

# What Is God's Kingdom? (Part 1)

Based on chapter 8 of the book *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* available on [jw.org](http://jw.org).

**OBJECTIVE:** Explore what you believe and why, examine what the Bible teaches, and see how you can explain your beliefs to others.



## WHY ARE THE RULERS OF GOD'S KINGDOM WELL-QUALIFIED FOR THEIR ROLE?

### 1 EXPLORE YOUR BELIEFS

What might other people say?

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What do you believe?

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Why do you believe that?

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# 2

## EXAMINE WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

### Jesus is a superior King.

(See chapter 8 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 1-7.)

#### Read 1 Timothy 6:15, 16.

How do these verses show that Jesus will be able to do far more good than any human ruler?

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#### Read Isaiah 11:2-4.

What did this prophecy indicate as to the sort of ruler Jesus would be?

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Jehovah has chosen faithful humans from all walks of life to rule with Jesus

## Jehovah has selected rulers who can empathize with us.

(See chapter 8 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 8-10.)

### Read Revelation 5:10 and 14:1, 4.

According to these verses, who else will rule along with Jesus?

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How do we know that Jesus' corulers can understand the challenges that we face? (Clue: Reread Revelation 14:4b; compare 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.)

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What convinces you that Jesus and the 144,000 are well-qualified to serve as rulers of God's Kingdom?

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# 3

## EXPLAIN YOUR BELIEFS

IF SOMEONE SAYS...

**Jesus lived and died thousands of years ago. There's no way he can have any bearing on my life today.**

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

**Many people would probably agree with that statement. But I believe differently because...**

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What scripture could you share with the person?

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Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

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IF SOMEONE SAYS...

**There are plenty of angels in heaven, so I can't see any reason for the 144,000 to be selected from those who have lived on earth.**

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

**It's true that there are countless angels in heaven. But I believe that there are advantages to having faithful humans rule over us because...**

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What scripture could you share with the person?

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Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

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