

# Two Kingdoms

## CHOOSING LIGHT IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS

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Scripture presents reality as a contrast between two kingdoms—the kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness. Every human life is shaped by this tension. What we believe, desire, and practice produces fruit, and that fruit reveals in which kingdom we are living. Yeshua taught that a tree is known by its fruit. In the same way, the expression and evidence of how people live their lives can be determined by their choices and attitudes.

The apostle Paul draws a sharp contrast between the *fruit of sin* and the *fruit of righteousness*. The Bible describes the fruit of sin as shameful and destructive. Paul asks plainly, “What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death” (Romans 6:21). Sin promises pleasure but delivers suffering, division, and ultimately death.

This fruit of living in the kingdom of darkness includes:

- \* Sexual immorality, impurity, and lust
- \* Idolatry and sorcery
- \* Hostility, jealousy, anger, and selfish ambition
- \* Spiritual death and separation from God.

Sin is not static—it is a *cycle of destruction*. It begins with deception,



leads to justification and false pleasure, and eventually hardens the heart into delusion. Over time, a person can even become convinced that darkness is light.

Yeshua introduces an interesting concept in Matthew 6:23: “But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. So, if the light within you is darkness, how deep is that darkness!”

How can light be darkness? It can’t! Darkness can only masquerade as light. It often hides behind the illusion of charity and goodness but behind the facade is selfishness, greed, and corruption. Satan is actually said to present himself as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14). He uses this trickery to fool even the elect. Don’t be duped by his charm, finesse, or allurements. One must pray for discernment and live the power of the Holy Spirit—and that only comes from the *Kingdom of Light*.

Jesus warned that if our spiritual vision is distorted, darkness can feel like light (Luke 11:34–35). Therefore, believers must remain vigilant, grounded in truth, and surrendered to God’s authority. Scripture also warns that rejecting truth has consequences. Paul explains that those who refuse to love the truth become vulnerable to deception, even believing lies to be the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:9–12).

By contrast, the **fruit of the Spirit** reflect God’s own character:

- \* Love, joy, peace
- \* Patience, kindness, goodness
- \* Faithfulness, meekness, self-control

This fruit leads to holiness, freedom, and eternal life (Galatians 5:22–23).

## DECEPTION AND THE HARDENING OF THE HEART

Every encounter with God’s Word does something to us. It either softens the heart or adds another layer to its resistance. No one remains neutral. As Jesus said, “Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you” (John 12:35).

Yet God is merciful. If there is even a spark of faith left, he convicts and calls people out of darkness. His goal is not condemnation, but rescue.

## CHOOSING LIFE: BLESSING OR CURSE

From the beginning, God placed a choice before humanity: “I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Therefore, choose life” (Deuteronomy 30:19).

Blessing flows from trusting God and walking in his ways. The curse results from forsaking God—not because he delights in punishment, but because life apart from him cannot flourish. His Presence is not there. Blessing expands life; sin

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Even blessing carries a warning. Do not be fooled. Prosperity must never replace dependence on God. So many forget God when they feel the relief or joy of what blessing brings. Scripture cautions against pride that forgets the true source of life and provision (Deuteronomy 8:17–18).

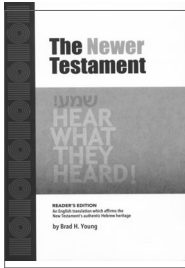
## THE CURSE AND GOD’S PLAN TO REVERSE IT

The Bible describes the brokenness of the world—suffering, addiction, corruption, illness, and war—as the outworking of the **curse**. God gave good things to man. And if he is the God that gives us good things, it is right that we obey his instructions. If we don’t obey his ways, then he is not truly our God, and we are not entitled to his blessing on our lives.

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was not legalism; it was freedom in the Spirit. Paul urged believers to whom God gives the Holy Spirit to manage their desires honorably, not as those who do not know God (1 Thessalonians 4:1–8). Light exposes darkness, but it also heals and transforms. Those who follow Christ do not walk blindly—they walk in the light of life.

### ADVANCING THE KINGDOM


Believers are not merely saved from darkness; they are called to **advance the Kingdom of God**. God's blessing was never meant to stop with individuals. It was designed to overflow—to multiply life, goodness, and truth throughout the world.

Ancient kingdoms were led by rulers of great power who provided protection to their subjects and had laws in place for the wellbeing of those who lived in the kingdom. Everyone depended on the king's leadership for security and good governance and the many benefits such as infrastructure and food. If the subjects went against the laws of the kingdom, they were arrested and unable to live freely in the kingdom. If the king was a good king, the people would flourish, but if he was a selfish and evil king, the people would suffer.

Yeshua is our **good king** who gives us the many benefits of his kingdom blessings, and, in that, we can't help but rejoice. God desires all to come in, but as a citizen one must submit to the king as their Lord and savior, learn his ways, live by his laws, and walk in the same compassion and grace toward others.

### A DAILY CHOICE

Every day, every decision, every desire places us in one of the two kingdoms. We choose whom we trust—God's wisdom or our own instincts. The fruit of our lives reveals the choice we are making.

God relentlessly pursues humanity with grace. Even when we are faithless, he remains faithful. The invitation remains open: **choose life, walk in the light, and bear fruit that leads to eternal life.** 

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Yeshua said, "If you love me, you will obey my commandments" (John 14:15).

Humanity chose distrust over obedience, stepping outside the life-giving presence of God, and death became inevitable. Yet God did not abandon humanity. Even in judgment, he gave a promise: a true Son of Man would come to destroy the deceiver and reverse the curse that man made for himself (Genesis 3:15). The God of Scripture is a gracious God.

The promise of a Savior is a promise that unfolds through Abraham and ultimately finds fulfillment in Yeshua the Messiah. "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us" (Galatians 3:13). Through him, the blessing of life is restored.

### YESHUA: LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Yeshua declares, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Following him moves people from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to the kingdom of God.

In the pagan world of the early church that was filled with sexual immorality, idol worship, and false gods, the gospel called believers to live differently. Holiness

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