

A Review of The Millennial Kingdom Part 2

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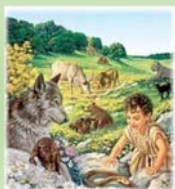
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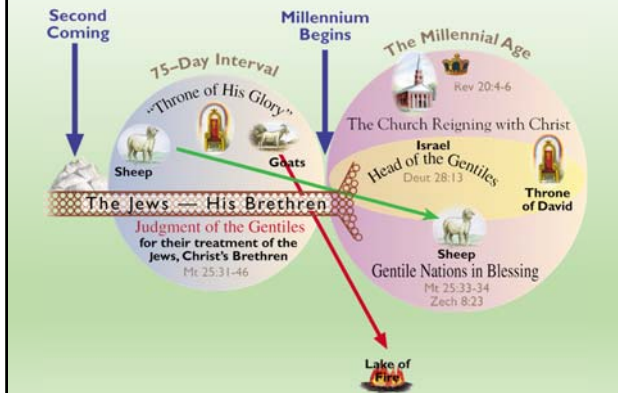
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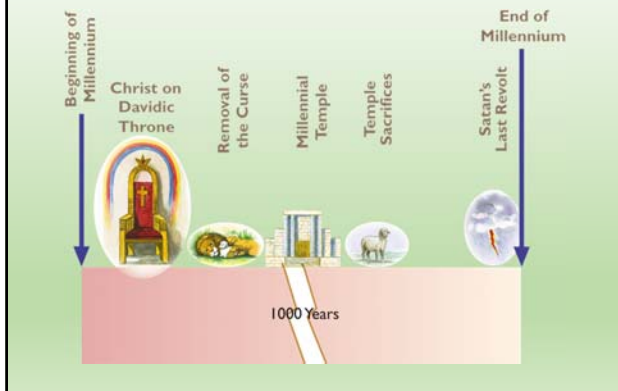
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II. Millennial Views of the Kingdom


A. Amillennial

B. Post-Millennial

C. Pre-Millennial

II. Millennial Views of the Kingdom

Amillennialism
First Resurrection is spiritual at conversion



There will be **no literal future thousand-year reign of Christ on earth**. The Millennium refers to the present age or possibly the last thousand years of the present age.

II. Millennial Views of the Kingdom

Postmillennialism
 First Resurrection is spiritual at conversion

The whole world will be Christianized, bringing in a golden age which will correspond to the millennial kingdom. The Millennium will be the last 1,000 years of the present age.

II. Millennial Views of the Kingdom

Premillennialism

This was the predominant view of the early church as witnessed by the early church fathers. It wasn't until the 3rd century, under the influence of the Alexandria school of theology, that it was displaced.

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A. Duration of the Kingdom

- 1000 years
- Eternal



III. Nature of Millennium

A. Duration of the Kingdom

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B. General Conditions

- Better Health Conditions
- Increased Fertility
- Labor and Productivity
- Partial Removal of Curse
- Glory
- Joy
- Wealth

END OF PART 1 REVIEW

III. Nature of Millennium

- A. Duration of the Kingdom
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C. Political Conditions

- **Perfect, Lasting Peace**
- **Kingdom Judicial System**
- **Individual Welfare Priority**
- **Millennial Government Dictatorial**

C. Political Conditions

- **Perfect, Lasting Peace**
 - War is generated by man's selfishness (**James 4:1-2**).
 - Without a change in man's sin nature, there can be no peace (**Isa. 57:21**).
 - Christ predicted an increase of wars in the end times (**Matt. 24:6-7**).
 - Only the "Prince of Peace" can create and maintain world peace under a perfect government.
 - World peace brings security, protection and comfort for God's chosen nation, Israel.

C. Political Conditions

- **Perfect, Lasting Peace**
 - **Psa. 72:7; Isa. 2:4** (Micah 4:3); 9:6-7; 12:1-2; 29:22; 30:26; 32:17-18; 40:1-2; 49:13; 51:3; 54:13-14; 60:18; 66:12; 60:21; 61:4 and 7; 62:8a and 9; 65:21ff.; 66:13-14; Jer. 23:6; Ezek. 28:26; 34:25, 27, 28; **Hosea 2:18**; Joel 3:16-17; Amos 9:15; Zeph. 3:18-20; Zech. 8:14-15; **9:8-10**; 14:11).



C. Political Conditions

• Kingdom Judicial System

- Christ's administration of justice with a *"rod of iron,"* in the courts will ensure accurate verdicts and fair sentences.
- Christ will have authority over both political and spiritual realms in the Millennium so there will be no "separation of church and state".
- As the world's center for worship, Jerusalem will also be the world's political capital.
- *There is a need for a judicial system in the Millennium because the unglorified peoples of the world will still have a sin nature.*

C. Political Conditions

• Kingdom Judicial System (cont'd)

- Christ's perfect government will include capital punishment.
- **Psa. 96:13**; Isa. 2:3b-4a; 9:7; **11:3b-5**; 32:16; 33:5; 42:1-4; Isa. 65:20; 66:24 Jer. 23:5-6; **31:30**; 33:15; Micah 4:2d-3



C. Political Conditions

• Individual Welfare Priority

- Political repression will be a thing of the past. As benevolent dictator, Christ will govern with a balance of justice and mercy, caring for the individual needs of His people (**Isa. 40:11**).



C. Political Conditions

- **Millennial Government Dictatorial**
 - Christ will rule as the perfect, theocratic, dictator with complete and absolute power over the entire world.
 - Psa. 2:8-9; 22:27-28; Psa. 72:8; Isa. 2:4; 11:9b-10; 60:11-12; Dan. 2:35; **Dan. 7:14, 27**; Micah 4:2-3; 5:2; Hab. 2:14; Zeph. 3:9; Zech. 8:20-23; 9:10; **14:9**; Rev. 2:26-27; **11:15**; 17:14; 19:15-16



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D. Governors, Governed In Millennium

- Authorities
- Those Governed



D. Governors, Governed In Millennium

- **Authorities**
 - Messiah
 - King David
 - Twelve Apostles
 - Other Lesser Nobles, Judges

D. Governors, Governed In Millennium

- **Authorities**
 - **Messiah** – is the ultimate sovereign in the millennial Kingdom exercising ultimate control as “judge, lawgiver, and king”.
 - Names expressing His authority (Branch, The Lord Our Righteousness, Jehovah, Rod of Jesse, Son of Man, King, Judge, Lawgiver, King of kings and Lord of lords, Shepherd, The Light, Stone, Redeemer, Sun of Righteousness, Son of David).



D. Governors, Governed In Millennium

- **Authorities**
 - *In many respects the rule of Christ as the last Adam fulfills what God had intended for Adam who was placed in charge of the Garden of Eden.*
 - (Psa. 2:6; Isa. 9:6-7; **Isa. 33:22**; Dan. 7:14; **Luke 1:31-33**; Matt. 19:28; 25:31; 1 Cor. 15:24, etc.).



D. Governors, Governed In Millennium

• Authorities

- **King/Prince David** – Resurrected David will have an extremely high position in the millennium. From the viewpoint of Israel, David will be their king ruling over them. But from the viewpoint of the Messiah, David will be a prince.
- Isa. 55:3-4; Jer. 30:9; 33:15-17; Ezek. 34:23-24; 37:24-25; Hos. 3:5; Amos 9:11



D. Governors, Governed In Millennium

• Authorities

- **Twelve Apostles** – The twelve apostles will serve as judges for Israel's twelve tribes. (Matt. 19:28; Luke 22:28–30; Revelation 4:4)



D. Governors, Governed In Millennium

• Authorities

- **Other Lesser Nobles, Judges** – Several passages mention lesser millennial rulers in general terms.
- The Bible promises a role for glorified church saints in sharing in Christ's rule.
- Isa. 32:1; Obadiah v. 21; Luke 19:17,19; 1 Cor. 6:2; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 2:26-27; 5:10; 20:4, 6



D. Governors, Governed In Millennium

• **Those Governed**

- Israel Restored
- Israel Reunited
- Israel Regenerated
- Israel's Prominence
- God's Presence, Israel
- Jerusalem, Capital



D. Governors, Governed In Millennium

• **Israel Restored**

- The restoration of Israel's people to the Promised Land is a prominent subject in Biblical prophecy.
- **Complete fulfillment** of these predictions has never taken place up to the present time.
- **Isa. 11:11-12.; 27:12;** 43:5-7; Jer. 30:18, 31:8-9; 32:36-40; 33:11ff.; Ezek. 11:16ff.; 20:34,42; 28:25-26; 34:12ff.; 36:24ff.; all of Ezek. 37; Hosea 1:11; Joel 3:1; **Amos 9:14-15;** Obadiah v. 17; Micah 4:6-7; Zeph. 3:20; Zech. 8:8, 10:10



D. Governors, Governed In Millennium

• **Israel Reunited**

- The prophets teach that when the Jews return to their land in the end times it will be as **one united nation**.
- **Jer. 3:18;** 33:14; **Ezek. 37:16-18,** 21-22; 39:25; **Hosea 1:11**



D. Governors, Governed In Millennium

• Israel Regenerated

- While a significant "stage setting" event, the creation of the State of Israel in 1948 is not in mind.
- The nation of Israel is currently in the land in "unbelief". The nation of Israel at the time of the Second Coming of Christ, will believe in Him and enter the Millennial Kingdom as a saved nation.
- In the Kingdom, Israel will be dedicated to her Messiah.

- **Rom. 11:26-27; Jer. 31:34; Ezek. 20:38, 40**



D. Governors, Governed In Millennium

• Israel's Prominence

- During the Millennium Israel will be the most powerful and prominent nation in the world. It will be the ultimate "superpower." Many verses specifically teach that all other nations (i.e., Egypt [Isa. 19:21] and Assyria [Isa.19:22-25]) will be subordinate to Israel.
- Isa. 14:1-2; 49:22-23; **60:9-15-17**; 61:5-6; 62:2-5; Micah 7:12; **Zech. 8:23**



D. Governors, Governed In Millennium

• God's Presence, Israel

- The prophets predict that God Himself will dwell in Israel during the coming Kingdom.
- While glorified saints will be rulers in the Kingdom, Israel's prominence will largely be due to the presence of God Himself in her midst.
- **Joel 3:17**; Obadiah v. 21; Isa. 2:2-4; Micah 4:2-3, 7c; **Zeph. 3:14-17a; Zech. 2:10, 12; 8:2-3; 14:3-4, 9;**



D. Governors, Governed In Millennium

• **Jerusalem, Capital**

- Jerusalem will be a world power center both politically and spiritually and the entire world will be governed from Jerusalem.
- Isa. 2:1-4 (Micah 4:1-3); 62:6-7; **Jer. 3:17**; **Zech. 8:22**; 14:16-17



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E. Spiritual Conditions

- Satan Bound
- Curse Partially Lifted
- God The Son Resides On Earth
- All Unsaved People Excluded at Beginning
- Great Outpouring of The Spirit
- Unified Worship, Jerusalem
- Abundant Spirituality
- Full Knowledge in Word
- Millennial Temple, Worship

E. Spiritual Conditions

• Satan Bound

- Satan will be bound for the entire 1,000 years (cf. **Rev. 20:1-3**), which will cause spiritual improvement in the Kingdom's unglorified people groups, however, *unglorified persons will still have a sin nature.*



E. Spiritual Conditions

• Curse Partially Lifted

- While death will still occur in the Millennium, there will be an increase in lifespans, fertility, productivity, a reduction of sickness, changes in animal behavior, and a general lessening of sin's harmful affects.
- **Isa. 11:6-9**; 35:9; **65:20, 25**; **Ezek. 34:25**; Hosea 2:18.



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E. Spiritual Conditions

• **All Unsaved People Excluded at Beginning**

- The Judgment of Israel - all the unsaved Jews who have survived the Tribulation will be excluded from the Kingdom and cast into punishment. (Eze. 20:33-44; Mal. 3:1-6)



E. Spiritual Conditions

• **All Unsaved People Excluded at Beginning**

- The Judgment of the Gentiles (Nations) deals with those who have lived through the Tribulation and how they dealt with Israel, under the Antichrist (Matt. 25:31-46).



E. Spiritual Conditions

• **All Unsaved People Excluded (cont'd)**

- The gentile "sheep" are believers and they enter the Kingdom.
- The gentile "goats" are unbelievers who are cast directly into the eternal Lake of Fire.
- John 3:3; Matt. 13:41-42, 49; 18:3; **Matt. 25:31-46**; Matt. 8:11-12; Luke 13:28-29



E. Spiritual Conditions



• **Great Outpouring of the Spirit**

- It is likely that the Holy Spirit's millennial work will reflect what would have happened had Christ been accepted as King.
- God will pour out the Holy Spirit upon all Kingdom saints.
- **Isa. 44:3; Ezek. 36:26-27; 39:29; Joel 2:28-29** (see time frame context in Joel 2:30-3:2).

E. Spiritual Conditions

• **Unified Worship, Jerusalem**

- Many of the same verses which teach that Jerusalem will be a world political capital also teach that it will be a worldwide center for worship (see Isa. 2:2-4 (Micah 4:1-3); **Zeph. 3:9-10; Zech. 8:20-23, 14:16-21**).



E. Spiritual Conditions

• **Abundant Spirituality**

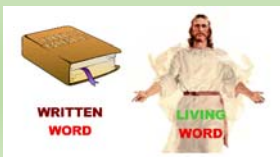
- The Kingdom will **begin** with believing survivors of the Tribulation and resurrected and glorified believers. (cf. Matt. 13:41-43, 49-50; 25:34,41,46).
- Isa. 1:26-27; 4:3-4; **35:8-9; 52:1; 60:18, 21; 61:11; Jer. 31:33-34; Jer. 31:33-34; Ezek. 36:24-31; 37:23-24; 43:7, 10; Zeph. 3:11, 13; 8:3; Zech. 13:1,9; Rom. 11:26**



E. Spiritual Conditions

• Full Knowledge in Word

- With Christ ruling from Jerusalem and the Holy Spirit poured out upon all flesh, there will be widespread knowledge of God's truth.
- **Isa. 11:9b**; 29:24; 32:2-4; 54:13; Jer. 3:15, 17; 23:4; **Jer. 31:34** (cf. Heb. 8:8-12); **Hab. 2:14**





E. Spiritual Conditions

• Millennial Temple, Worship

- The millennial temple will be glorious in its construction (Ezekiel 40-43).
- The glory of God which departed Solomon's temple before (Ezek. 10:18-19; 11:23) will be restored to the millennial temple (Ezek. 43:5-7).
- Life and physical blessing will be contingent upon conformity to the ceremonial law. *The Kingdom sacrifices will be multipurposed.*
- **Isa. 66:21**; **Jer. 33:18**; **Ezek. 20:40-41**; **40:39**; **42:13**; 43:18-19; 45:21-25; 46:1, 13, 17; Zech. 14:16-19, 21



E. Spiritual Conditions

• Millennial Temple, Worship

There are at least four reasons to take the Millennial System of Priesthood and Sacrifice literally (Eze. 44:1-46:24):

1. This is the normal hermeneutic used elsewhere in Scripture...the Dispensationalist uses the literal approach consistently. Such a consistent usage leads to the conclusion that there will be a Millennial Temple and sacrifice.



E. Spiritual Conditions

• **Millennial Temple, Worship**

2. ...Other prophets spoke of these things in a non-apocalyptic context. The Millennial Temple is spoken of in Isaiah 2:3; 60:13; Daniel 9:24; Joel 3:18; and Haggai 2:7, 9. The millennial sacrifices are mentioned in Isaiah 56:6-7; 60:7; 66:18-23; Jeremiah 33:18; Malachi 3:3-4; and Zechariah 14:16-21...



E. Spiritual Conditions

• **Millennial Temple, Worship**

3. The Millennial Temple is not the only temple that Ezekiel describes. In chapters 8-11, he describes the departure of the Shechinah Glory from Israel, from the First Temple. *All agree that his description of the Temple and the events that happen there are very literal.* In chapters 40-48, Ezekiel describes the future return of the Shechinah Glory into the Fourth Temple. *If what he said about the First Temple was literal, then what he says about the Fourth Temple should also be taken literally.*



E. Spiritual Conditions

• **Millennial Temple, Worship**

4. Ezekiel provides a tremendous amount of detail which includes specific measurements and types of sacrifices. *All accept the details of the sacrifices of the Law of Moses to be very literal. All accept the detailed measurements of the Tabernacle and the First Temple to be very literal. There is no good reason not to accept the details of the Fourth Temple to be equally literal....*

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E. Spiritual Conditions

• **Millennial Temple, Worship – 3 Main Objections**

1. This would mean a return to the sacrificial system of the Mosaic Law which ended when Messiah died and therefore violates all that the New Testament teaches about the termination of the Law as a rule of life.

Answer: Similar ≠ Same! While there are many similarities with the...Mosaic Law,...the differences show they are not the same....this...is a new system under Kingdom Law and so it does not violate what the N.T. teaches concerning the termination of the [Mosaic] Law with Messiah's death.



E. Spiritual Conditions

• **Millennial Temple, Worship – 3 Main Objections**

2. The measurements given by Ezekiel will not fit the Temple Mount, and therefore cannot be literal.

Answer: It is true that the size of the Ezekiel Temple will not fit the Temple Mount but it is a misconception that the Ezekiel Temple was intended to be built on that mount. The details Ezekiel gives shows that there will be some major geographical changes resulting from the Second Coming....these changes will create a new temple mount altogether.



E. Spiritual Conditions

• **Millennial Temple, Worship – 3 Main Objections**

3. To believe in the reinstatement of the blood sacrifices is heresy.

Answer: Just because there are no blood sacrifices for the Church does not mean there cannot be such sacrifices for Israel (in the kingdom). Just because there is no physical temple, priesthood, and sacrifice for the Church does not mean the same will be true for Israel.

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E. Spiritual Conditions

• **Millennial Temple, Worship**

There are at least 4 purposes for the sacrificial system that can be suggested:

- 1) **A memorial of the death of the Messiah...***a similar role that Communion plays for the Church.*
- 2) **The means of restoring fellowship for the millennial saint...***In this age, fellowship for the believer is restored by confession (1 John 1:9).*



E. Spiritual Conditions

• **Millennial Temple, Worship**

- 3) **Ritual cleansing for ritual uncleanness.** *Since the Shechinah Glory will be within the Holy of Holies of the Millennial Temple, it would be impossible to approach the Temple compound in a state of ritual impurity and therefore the sacrifices will be for the cleansing of ceremonial uncleanness.*
...all the sacrifices of Ezekiel [40-48] relate to purification of the priests for Temple service....



E. Spiritual Conditions

• **Millennial Temple, Worship**

- 4) **The privilege of life and physical blessing in a theocratic kingdom....***just as in Old Testament times, the privilege of life and physical blessing in the theocratic kingdom will be contingent upon outward conformity to the ceremonial law. Such conformity did not bring salvation in Old Testament times...It is a serious mistake, therefore, to insist that these sacrifices will be expiatory. They were certainly not expiatory in the Mosaic economy... and they will not be so in the Millennium.*



E. Spiritual Conditions

- **Millennial Temple, Worship**

For a detailed defense of this position see the pdf:
Christ's Atonement and Animal Sacrifices in Israel - John C. Whitcomb in Grace Theological Journal 6.2 (1985) 201-217.

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"When the **plain sense** of Scripture makes common sense, **seek no other sense**; therefore, take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicate clearly otherwise."

"When the plain sense makes good sense seek no other sense lest you wind up with nonsense."





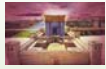
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• Final Satanic Rebellion

Revelation 20:7-10

⁷ When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, ⁸ and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. ⁹ And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.





E. Spiritual Conditions

• Final Satanic Rebellion

- Rev. 20:7-10 teaches that God allows Satan a short release during the transition from the Theocratic kingdom to the Eternal State.
- The devil will find enough disgruntled people to initiate a rebellion against Christ the King demonstrating another measure of sin's insanity as the devil and his allies have no hope of winning.
- Encircling Jerusalem, fire from heaven consumes them; and the devil's career is finished as he is cast into the eternal Lake of Fire.



E. Spiritual Conditions

• Final Satanic Rebellion

- It may be that God allows this final revolt to demonstrate Satan's incurable evil and to illustrate the righteousness in giving eternal punishment for the devil and his unsaved human followers.
- These incorrigible unsaved human followers willfully choose the devil and hell over an ideal world with Christ as King! They reap the condemnation of their personal choice and join the devil in the eternal Lake of Fire.



E. Spiritual Conditions

- **Final Satanic Rebellion**

“The expression Gog and Magog points to the extent of the work of deception reaching the extremities of the earth and hints at a similarity with the invasion described in Ezekiel 38:1–39:16, **which will occur prior to the Great Tribulation**. The similarity is that this, too, will be an invasion of Israel.”

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