The Kingdom Of God: Past, Present, and Future
Mark 1:15-17

Introduction:

A. "Kingdom of God" and "Kingdom of Heaven" used interchangeably.
B. "Kingdoms" of God in the Bible.
   1. Ancient Israel. (Mt. 8:12; cf. Ex. 19:6; 2 Chr. 13:8).
   2. Whole world. (Mt. 13:38,41,46; Ps. 47:2,7,8).
   3. Heavenly kingdom. (Mt. 25:34,41,46; cfr. 2 Tim. 4:1,18; 1 Pet. 1:3-5).
   4. Messianic kingdom. (Mt. 16:18,19,28) -- Most common usage of "kingdom".

Discussion:

I. The Messianic Kingdom.
   A. Began in first century. (Dan. 2:44; Mt. 4:17; Col. 1:12-14).
   B. Spiritual. (John 18:33-37; Lk. 17:20-21).
   C. The church (Matt. 16:18, 19; Acts 2:29-36 w/ Eph. 1:19-23)
      1. Congregations come and go.
   E. Delivered to Father at 2nd coming. (1 Cor. 15:20-28).

II. The Premillennial Kingdom.
   A. "Big Events" of premillennial kingdom theory.
      1. Restoration of National Israel.
      2. Rapture
      3. Armageddon
      4. Great tribulation.
      5. Literal 1,000 reign.
   B. Fundamental points of Premillennial kingdom theory.
      1. "Unfulfilled prophecy".
         b. Remnant saved. (Is. 10:20-21; Jer. 25:11-12 - Ezek. 1:1-4; Neh. 1:8-10; Mt. 24:34)
      2. Revelation all literal. (Rev. 1:1 "signified"; Rev. 20 canot be literal).
   C. The Consequences of premillenial kingdom theory.
      1. Jesus a false prophet. (Mk. 9:1; cf. Deut. 18:22).
      2. Jesus a powerless king. (Jno. 18:37).
      3. Jesus not priest after order of Mel. today. (Ps. 110; Heb. 7:1-3; 8:1).
      4. Apostles were false teachers. (Acts 2:36; Col. 1:13,14).
      5. Remission of sins not yet come. (Acts 5:30-31; Col. 1:13,14; cf. Lk. 24:46,47).

Conclusion:

A. Jesus reigns now.
B. We are in His kingdom now.
C. We will be delivered up to father into heavenly kingdom in last day.