

BEGINNINGS OF THE MEDIATORIAL KINGDOM



MEDIATORIAL KINGDOM

- rule of God through divinely chosen representatives
- mediatorial ruler is always a human being
- speaks and acts for God
 - represents the people before God
- a kingdom on earth



MEDIATION

- "mediator" does not occur in OT; only 6 times in NT
- "daysman" [=umpire] of Job 9:33
 - idea of mediation permeates entire Bible
 - mediation occurs in 3 areas: prophet, priest, and king
- the perfect mediator between God and man—Jesus Christ (1 Tim 2:5)



MEDIATION IN DIVINE GOVERNMENT

- rise and development in OT history
- future form in OT prophecy
 - offer and rejection in the Gospels
 - offer and rejection in Acts
 - peculiar form in the Church Age
- visible and established form in the Millennium
 - mergence into the Universal Kingdom



GOD IS THE KING OF THE MEDIATORIAL KINGDOM

- mediated through different kinds of divinely chosen leaders
- mediated through prophets, judges, and kings
- common function of mediatorial rule
- vast differences in ability and faithfulness
 - all were responsible to God for the quality of their mediatorial rule



MEDIATORIAL KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

- only kingdom ever established by God on earth in human history
 - over a single nation
 - began with Moses
- continued under Joshua and the judges
 - developed and reached its highest point under the first 3 kings
 - declined after Solomon and the division of the tribes
 - ended with the departure

of the Shekinah Glory shortly before the Babylonian Captivity