

WHAT GOD'S KINGDOM IS DOING FOR US NOW

Note to the speaker:

Present clearly the evidence that God's Kingdom is a real, ruling, active government. Show not only what the Kingdom is doing now but also what is expected of those who would be its citizens

ABUNDANT EVIDENCE THAT KINGDOM RULE BEGAN IN 1914 (6 min.)

Jesus taught us to pray: "Let your kingdom come" (Mt 6:10)

Although that heavenly Kingdom would eventually bring Paradise conditions earth wide, it would be established while human governments were still ruling the earth (Da 2:44; Re 21:4) [Read Psalm 110:1, 2]

Bible prophecy and chronology point to 1914 as the year of the Kingdom's establishment (Re 12:10, 12)

"Appointed times of the nations" expired (Lu 21:24; Eze 21:26, 27; *bh* 217)

Composite sign of Christ's presence in Kingdom authority is being fulfilled (Mt 24:3; *bh* 88-92)

"Critical times hard to deal with" that would characterize "last days" are here (2Ti 3:1-5)

Ride of the four horsemen of Revelation chapter 6 confirms that we live in time of Kingdom rule (Re 6:2, 4-6, 8; *w86* 1/1 1-7)

Foretold "woe for the earth" is evident in distress of men and nations (Re 12:12)

WHAT THE KINGDOM HAS BEEN DOING IN OUR DAY (20 min.)

It has gathered millions of *loyal subjects* (Pr 14:28)

Though living in more than 235 different countries, they enthusiastically support God's Kingdom (Ps 110:3)

Last service year, they voluntarily spent over one and a half billion hours spreading the Kingdom message [use most recent figure]

As a heavenly government, it has administered *written laws*

Written laws governing those under Kingdom rule are found in God's Word (Ps 19:7)

The only government with a law of love (Joh 13:34, 35)

Biblical laws take into consideration that Christians live under laws of worldly governmental authorities, so they render relative subjection to Caesar (Ro 13:1, 7)

Subjects of God's Kingdom are among the most law-abiding of citizens (*w02* 11/1 12-13; *g00* 6/8 28; *g97* 8/22 26)

Officials and others often acknowledge the good conduct of those obedient to Kingdom rule (1Pe 2:12; *w02* 11/1 12-13; *g* 4/07 27; *g00* 6/8 28; *yb94* 166-167)

God's laws are enforced under Kingdom rule

Willful, unrepentant violators of God's laws are expelled from the congregation, which is thus kept clean (1Co 5:11-13; *w99* 6/1 17; *w98* 8/1 16)

God's Kingdom has provided an *educational system*

By means of the Bible and Bible-based publications, such as *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*, the Great Educator 'teaches us how to benefit ourselves' (Isa 30:20; 48:17)

In a family, each one benefits from being taught how to fulfill his God-assigned role

Family Worship arrangement deals with needs on a personal level

Bible-based educational programs promote theocratic education

[Indicate how the various schools operated by the organization are equipping millions for what matters most (*be* 8; *km* 10/11 5-6)]

Free home Bible education extended to interested ones worldwide

Millions of Bible studies are being conducted each week

Our publications, available in over 600 languages, have been instrumental in this important work

God's Kingdom has *visible representatives* to care for and protect its subjects (Isa 32:1, 2; *w06* 7/15 5)

Elders serve as shepherds and teachers, providing refreshment for the flock (Mt 11:28-30)

KINGDOM RULE HELPS US TO ENDURE NOW (4 min.)

It is faith-strengthening to reflect on what the Kingdom is doing for us now (Ps 77:12; 145:11)

Moves us to preach zealously (Ro 10:11, 13-15)

We are assured of angelic backing (Re 14:6, 7; *w09* 5/15 24-25)

Throughout history, men have made sacrifices for imperfect human governments, only to end up disillusioned

In contrast, God's Kingdom will never disappoint its subjects

We are benefiting even now from its rule

It has helped us to draw close to God and to experience the love and support of the worldwide brotherhood (Jas 4:8; 1Pe 2:17)

Under God's Kingdom, we will soon realize all our Bible-based hopes (Ps 145:16; Ro 8:24, 25; Re 21:5)

(Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need be read or commented on. See *Ministry School*, pp. 52-54, 166-169)