez analyzes the nature of global empires since the time of Babylon. His premise is that empires maintain power by any means necessary, including exploitation, injustice and idolatry. It is in this context of empire — specifically the Roman empire— that Jesus proclaimed the reign of God as opposed to the reign of Caesar. Within God's reign, God alone rules, with mercy, love, justice, and special concern for the oppressed. Imbued with this faith, a new community of believers developed, particularly among the poor, who lived what Jesus proclaimed, sharing resources and practicing equality and forgiveness rather than retribution. The author documents how, during the first centuries A.D., post-resurrection communities continued to practice living in the reign of God. With the rise

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of Emperor Constantine, however, this vibrant counter-cultural movement of believers became coterminous with, and was institutionalized within, the Roman Empire. When that empire fell, over time the institutional church became the dominant power with all the trappings of empire. The author shows how the evils inherent in empire are still prevalent today throughout the world, with the church often blessing and sharing in the power. *God's Reign and the End of Empires* concludes by focusing on how Christian counter-forces throughout the centuries have attempted to reclaim the spirit and praxis of the reign of God as modeled by Jesus, and it examines in depth both secular and faith-based contemporary movements that reflect this praxis by working to counteract the detrimental effects of empire. The author sees these movements as reason for hope.

Teaches that God's definition of success can be very different from what humans expect, and that Christ will help those who believe to succeed in their own lives and in furthering the kingdom of God.

The parable of the unjust steward in Luke 16:1-13 is a unity teaching faithful stewardship of material possessions. With a history of recent interpretation as a background, this interpretation is confirmed by examination of the pericope itself and its literary and theological contexts.

In the Galilean ministry - On the way to Jerusalem - The Last Supper - At table with Jesus the Lord - Dining in the Kingdom of God.

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Desire for lasting peace, joy, and happiness is an inherent prompting engaging the senses and the intellect toward an inward search for the meaning of life. the Everlasting Gospel of the Kingdom of God (Spirit) Within is the spiritual guidebook for the Aquarian Age. These writings provide the foundation for spiritual awareness, growth, and development toward the realization of at-one-ness with the source of all life. Complete comprehension and proper application of the techniques of Contemplative and Mantric Meditation as presented by this author will assist in the attainment of divine bliss. Your spiritual journey awaits.

Spirit-filled believers will find new resources for understanding the Bible and applying biblical themes to their day-to-day lives in these interactive study guides. Written from a Pentecostal/Charismatic viewpoint, these interactive studies introduce believers to the books of the Bible and offer a thorough and balanced understanding of key themes of the Bible. By studying the themes of the books, as well as the books themselves, these interactive studies offer groups and individuals a Spirit-filled perspective of the Bible's message for today.

If the Bible uses words like these, then our lives should exude that same biblical vitality. After all, Jesus "partied" with sinners; not in a boisterous unruly manner, but in the spirit of the Old Testament Jubilee in which people acquired a new lease on life. What was important then, and remains so now, is the celebratory attitude that should set Christians apart from the rest of the world.

From the first moment that he proclaims the Kingdom of God, Jesus appeals to our

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imagination. He makes that appeal through the parables of the kingdom, the paradoxes of the gospel, the enigmatic and beautiful signs he gave in his miracles and in those moments when the heavens open and the ordinary is transfigured, seen in an utterly new light. In this book Guite revisits and expands on the insights he gave in his Laing Lectures at Regent College, exploring how the creative work of poets and other artists can lift the veil a little and kindle our imaginations for Christ.

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