

I. The Millennial Kingdom

- A. Duration – 1,000 years Rev. 20:1-7ff (“thousand years” is found six times)
- B. Necessity for its occurrence rests upon the unfulfilled portions of the four unconditional covenants God made with Israel:

1. Israel’s regeneration has not yet occurred. 2 Cor. 3:14-16; Jer. 31:34 (new covenant – I WILL)

2. Israel’s restoration to the land has not yet occurred.

Deut. 29:1 – 30:20 (Palestinian Covenant – land – I WILL)

Gen. 13:14-15, 17; 15:12-21 Abrahamic Covenant – I WILL (from the Euphrates River in the north to the River of Egypt in the south.)

3. The re-establishment of David’s throne (Davidic Covenant – I WILL) 2 Sam. 7:11b-16 and 1 Chron. 17:10b-14

a. The Lord will build a house for you – dynasty, vs.10.

b. A kingdom, vs.11.

c. A throne, vs.12.

d. A person, vs.13-14.

NOTE: Jesus Christ is a prophet, priest, and king (sequentially).

1. the time of His first coming – prophet.

2. present session – priest.

3. future function – king. Davidic throne must be re-established for Christ to fulfill this position.

- C. Other passages describing additional characteristics that will exist in history.

1. Israel and Judah must be re-united as one people, never to be divided again. Jer. 3:17-18; Ezk. 37:1-23

2. Israel will become the center of Gentile attention. Isa. 14:1-2; 49:22-23; 60:4-9; Micah 7:15-17; Zeph. 3:20; Zech. 8:23; Deut. 15:6

3. Israel will experience Righteousness, Holiness, Peace, Security, Joy and Gladness. Isa. 32:16-18; 35:5-6; 51:3; 55:12; 61:10-11

4. The mountain of Jehovah's house will be established.
Isa. 2:2-4; 27:13; 56:6-8; 66:20
Ezk. 20:40-41
5. A "millennial" temple will exist. Ezk. 40:5 – 43:27
6. Animal sacrifices must exist again. Ezk. 44:1 – 46:24
7. The Millennial River. Ezk. 47:1-12; Zech. 14:8

II. The Government of the Millennium

A. Messiah Jesus is the King in the Millennium. Ps. 2:6-12, esp. vs.6

Isa. 9:6-7; 11:1-10; 24:21-23, esp. vs.23; 42:1, 4 (Isa. 2:2-4), 13; 51:4;
Dan. 7:13-14, 27; Micah 5:2; Lk. 1:30-33; 22:29; Jer. 33:14-20

NOTE: The above Kingship is very different from the Divine Sovereignty exercised by God. It is an outgrowth from it and is described as a Theocratic form of human government.

B. David appears to be regent. Jer. 30:9; Ezk. 34:23-24; 37:24-25; Hos. 3:5; Amos 9:11 (The dynasty of David, though humbled for a time, will be reinstated to rule over the world.)

Reasons for believing that David will be raised from the dead and placed in a position of rulership:

1. Christ is never called David in the Scriptures. He is called:
 - a. A righteous branch of David. Jer. 23:5
 - b. Son of David – 15 times.
 - c. Descendant (seed – KJV) of David. Rom. 1:3; Rev. 22:16
 - d. Root of David. Rev. 5:5

But never, David.

2. Often, God refers to David as "my servant, David." David is not a name for God.
3. In passages such as, Hos. 3:5; Ezk. 37:23-24, etc.; Jehovah is clearly distinguished from David.
4. The prince (David) shall offer a bull for himself and the people – could not be Christ. Ezk. 45:22
5. The prince (David) shall offer worship – not Christ. Ezk. 46:2

6. The Prince (David) gives gifts to his sons – Christ had no sons.
Ezk. 46:16

For the above reasons, it seems that the prince referenced to as David, could not be Christ!

C. There will be other rulers in the Kingdom:

1. Rev. 19:16 refers to Jesus as “King of Kings and Lord of Lords.” It does not say He is the only one, but that He is over all kings and lords. Isa. 32:1-2; Jer. 30:21-22; Ezk. 45:8-9

The apostles (in resurrected form) will rule with Christ. Mt. 19:28

2. Rev. 20:4, those spoken of come out of the tribulation and are not part of the church, but Israel.
3. Judges will be raised up again. Isa. 1:26

D. The nature of the reign:

1. Universal – Dan. 2:34-35; 7:14, 27
2. Reign, exercised in the fullness of the Spirit. Isa. 11:2-3
3. Reign of righteousness and justice. Isa. 11:3-5

III. The Kingdom of God

- A. Eternal – Ps. 10:16; 29:10; Jer. 10:10; Lam. 5:19
- B. Universal – 1 Chron. 29:11-12; Ps. 103:19; Dan. 4:17, 25, 32
- C. God’s sovereignty is exercised through individuals as secondary causes. Isa. 10:5-6; Jer. 25:8-12; 27:4-8; 51:11-24, 27; Isa. 44:24 – 45:7 with Ezra 1:1

NOTE: God’s will is executed using men, some of whom recognize it, some of whom reject it, and some of whom are ignorant of it. YET, again, God’s will is executed. His sovereignty works through all! Ps. 148:8; Isa. 7:18-19; 9 of the 10 plagues sent upon Egypt – Ex. 7:3-5

- D. The term “kingdom” refers to the power and authority to rule. Lk. 19:11-27; Rev. 17:12
- E. God’s universal kingdom was challenged in space and time. Ezk. 28:11-19; Isa. 14:12-17

Each phase of Satan’s original sin was an act of rebellion against the authority of God and was motivated by a covetous desire to appropriate that very sovereignty for himself. As a result of this act of sin, a second kingdom was formed in opposition to God’s kingdom, a kingdom which

also fell under God's sovereignty. 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2; Mt. 4:89 (NOTE: Christ viewed Satan as possessing the right to do with his kingdom as he willed.)

- F. God in eternity past "chose" to reveal His kingdom to all creation (universe) on a tiny planet called earth (which is one of the smallest of the heavenly bodies), which was also the center of Satanic authority, to make known the riches of His grace! Matt. 25:34
- G. This visible kingdom will be transformed into the eternal kingdom at the end of its 1,000-year manifestation. 1 Cor. 15:24-28

IV. The people of Israel in the Millennium.

- A. Mt. 24:30-31
Isa. 27:12-13; 43:5-7
Jer. 12:15; 24:6
Ezk. 20:42-44; 28:25-26
- Joel 3:1-3
Amos 9:14-15
Micah 4:6-7
Zeph. 3:20
- B. Re-gathered as a believing nation. (Rom. 11:26-27)
Isa. 4:3-4
Jer. 23:6-8; 24:7; 31:33-34
Ezk. 11:19-20; 36:25-28
- Micah 7:18-19
Zech. 13:9
- Judah and Israel as one nation.
Jer. 3:18; 33:14
- Ezk. 20:40; 37:15-28; 39:25

V. The Gentiles in the Millennium.

Isa. 2:4; 42:1, 6; 49:6, 22-23; 60:1-14; 62:1-2; 66:18-19, 23
Jer. 3:17; 16:19-21
Ezk. 38:23

NOTE: the people from the above nations are saved and are those invited to enter the Kingdom by the Lord. Mt. 25:34

VI. Jerusalem in the Millennium.

- A. Will become the center of the earth.
Isa. 2:2-4
Micah 4:1-2
Zech. 2:10-12
- B. Will become greatly enlarged.
Jer. 31:38-40
Ezk. 48:30-35
Zech. 14:9-11
- C. A city open for all. Isa. 35:8-10
- D. The center of worship for the Kingdom Age. Ezk. 40 – 46

VII. The manifestation of Christ in the millennium. Gen. 17:7-8

The millennium will be the period of the full manifestation of the glory of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Philippians 2:6-8 will be replaced with verses 9-11.

- A. The “Son of Abraham” [Mt. 1:1; Gal. 3:16 (Gen. 22:16-18)] will possess the land of Palestine in God’s name, and institute the kingdom with Abraham’s seed.
- B. He will assume the throne and reign as the Son of David. Lk. 1:31-33
- C. As the “Son of man.” John 5:26-29
- D. As God’s theocratic king (God reigning).
 - 1. King of Righteousness. Isa. 32:1; 9:6-7
 - 2. King over Israel. John 12:12-15; 1:49; Mt. 2:2
 - 3. King of Kings. Rev. 19:16
 - 4. King over all the earth. Zech. 14:9, 16-18
- E. As “God the Son.” Isa. 9:6; Heb. 1:5-8ff; Ps. 86:9; Isa. 66:23

NOTE: The above is why it can be said, “The tabernacle of God is among men...” Rev. 21:3 Truly, He is and will become IMMANUEL in visible form. Mt. 1:23

- F. During the millennium, Jesus Christ will do the work of:
 - 1. Redeemer – Isa. 59:20-21; 62:11-12; Zech. 10:6
 - 2. Judge – James 4:12; John 5:22-23; Dan. 2:44-45
 - 3. Teacher – Isa. 2:3
 - 4. King – (see above)
 - 5. Rewarder – Isa. 40:10
 - 6. Shepherd – Isa. 40:11; Jer. 23:1-8
- G. Conditions on earth existing within the Millennium:
 - 1. Peace (cessation of war) – Isa. 2:4; 32:17
 - 2. Joy – Isa. 12:3-6; 25:8-9
 - 3. Holiness – Isa. 4:3-4; Zech. 14:20-21

4. Glory – Isa. 24:23; Zech. 2:5
5. Comfort – Isa. 12:1-2
6. Justice – Isa. 9:7
7. Full knowledge – Isa. 11:9
8. Instruction – Isa. 2:3
9. The curse (Gen. 3:17-19) will be removed – Isa. 11:6-9;
Rom. 8:20-22
10. No more sickness – Isa. 33:24
(Rom. 8:10 – sickness and death removed prior to the physical
resurrection in the age to come!)
11. Longevity restored – Isa. 65:20
12. Children will be born throughout the age – Zech. 10:6;
Jer. 30:18-20
13. Prosperity through labor will be the way – Isa. 65:17-25
14. Increase in light – Isa. 60:19-22; 4:5-6; 30:26
15. Unified worship – Zech. 14:16
16. The fullness of the Spirit – Isa. 32:15-20; 44:1-6; 59:20-21

NOTE: That which characterizes the millennial age is not viewed as temporary, but eternal. The millennial kingdom is but the first 1000 years.
1 Cor. 15:26-28