

The Earthly Reign of Jesus the Messiah Revelation and various Scriptures

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Introduction:

Pre-Mil (premillennialism): the kingdom will come when Christ returns.

Post-Mil (postmillennialism): Christ returns after His kingdom has been established on earth by His church. Gospel progress or reconstruction.

A-Mil (amillennialism): we are *in* the kingdom now,
or we (saints in heaven and/or saints on earth) *are* the kingdom,
or the kingdom is at work in the hearts of his people.
There is no further earthly kingdom we look forward to. When Christ returns, the Eternal State begins.

What we learn about Messiah's Kingdom on earth from:

1) John's Description

- 1) the chronology of Revelation
- 2) 1000 years (6x in 6verses)
- 3) Satan bound (not currently)
- 4) 2 physical resurrections, split by 1000 years

2) Daniel's Vision (2:44-45)

3) The King's Chronology Jesus arrives, then reigns.

- 1) Dan2:34-35 —> Dan2:44-45
- 2) Isa 64:1-2a —> Isa 64:2b
- 3) Zech14:5 —> 14:9
- 4) Mt24:27,30,37,39,42,44 —> Mt 25:31
- 5) rev19 —> Rev20

4) The Prophets' Gap

- 1) Isa 61:1-3 (Lk 4:17ff); Zech9:9-10 (John12:15).
- 2) Dan 9:26.
- 3) Lk 19:11-27.

5) Messiah's Role

- 1) Ps2, Ps110
- 2) Jesus IS King.
- 3) Jesus is the image of God in man. Gen2, Ps8, Heb2.
- 4) Jewish messianic expectations.
- 5) Jesus is Suffering Servant AND Conquering King.

6) God's Promises

"If the Jew thought too exclusively of Christ reigning, has not the Gentile thought too exclusively of Christ suffering? If the Jew could see nothing int Old Testament prophecy but Christ's exaltation and final power, has not the Gentile often seen nothing but Christ's humiliation and the preaching of the gospel? If the Jew dwelt too much on Christ's second advent, has not the Gentile dwelt too exclusively on the first. If the Jew ignored the cross, has not the Gentile ignored the crown?"¹

7) The Covenants' Fulfillment

- 1) Abrahamic (Gen17:7-8).
- 2) Davidic (2Sam7; Ps132; Ps89:33-37).
- 3) New (Jer31:35-37; Deut30:5-6, 9-10).

8) The Old Testament's Descriptions²

- 1) one kingdom, to which all nations will be obedient (Ps2:1-12; 72:8; Dan2:44; 7:27; Num24:17; Zech 14:9; 9:10).
- 2) one "religion" —> Christ (Isa45:23; 52:1,7-10; 66:17,23; Zech14:16; Zech8:23; 9:7; Zeph3:9; Mal1:11).
- 3) idolatry eradicated (Isa2:8; 42:17; Ps97:7; Zech13:2).
- 4) Israel faithful, devoted to Yahweh (Dan9:24; Isa 26:2; 54:13-14; 60:21; Deut30:6; Jer3:17; 50:20; Ezek 36:25-27; 37:23-24; Zeph 3:13; Zech14:20).

¹ J.C. Ryle, *Are You Ready for the End of Time?* p44, italics his. On Israel's future, see Ryle ch5.

² This list modified from Nathaniel West, *The Thousand Year Reign of Christ*, p286-294.

- 5) World Peace (Isa2:1-4; 9:6; Mic4:3-4; Hos2:18; Zech9:10; Ezek39:9-10).
- 6) Environmental Peace (Isa11:6-9; 65:25; Hos2:18; Ezek34:25,28).
- 7) Edenic, prosperous land of Israel (Isa32:15; 35:1; 41:18-19; 51:3; 65:17-25; Amos9:13-15; Zech8:3-8).
- 8) Long Life (Isa65:20-23).
- 9) 12 Tribes re-united, under one King (Ezek37:1-28; Ezek37:21-22; Mic4:8; Joel2:27; 3:1; Isa11:12-13; Jer31:31-34; Hos1:11; Jer3:18).
- 10) Jerusalem exalted [topographically] (Isa2:2; 64:1-4; Mic4:1; Zech14:4,5,10,11; see other examples of God's presence changing the topography — Ju5:4-5; Ps97:4-5; Ex19:18,24; Hab3:6,10; Nah1:5-6).
- 11) The city of Jerusalem and the temple will be made beautiful (Zech14:10; Jer3:17-19; 31:38; Isa60:10-18; Hag2:6-9; Ezek40-48). contra Eternal State - no temple!
- 12) The Dispersed Israel regathered (Isa11:12; 11:10-16; 19:23-25; 26:13-16; 27:12-13; 35:8; 49:12,22,23; 59:16-21; 60:9; 63:1-6; 65:19-20; Zech10:10-12; 12:4-9; Zeph3:9; Hos1:11).
- 13) Israelites honored by the nations (Zech8:23; Jer3:17; Isa2:2-3; 45:14-25; Mic4:2).
- 14) Stream of water from Temple Mount (Ezek47:1-12; Zech14:8; Joel3:18).
- 15) New 12-Tribe partition of the Land (Ezek47:1-23; 48:15,35).
- 16) Reduction in effects of the curse (Isa30:23-26; 35:1-10). Contra NO CURSE in the New Heavens and New Earth.
- 17) Increase in Sun/Moon (Isa30:26). contra NO SUN or MOON in the New Heavens and New Earth. (Isa60:19-20. Rev21:23-25).
- 18) Restored nations (formerly hostile) become the people of Yahweh — Samaria, Sodom, Gomorrah, Egypt, Assyria. Political peace and holiness. (Ezek16:46-63; Isa11:16; 19:23-25).
- 19) Old Testament saints resurrected (Dan12:1-3,13; Isa26:19; Ezek37:12).
- 20) The world in Abrahamic blessing (Ps98:1-3; Deut32:36-43; Isa19:18-25; Isa61:11; 66:8-12; Zeph3:9; Zech14:16).

9) The Psalms' Anticipation.

(Ps2,8,10,15,18,20,22,24,25,27,28,29,37,44,45,46,47,48,53,58,59, 65,66,67,68,69,72,74,75, 76,79,80,81,82,83,86,87,89,92,96,97,98,99,100,102,105,106,107, 110,117,118,122,125,126, 129,130,132,138,145,146,147,149, + imprecatory Psalms).

10) The New Testament's Witness

- 1) Gabriel's announcement to Mary (Lk 1:32-33).
- 2) Mother of James and John (Mt20:20-23).
- 3) Jesus' promise to the disciples (Lk 22:30; Mt19:28).
- 4) Jesus' clarification to the disciples (Acts 1:6).

- 5) Peter's sermon (Acts3:18-21).
 - 6) Paul's preaching (Acts 28:31).
 - 7) Paul's teaching (Rom11:25-29).
 - 8) God's explanation of future events (Revelation20).
- Nowhere does the New Testament present an alteration, rejection, or nullification of the Old Testament's promises or descriptions of Messiah's kingdom.

11) The Lord's Prayer (Mt6:9-13).

Resources for further study:

Matthew Waymeyer

*Revelation 20 and the Millennial Debate
Amillennialism and The Age To Come*

John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue

*Christ's Prophetic Plans
Biblical Doctrine, pages 827-916.*

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Are You Ready for the End of Time?

Charles Spurgeon

Spurgeon's Sermons on the Second Coming, edited by D.O. Fuller.
particularly, the two sermons:
"The First Resurrection"
"On the Second Coming"

Ken Fuller

Millennial Exercises: Evaluating Millennial Viewpoints

Michael Vlach

*Premillennialism: Why There Must Be a Future Earthly Kingdom of Jesus
Has the Church Replaced Israel?
He Will Reign Forever: A Biblical Theology of the Kingdom of God*

Nathaniel West

The Thousand Year Reign of Christ

Alva J. McClain

The Greatness of the Kingdom

Martin Erdmann

The Millennial Controversy in the Early Church