

# WHOSE KINGDOM ARE YOU BUILDING?

Matthew 6.9-10

*“This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, **your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**”* Matthew 6.9-10

Every book from Genesis through Revelation has a special way of fitting onto the Bible as a whole. Wonderful when studied one by one, the biblical books form an even more enriching whole when viewed together.

*“For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the **eyes of your heart may be enlightened** in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.”*  
Ephesians 1.15-23

## THE NEED FOR A BIG PICTURE

### A Bible Map

#### Diversity within the Bible

- Different Authors
- Different Purposes
- Different Topics
- Different Relevance

## The Unity of the Bible

But how do the various books of the Bible fit together? Although diverse, the end result of the Bible is a single work, each part that contributes perfectly to the whole. Therefore, it is not enough to study only one book here and there. The Bible should be understood as a logically ordered whole, moving from Genesis to Revelation.

## Getting From the Bible Map to Life

This is not just an academic question. This relates significantly to the application of the Bible to life. Without a sense of how each book relates to the others, historically and literally, interpretations and applications are open to a number of potential problems.

## Finding Present Power in Ancient Scripture

God made no mistakes when he chose the means for communicating his truth. He purposely used history, different kinds of literary form, culture, the author's personalities, and the three languages. He did not bring his truth around the specifics of history. Rather, he brought his word right into the middle of the miracle and messes of human life.

*“When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. ‘Oh, my lord, what shall we do?’ the servant asked. ‘Don't be afraid,’ the prophet answered. ‘Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’ And Elisha prayed, ‘**O LORD, open his eyes so he may see.**’ Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”* 2 Kings 6.15-17