

Jesus Will Reign From Jerusalem

I. THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM:

- A. Jesus will rule the world in righteousness in what is known as “The Millennium”. Millennium is from the Latin “*mille*” (a thousand).
- ⁴ ***I saw thrones, and they (saints) sat on them...They lived and reigned with Christ for 1000 years...6 They shall reign with Him 1000 years. (Rev. 20:4-6)***
- B. At this time the Kingdom of God will be openly manifest worldwide affecting every sphere of life (political, social, agricultural, economic, spiritual, educational, law enforcement, family, media, arts, technology, athletics, environment, social institutions, etc.).
- C. The result will be a 1,000-year period of unprecedented blessing for the whole earth as Jesus establishes righteousness and prosperity, and restores the agriculture, atmosphere, and animal life to some of the conditions that were seen in the Garden of Eden (Rev. 20:1-6; Isa. 2:1-4; 9:6-9; 11:1-16; 51:1-8; 60-62; 65:17-25; Ps. 2:6-12; 110:1-7; Deut. 8; 28; Mt. 5:5; 6:10; 17:11; 19:28; 28:19; Acts 1:6; 3:21). This period of blessing will be initiated by Jesus' Second Coming.
- D. Jesus as King of kings will personally govern a worldwide Kingdom from Jerusalem. He will do this in partnership with resurrected saints (Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21; 5:10; 20:4-6; 22:5; Mt. 19:28; 20:21-23; 25:23; Lk. 19:17-19; 22:29-30; 1 Cor. 6:2-3; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rom 8:17).
- ¹⁷ ***Jerusalem shall be called the Throne of the LORD, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem.* (Jer. 3:17)**
- E. In the Millennium all the kings of the earth will be saved and worship Jesus (Ps. 72:11; 102:15; 138:4; 148:11; Isa. 62:2; Rev. 21:24) and base their national governments on God's Word.
- ¹¹ ***All kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him.*** (Ps. 72:11)

II. CENTERPIECE OF GOD'S PURPOSE: BRINGING HEAVEN AND EARTH TOGETHER

- ⁹ ***Having made known to us the mystery (hidden plan) of His will...10 that He might gather together in one ALL things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him.* (Eph. 1:9-10)**
- A. The centerpiece of God's eternal purpose is for Jesus to come back to establish His Kingdom over all the earth as He joins the heavenly and earthly realms together. God's purpose has always been for His people to live together with Him in this way forever. ³ ***Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them...*** (Rev. 21:3)
- B. In the Millennium, Jesus' primary mandate is to prepare the earth for the Father's coming by bringing the nations to mature righteousness (1 Cor. 15:24-28). Righteousness will be substantial in the Millennium then perfect afterwards on the New Earth. The earth will be purged with fire at the end of the Millennium to fully prepare it for the Father (2 Pet. 3:10-13; Rev. 20:11).

- C. The End-Time message is focused on Jesus preparing His people and the nations so that He might fully establish His Kingdom on earth. Jesus is raising up a “Millennial leadership team”.

III. THE NATURAL PROCESSES OF LIFE WILL CONTINUE ON EARTH FOR 1,000 YEARS

- A. Jesus will rule the earth that has both natural and supernatural dimensions. The length of life will be reversed as it was in Noah’s time. Those who live to be only 100 years old will be thought to have lived a short life. It will be common for people to live to be 500 years old.

²⁰ No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die 100 years old, but the sinner being 100 years old shall be accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²...For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people...²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox... (Isa. 65:20-25)

1. This infrastructure will include replacing the governmental leaders from the Antichrist’s worldwide government with new people at every level of public life in every city.
2. This infrastructure will include life support systems (food, water, electricity), building projects (buildings, highways, bridges, etc.), economic systems (currencies, banking, investments, etc.), spiritual life (worship centers, Bible schools, etc.), education (from elementary to university levels), law enforcement, agriculture (equipment, distribution), media and arts, technology, environment, social institutions, etc.

IV. THE SAINTS WILL RULE WITH JESUS AS KINGS AND PRIESTS

- A. The two functions most emphasized for the saints are priests and kings (Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 20:6). As priests, resurrected saints will worship, intercede and communicate the knowledge of God to others (non-resurrected people on the Millennial earth plus the saints in the New Jerusalem). The primary government of the Millennial earth will come forth from continual intercession.

- B. As kings, resurrected saints will evaluate the past, determine future action plans and appoint people who serve in the infrastructure under their authority. This will include training and managing the people they appoint. Our personality will come forth in the decisions we make.

² Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?...the world will be judged by you ³ Do you not know that we shall judge (evaluate) angels? (1 Cor. 6:2-3)

²⁸ In the regeneration (Millennium), when the Son of Man sits on the Throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will sit on 12 thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Israel. (Mt. 19:28)

V. JESUS WILL BE THE KING OVER ALL OTHER KINGS

In the Millennium, all the kings of the earth will be saved, worship Jesus and base their national governments on the Scripture. ¹⁶ He has...a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (Rev. 19:16)

- A. (Ps. 72:11; 102:15; 138:4; 148:11; Isa. 62:2; Rev. 21:24).
¹¹ ***Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him.* (Ps. 72:11)**
- B. Saints with resurrected bodies will be made kings and/or rulers over different spheres of life (Mt. 19:28; 20:21-23; 25:23; Lk. 19:17-19; 22:29-30; 1 Cor. 6:2-3; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rom 8:17).
¹⁰ ***Have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.* (Rev. 5:10)**
³ ***Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the House of the God of Jacob; He (Jesus) will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." Out of Zion shall go forth the law...the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.* (Isa. 2:3)**
- C. Social improvements or the “healing of the nations” will be progressive, not instantaneous. Those who reign with Jesus will be involved in this process of healing the nations.
² ***Tree of life...the leaves of the Tree were for the healing of the nations. (Rev. 22:2)***
- D. The resurrected saints in partnership with the kings of the earth will work together to fully restore the cities of the earth that are destroyed in the Tribulation. The saints will oversee what is rebuilt by labor (Isa. 62:8-9; 65:21-23; Jer. 31:5; Ezek. 48:18-19).
³⁶ ***Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. (Ezek. 36:36)***
- E. The resurrected saints with the kings of the earth will work together to re-establish businesses to generate financial resources (Isa. 60:1-14). Israel will be prosperous in the Millennium (Isa. 4:1; 35:1-2; 30:23-25; 62:8-9; 60:1-14; 65:21-23).
- F. The saints will oversee the work necessary to restore God’s order to the agriculture, atmosphere, and animal life (Rev. 20:1-6; Isa. 2:1-4; 9:6-9; 11:1-16; 51:1-8; 60-62; 65:17-25; Ps. 2:6-12; 110:1-7; Deut. 8; 28; Mt. 5:5; 6:10; 17:11; 19:28; 28:19; Acts 1:6; 3:21).

VI. JESUS PRESENTS HIMSELF AS HE APPROACHES JERUSALEM (REV. 19:11-16)

¹¹ ***I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns...13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood...14 The armies in heaven...followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations...He Himself treads the winepress of the...wrath of Almighty God. 16 He has on His robe...a name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.** (Rev. 19:11-16)***

- A. ***Makes war***: at the 7th Trumpet a voice in heaven announces that Jesus is taking over all the nations (Rev. 11:15). The “*Jesus of Christmas*” brings peace and goodwill to men (Lk. 2:14) by openly waging a just war against the evil as the “*Jesus of Armageddon*”. He uses war to establish peace and justice. The Antichrist started the war (Rev. 11:7; 12:7, 17; 13:4, 7; 17:14; 19:11, 19; Dan. 7:21; 9:26). This war is also won in the heavenlies (Rev. 12:7-12).

⁹ ***In that day that I will...destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (Zech. 12:9)***

- B. ***The principle of judgment:*** God uses the least severe means to bring the greatest numbers to salvation at the deepest levels of love without violating anyone's free will in training the future governors of the earth (Dan. 7:21-27; Rev. 3:21; 5:10; 22:5). God's judgments will remove all that hinders love in the Church and in Israel.
- C. ***Armies followed Him:*** Jesus conquers in partnership with His people (Rev. 3:21; Jn. 17:24). The saints are with Him (1 Thes. 4:14; Zech. 14:5). The saints dash the nations with Him (Rev. 2:27).

VII. JESUS DEFEATS THE ANTICHRIST AT THE BATTLE OF JERUSALEM (REV. 19:17-21)

¹⁷ I saw an angel...saying to all the birds..., "Gather together for the supper of the great God, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses...." 19 I saw the Beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him...and against His army. 20 Then the Beast was captured, and with him the False Prophet...These two were cast alive into the Lake of Fire ...21 The rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him...the birds were filled with their flesh. (Rev. 19:17-21)

- A. The pinnacle of the Second Coming Procession is Jesus' re-entry into the city of Jerusalem to be officially received by the governmental leaders of Israel as their Messianic King.
- ³⁹ I say to you (governmental leaders in Jerusalem), you shall see Me no more till you say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!" (Mt. 23:39)***
- B. Jesus will be celebrated as the Son of David in a Hosanna coronation parade hosted by the leaders of Israel. The leaders of Israel will open the gates of Jerusalem to Jesus in an official declaration of Him as their King after He rescues them to end the Armageddon campaign.
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O you gates (of Jerusalem)! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle (Armageddon campaign). (Ps. 24:7-8)***

VIII. THE FATHER ESTABLISHES HIS THRONE WITH HIS PEOPLE ON EARTH (REV. 21:1-8)

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God." (Rev. 21:1-3)

- A. The New Jerusalem is our eternal dwelling place. The City is seen in its relational term or in its nearness to God (Rev. 21:1-8).
- ¹³ Look for a new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (2 Pet. 3:13)***
- B. Rev. 21:3 describes God dwelling with humans. Our highest inheritance is God dwelling with us (Ex. 25:8; Lev. 26:11-13; Ezek. 37:26-27; Rev. 21:3), which is a promise that is completely fulfilled to the saints in the Millennial Earth and New Earth.