

# Millennial Kingdom

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In our humble opinion, there are few doctrines so obvious and crystal clear in Scripture as that of the Millennial Kingdom of God, which is the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ as King over the earth while upon the earth at His second coming immediately proceeding the seven year Great Tribulation, also known as the [70th Week of Daniel](#) and the Time of Jacob's (Israel's) Trouble.

Yet, many professing Christians and groups reject this obvious truth. Why? Amillennialism and Postmillennialism are two of the most common causes, but both are easily refuted by Scripture as we will do further below. Why then would professing believers embrace an obvious false teaching? According to Scripture, number one reason through ninety nine is this: unregeneracy. The heresy reflects unregeneracy for a few important reasons. They do not have the indwelling Spirit of God to guide them and teach them and give them understanding of the truth as promised to all that are genuinely born again (cf. 1 Jn 2:20-21, 27; Jn 16:13), so they are left to a fleshly system of hermeneutics that fancies the imagination with allegorical gymnastics, resulting in wresting of Scripture to fit their own eisegetical presuppositions (2 Pet 1:21; 3:16-17). Jesus said such people do not understand the literal truths of the deep things of God because they cannot hear His word: "*Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye*

*cannot hear my word.*" (Jn 8:43). A person that corrupts the scriptures in the allegorical manner loves to have the preeminence, and will not hear apostolic doctrine, in similitude to the apostate Diotrephes (3 Jn 1:9-11), for "*he that is not of God heareth not us*" said John the Apostle (1 Jn 4:6). Jesus elaborated on this truth in Jn 8, "*He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.*" (vv. 47). Being without God, the false professing "believer" is left to the natural inclinations of his unspiritual (i.e., unsaved) mind (1 Cor 2:14-16). He is gleaning things allegedly from scripture that no one else knows or only a select population. He is tickling the ears of the people in an area that will keep their interest, hearing something new and exciting—fables ([2 Tim 4:3-4](#))—since the teaching isn't actually found in Scripture, but purely made up in the mind of a person that isn't satisfied, or cannot be satisfied, with the plain literal meaning of a text. Scripture is truly not sufficient for this individual. This profane art of wresting scripture conforms to their own personal ideas, philosophies and agendas. 2 Pet 1:21; 3:16-17; 2 Cor 2:17 amongst other texts speak to this terrible error, while 1 Jn 2:20-21, 27, and Pr 8:8-9; 22:20-22 are clear that the truly saved understand and know the truth and thus interpret the Scriptures in a literal sense resulting in "sound doctrine" and not unsound doctrine (1 Tim 1:3) produced by spiritualizing Scripture. The saint rejects this "*spirit of error*" because he knows and has "*the spirit of truth*" (1 Jn 4:6).

There is nothing worse for a preacher or teacher than perverting or twisting a passage for whatever reasons, which are either purposeful or careless. When someone uses a passage to justify his own thinking, he's taking on an activity either identical to or very close to a false prophet. The responsibility of the preacher or teacher is to preach what the Bible says. That starts with what it means. If you miss that, then you've missed everything. The Bible doesn't have power outside of what it actually means.

We didn't come up with the words amillennialism, postmillennialism, or premillennialism, but they are historic words that stand for particular representations, explanations, or systems of interpretation of the Bible, pivoting on the meaning of "the kingdom," because the millennium refers to the kingdom in the Bible, millennium meaning a thousand years, therefore referred to as the "Millennial Kingdom."

Not only is the Millennial Kingdom of God crystal clear in God's Word, so is the doctrine that binds in matrimony with it: Premillennialism. Below is a brief study of the subject, not exhaustive by any means.

## **The Who, What and When of the Coming**

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What is the Millennial Kingdom, when will it occur, and who will reside in it? These questions of profound importance are answered by the Word of God.

## What is the Millennial Kingdom of Christ?

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Simply, it is the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ upon the earth, the meaning of millennialism (“a thousand years”), ruling the world from his throne in Jerusalem, His Kingdom. We know it's 1,000 years because Scripture explicitly tells us so. Six times in Rev 20 this special time period is quantified by 1,000 years:

*"And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and **bound him a thousand years**, . . . he should deceive the nations no more, **till the thousand years should be fulfilled**: and after that he must be loosed a little season. . . . and they [martyrs] **lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years**. But the rest of the dead lived not again until **the thousand years were finished**. . . . Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but **they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years**. And when **the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,**"*

Without Rev 20 the doctrine would certainly be harder to defend but far from impossible. Nevertheless, we are not left without this clear text of Scripture, and no amount of twisting its truths will somehow eliminate this great period of time that is coming to planet earth in the very near future, with only the critically necessary seventieth week of Daniel, the seven year Great Tribulation, restraining its entrance. Beyond Rev 20, the Scriptures proclaim the coming kingdom of God on earth; indeed, the Bible clearly teaches a 1,000-year reign by the Lord Jesus Christ, where He will be the “*King of Kings and Lord of Lords*” (Rev. 17:14; 19:16). All the kings and all the lords will be under Him. He will be the “power,” the ONLY “power.”

Verse 6 above tells us that during this period of time, the saints “*shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years*.” (Rev 20:6). It is a 1,000 year reign of the Lord Jesus Christ, and it is His kingdom, known by many other passages of Scripture (e.g., Jer 23:5-8; 33:15-26; 2 Sam 7:10-16; Ps 72:1-20; 89:20-29; Is 9:6-7; Dan 2:44-45; 6:26; 7:9-14, 18, 27) where He will sit on the “*throne of David*” (Lk 1:32-33) and “*rule all nations with a rod of iron*” (Rev. 12:5a; 19:15) as prophesied (Is 9:7; 16:5; Ps. 2:6-12; Lk 1:32-33; etc). It should be obvious that these prophecies must apply to the future because they were not fulfilled during Christ's first coming.

Lk 1:32-33 declares,

*"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."*

It is the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel and David. God promised that Jerusalem and Israel would be the centre of an eternal, worldwide kingdom (Jer 23:5-8; 33:15-26). He promised David that his seed would rule over this kingdom (2 Sam 7:10-16; Ps 89:20-29). Jesus Christ is the Seed of David who has inherited these promises (Is 9:6-7; Matt 1:1).

In keeping to the Davidic covenant (2 Sam 7:12- 23), Christ the Son of David will rule over all the earth in a future millennium (Ze 14:9, Rev 5:10, 20:6). The Davidic covenant of a worldwide government of God was surely not fulfilled by Solomon. The other kings of Israel have failed miserably in governing the nation. Only Christ can literally fulfill the Davidic covenant (Luke 1:31-33, Acts 1:6). Christ will sit upon the throne of David and rule over the whole world from Jerusalem a thousand years (Is 24:23 cf 2:1-5, Jer 3:17, Mic 4:2).

***Scripture must be interpreted literally, unless it is an obvious allegory with explanation.***

The Millennial kingdom is the natural deduction from reading and interpreting Scripture literally, the normal method of interpretation for someone who exegetically reads the Bible. It would not occur to a person including the average professing Christian that the Scriptures should be interpreted in any other manner than literally. When someone reads about God's plan of salvation, the changed lives by the gospel, the Lord Jesus Christ, historical truths of Scripture, commands to obedience and practical holy living, the many fulfilled prophecies in the Word of God, and the historical facts about the Bible verified by archeological research and extra-Biblical records, the natural conclusion drawn is a literal reading, understanding and fulfillment, not figurative. It would be impossible to avoid that conclusion, and no honest reader would decipher anything besides. This is not some unusual expectation; the same principle applies logically to any secular material, which would never be read by some convoluted system of allegoricalism where the words and meanings could be interpreted however the reader sees fit.

Can God lie? God forbid! The Prophets and Apostles have historically and continually declared and proclaimed the faithfulness of God, who cannot lie and always keeps His word. Therefore, it is common Biblical sense that prophecies of future Biblical events would be interpreted and

fulfilled literally, including all prophecies related to a Millennial Kingdom, seeing that every fulfilled prophecy, which is well over a thousand, has been fulfilled literally in minute detail (with some partially fulfilled).

The spiritualizing or allegoricalism method of biblical interpretation is not just some minor error; it is extremely fallacious. It intentionally fails to allow the text to say what it actually means (i.e., exegesis) and rather imposes upon the text what the interpreter wants it to mean (i.e., eisegesis). This manner of interpretation is that of the unregenerate, specifically of those who profess to belong to God but have never been genuinely converted.

David Cooper's golden rule of interpretation is Biblical and applicable, as it is to all Biblical interpretation:

*"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 the light of related passages, and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicate clearly otherwise."* ([source](#)).

Literal interpretation of God's Word is the only manner of teaching by God the Spirit of His truths to those He indwells. There is no other Biblical manner of interpretation taught by the Spirit, for if there was, you could never know for sure if it is true since it is ambiguous, there could never be [true unity in a local congregation](#) (which is firstly and most importantly tied to sound doctrine, the product of literal interpretation) with everyone coming with their own figurative meaning of Scripture, along with unsound doctrine and the Bible obviously losing all its authority, and truth becoming relative rather than what is, absolute. This elevates ambiguity, moving black and white literalism to far less dogmatic spiritual impressions, yet perfectly accepted as the Holy Spirit manifesting himself. Two absolutely conflicting views and positions is relegated to just seeing the same passage in different, albeit equally acceptable, ways, the egalitarian nature of a toothless text. The "truth" becomes viewed in a skeptical or suspicious manner, many times as mere cold and clinical abstraction, a tool used by and for power. With scripture possessing a known and clear meaning in agreement with a doctrine of verbal, plenary inspiration, the truth is locked in the text, not in the mind of an individual. The words of Scripture are God speaking, so each word is purposeful and perspicuous. The Word of God isn't meant differently for every individual; it carries the same meaning for every person — as long of course they are born again. It's when you have unconverted mankind playing Christianity and thus driven by their fleshly feelings, you are left with perverted interpretations and unsound teachings, and the text ceases to be a universal grammatical and contextual fact.

Though a denier of the literal Millennial Kingdom (i.e., amillennialist, postmillennialist) may apply the literal principles to some of Scripture where it fits the circumstance, they utterly fail to do so when it comes to prophetic texts, especially the many that relate to Israel and eschatology. The Bible tells us that the cause of this is actual rejection of what Scripture says, unbelief towards the truth of God's Word, and we know that ["Unbelief" is Only a Characteristic of Unsaved People, Not the Saved](#). They reject God's truth about Israel and the literal future that is coming concerning various judgments, the Great Tribulation, the Millennial Kingdom and more. They are in fact unbelievers, though they profess to believe.

### ***What will the world be like during the Millennial Kingdom?***

Though we are not given great detail, Scripture gives us glimpses of this coming world. Rev 20:1-7 and Ps 72 among other places describe the world during the Millennial Kingdom.

1. The Millennial Kingdom is Jesus Christ the King ruling the world with a rod of iron, where He will be the *"King of Kings and Lord of Lords"* (Rev. 17:14; 19:16). All the kings and all the lords will be under Him. He will be the "power," the ONLY "power." The Lord will be King over all the earth and will *"rule all nations with a rod of iron"* (Ze 14:9 ; Rev12:5; Ps 2). The righteous nations that enter the Millennial Kingdom will be ruled by Christ's rod of iron, which will be applied if they disobey His commandments, decrees, and judgements; for instance Ze 14:16, *"And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles,"* and their punishment described in the passages that follow (Ze 14:17-19).

Christ's return as reigning King is foretold throughout Scripture. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey the week of His crucifixion, to end the 69th week of Daniel to the very day, He rode in as the prophesied King of Israel:

*"Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass." (Matt. 21:2-5)*

We all know how this sadly turned out, the Jews rejected Jesus as their Messiah, yet we see some of the characteristics that the King will rule by, immediately after riding into Jerusalem: *“And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.”* (Matt. 21:12-13). This is an example of how Christ will rule the world with a rod of iron (Matt 21:12-13, context vv. 1-13; cf. Jn. 2:13-17).

The Lord Jesus Christ will rule as David’s Son (Ps 72:1-7, 20). He will rule universally (Ps 72:8-11; Ze 14:9, 16-19) and absolutely (Ps 72:9-11; cf. 1 Ki 3:16-28), in righteousness, justice, and compassion (Ps 72:2-4, 12-14), in peace (Ps 72:3, 7, 13-14; Is 2:4; 66:12), gloriously and prosperously (Psa. 72:10, 15-16, 19; Matt 19:28; 25:31), in the midst of worship (Ps 72:15; Is 66:23; Ze 14:16), and forever (Ps 72:5, 17; Rev. 21-22).

*“But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.”* (Is 11:4)

2. A new millennial Temple of great proportions will be built at Jerusalem, where the glory of God will continually lighten the city (Ezk 40-48; Is 60:19-20).

3. Jerusalem will receive a new name. The name of Jerusalem will be changed. *“And the name of the city from that day shall be, Jehovah-Shammah,”* meaning, *“The LORD is there!”* (Ezk 48:35).

4. The land of Israel will experience great promised blessings of God:

*“There shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land...”* (Ezk 34:26-27; Is 41:18)

God will heal the land of Israel as promised in [2 Chronicles 7:14](#).

5. The Temple sacrifices will start again. The difference then, the sacrifices in the Millennium will be in the memorial of Christ’s sacrifice (Ezk 43-44; Ze 14:20-21), in similitude to the Lords Supper presently observed by professing believers in this age of the church.

6. The millennial kingdom will be a time of peace in the world because of sin restraint. Peace in the world, universal and real peace. *"They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks"* (Is. 2:4). Peace because of Christ's immediate dealings with sin and His rule of law. Zero-tolerance.

7. Peace between man and nature. With the fall of Adam God cursed the earth (Gen 2; (Rom 8:18-23). What man has barely accomplished in the last six millennia God will out-perform in a heart beat! He will restore all of nature, all of creation *"the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose"* (Is 35:1). Thorns will be replaced with the fir tree, the briars with the myrtle tree, which in fact will *"be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."* (Is 55:13). There will be no more earthquakes, no more storms, famines or pestilences (Jo 2:1-32). Before Adam sinned, he lived in peace and harmony with the animals that God created and he named, animals that feared man and were strictly vegetarian, eating the grass of the fields. After sin came, the very opposite occurred. Animals were no more peaceful, they turned from herbivores to carnivores, and man feared them. In the Millennial Kingdom, the animals will be reverted back to how they were before Adam sinned, to the same order that God intended for them (Is 11:6-9), where even a little child will literally play and lead about formerly wild and dangerous animals like the lion.

*"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them."* (Is. 11:6).

8. Gentile nations will worship God in Jerusalem. Gentile nations will bring their wealth to Jerusalem and assist in its reconstruction (Is 60:5-11). Every nation will be commanded to come up to Jerusalem annually to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles and worship Jehovah there. If they do not keep the yearly Feast of Tabernacles, God will bring a rain-less drought upon that nation (Ze 14:16-17). The Gentile nations will annually *"worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles"* (Ze 14:16). *"And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain"* (Ze. 14:17). All Gentile nations will serve Israel, and those who refuse will perish (Is. 60:12-24).

9. Mankind will be spiritually, physically and morally influenced by the Lord Jesus Christ and His truth, the Word of God. Christ will be universally adored (Heb 8:11; Is 2), but as it turns out, many of these will be deceivers. They will not be demonically deceived (since Satan is bound in the bottomless pit) but self-deceived, which will reveal itself at the end of the Millennial kingdom when Satan is loosed for a season (Rev 20:7-10). The Millennium Kingdom will begin

with only born-again believers present, who will have capacity as today to bear children. Though Satan will be bound, and the earth is filled with the glory of the Lord (Is. 11:9), the flesh principle will remain with those who are born during that time, and while outward sin will not be possible, increasingly as the years pass many will only render feigned devotion to Christ, finding their avenue against Him with the loosening of Satan for a season at the end. Human life will be lengthened during this time. Some will be able to live throughout the Millennium. There will be death during this reign of Christ, not to the true believer, but to the unbeliever, exposing the false believer, who will die at the age of 100 in his unconverted nature. No babies or children shall die.

*"There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed [cut off]" (Is. 65:20)*

Though this will not be a period of absolute perfection, sin will occur but not allowed to raise its head. Though Christ in righteousness and mercy will rule the world with a rod of iron (Ps. 46:9; Is. 2:4), sin will be committed in the hearts of natural men who will populate the world, and at times, by their actions, hence the rod of iron rule. As today, humans in their natural bodies are subject to the weaknesses of a mortal body, prone to sin, and thus will be under the autocracy of Christ's "rod of iron" (Ps 2:9; Rev 2:27; 12:5; 19:15), also called the "rod of His mouth" (Is 11:4), prophetically applied in Is 11:4ff.; 14:1-2; 49:1-26; 60:10-14ff.; Mi 7:14-17; Ze 14:14-21; etc. The overwhelming theme of the world will be safety and security.

*"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." (Rev 19:11-6)*

## **Who Will Populate the Millennial Kingdom?**

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All three groups listed below will populate the millennial kingdom but only the first two groups will actually enter the kingdom, for only true born again believers can inherit the millennial kingdom. *"For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off."* (Ps. 37:22).

**1. Saved Israel.** During the Millennial Kingdom, Israel will rule the world for her King. She shall become the head of all nations again, and will not remain the despised and hated tail as she is today (Is 2:1-4; 11:3-4; 61:5; Zec 8:23; De 28:13). The nation of Israel along with all Gentile saints will be kings and "*priests of the LORD*" to administer God's law from Jerusalem (Is 61:6; 2:1-5), for we He "*hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*" (Rev 5:10). The "*brethren*" of Christ mentioned in Matt 25 as the juxtaposition corollary for the Gentile's behaviour during the Great Tribulation at the judgment "*throne of his glory*" in Matt 25:31-46 (for both saved and unsaved), are the Jewish people, and the Gentiles will be judged in accordance to what they did with these of Christ's brethren. At this point at the end of the 70th week of Daniel all of Israel is saved, the 1/3 that survive the wicked wrath of the Devil, and saved Gentiles who have demonstrated their conversion (cf. Jam 2:14-26) by aiding the severely persecuted Jewish people (Christ's "*brethren*" - Matt 25) will enter into the Millennial Kingdom by the right hand of the Son.

After 2/3 of Israel is slaughtered by the Antichrist and His Moslem/ Communist/ Reformed/ Anti-semitic army, the surviving third will flee into the wilderness where she will be call upon the Name of Him whom they pierced, their Great Messiah whom they put to death, referred to in part by Christ here: "*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*" (Lk 13:34-35). Towards the end of the 70th week of Daniel they will call upon Him, "*They shall look upon me whom they have pierced*" (Ze 12:10), and will enter the Millennial kingdom to inhabit the land of Israel.

For most of the seven years of Daniel's 70th week (Dan 9), Israel will experience the "*time of Jacobs trouble*" (Jer 30:7), a terrible time of persecution and tribulation as such the world has never seen; but not only towards the Jews, also the Gentiles, specifically those who are saved and/or reject the Antichrist's pogram of worship and mark of the Beast (Rev 13-14). It's also referred to by Jesus as the "*great tribulation*" (Matt 24:21). Its conclusion comes with Christ's return, known as the "*day of the Lord*" (Is. 2:12; 13:6, 9; 34:8; Jer. 46:10; Lam. 2:22; Ezk. 30:3; Joel 1:15; 2:1-32; Ob. 1:15; Zeph. 1:7-18; 2:1-15; Ze. 14:1-8; Mal. 4:5-6; Ac. 2:20; 1 Th. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10), which is the singular day of His return (Matt 24:29-31) and judgment (2 Th 1:8-9; Rev 14:14-20; 19:11-21). The seven years (42 months) are divided into two portions of 3.5 years each.

When does Israel get saved? According to Jo 2:23-32, Israel as a nation will repent somewhere during the second half of the Great Tribulation and turn to the LORD, possibly towards its end, when the Russian/Moslem nations invade the land (Ezk 37-39), and the whole nation will turn

to the Lord. "So the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward" (Ezk 39:22). Rom 11:25-27 tells us that after the fulness of the Gentiles be come in, blindness will be lifted from Israel (cf. Rom 11:25) and she will be saved. 2/3 of Israels population will be slaughtered sometime early on in the second half of the Tribulation by the Antichrist, after he enters the holy of holies making himself out to be god, the Jews rejecting him as a false messiah and the "*abomination of desolation*" (Matt 24), while at some point during the first half of the Tribulation, 144,000 Jews, 12,000 from each Tribe (Rev 7:1-8; 14:1-5) will be converted and evangelize the world with the gospel of Christ. The judgement of the Gentiles in the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Jo 3:1-21) will occur towards the end of the Great Tribulation spoken of in Ezekiel, Daniel and Revelation. When Israel is converted, God will graft the Jews back into the olive tree (Rom 11), the natural branch back into its original position. It will happen when they turn to Him in sorrowful repentance, trusting in their Messiah, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as their Lord and Saviour, in surrender to Him as their Lord. Thereafter they will be faithful to Him. Thus, when Christ returns, all of surviving Israel will be saved (Rom 11:26-27) and crying for his physical salvation from their rabid enemies after being driven into the wilderness. Many Jewish born again believers will be killed for their faith in Christ, including the 144,000 servants of God who are seen in heaven singing a new song "*before the throne*" while the Tribulation is continuing (Rev 14:1-5).

The stage is set for this. The Lord has brought His people the Jews back into the land *before* their ultimate end-time national repentance (Jer 5:10, 18; 30:11; 46:28; Ezk 11:13, etc.). Preparations for the [third temple are well underway](#), and nearly everything required for it has already been procured. In Ze 12:9-10 we read,

*"And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn."*

Clearly, this is referring to the end of the Great Tribulation, since the verses show that the Jews are already in the land upon their repentance. In past dispersals from the land, there is no national repentance seen when Israel was brought back to the land (for example) following 70 years of captivity, though there was personal repentance by some of the Jewish people, including one of the main men responsible for Israel's captivity, [Jechonias, the king of Judah](#). The Lord had prophesied 70 years in Babylon and then they would be returned, with no indication of a national repentance.

2 Cor 3:12-16 speaks to the time that Israel will finally believe, the veil will be removed that's upon their heart, and they will turn to the Lord:

*"Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away."*

Finally what the Lord declared to King Solomon in [2 Chronicles 7:14](#) will occur, God's answer to Solomons prayer of the previous chapter.

*"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*

And that is exactly what happens at their conversion.

**2. Saved Saints (Gentiles and Jews) of Every Dispensational Age.** The saints from this age of the Gentiles (the time of Christ turning from the Jews to the Gentiles towards the end of His earthly ministry, until the end of the Great Tribulation) will Reign and Judge with Christ.

*"It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him we also shall live with him: if we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us" (2 Tim 2:11-12)*

Also included in this group are born again believers (both Jew and Gentile) who died before the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2) and who will die during the 70th week of Daniel. These believers will be resurrected and transformed into immortals during the first resurrection, which occurs after the battle of Armageddon (Ezk 37:12-14; Rev 20:4-6). This category includes all OT saints such as Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, Joshua, Ruth, Samuel, David, Esther, Daniel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Malachi, all those listed in the Heb 11 hall of faith, etc, and those murdered during the Tribulation for their refusal to worship the Beast (Rev 13:15; 14:11-12).

Rev 20:4, 6 makes it clear that all saved people that are raptured and thus partake in the first resurrection, along with all them that were murdered during the Great Tribulation for being a witness for Christ and for the word of God (Rev 5:10), and for refusal to worship the beast or his image or take his mark (cf. Rev 13-14), people that comprise of both Gentile and Jew, will reign with the Lord for the entire thousand years of the Millennial Kingdom:

*"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. . . . Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." (Rev 20:4, 6)*

Wherever the Lord shall be, there we shall be with Him (1 Th 4:17; Jn 14:1-3). He will be on the earth, ruling from the Throne of David. The church-age saints shall reign, and shall judge over angels and the world. Writing to the Corinthians about the necessity to judge, Paul states in 1 Cor 6:2-3,

*"Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world. . . . Know ye not that we shall judge angels?"*

That is obviously not occurring today, nor would it be possible in this present world or in heaven for that matter; it is plainly referring to justice occurring upon the earth towards mankind and the angels by the saints and thus could only have one contextual and sensical placement: the millennial kingdom. There is only one point in the ages when this could even happen and that is during the Millennial Kingdom, right from the very start of the Kingdom (Matt 25:31-46), the saints *"shall reign with [Christ] a thousand years."* (Rev 20:6) and judge the world (1 Cor 6). The Lord Jesus Christ, *"the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David,"* (Rev 5:5), *"hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."* (Rev 5:10). Already we are kings and priests unto God, but these high royal positions are not inaugurated until their King takes His rightful and honourable place on His throne in Jerusalem as King over the world.

**3. *Unsaved Offspring.*** God's Word makes it clear that there will be survivors after the Great Tribulation and the Battle of Armageddon, some of which are born again evident by how they cared for God's brethren, the Jewish people (Matt 25:31-46), in fact the litmus test. This point must be understood because in line with the false teaching of amillennialism is the heresy that the battle of Armageddon will result in all of mankind annihilated. This is not true, clearly, noted in Matt 25:31-46 alone, among hundreds of other passages (e.g., Rev 20). Though it is true that majority of mankind will be slaughtered by the Lord Jesus Christ (Is 66:15-16; 2 Th 1:5-10; Rev 14:18-20; 19:11-21; etc), there will be survivors (Is 13), though it be but a *"few men left."* (Is 24:6). With billions on the earth, *"few"* could still mean millions, and the implications of Matt 25 lends support to that, as the nations are brought before Christ's throne in Jerusalem for judgement at the start of His 1,000-year reign. The survivors will be natural people, that is, people entering the millennial kingdom in their natural bodies, not resurrection bodies. Therefore these "natural" people will experience the same life cycle of all mortals. They will grow, mature, marry, procreate, age, and die (Is 65:20-25), though their longevity of life is a lot

longer than in our present world (*"There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old;"* - Is 65:20a). These naturals are *"the nations"* that Christ will rule with a rod of iron, *"those left of the nations"* who came up to the battle of Armageddon (Ze 14:16), for these individuals, though righteous and saved upon entering the millennium, will have offspring that are or remain unregenerate. These will comprise the nations of the world, who will be judged and ruled by the saints (1 Cor 6:1-2; Rev 5:10), in cooperation with the Lord and His rod of iron. Prophecies of Christ ruling with an iron rod are strong evidence that there will be a Millennial Kingdom populated at least in part by unsaved, mortal people. The population will increase massively during this time period, to such a degree that by the end of the millennium they will be as numerous *"as the sand of the sea."* (Rev 20:8). We note the massive population increase in our present day though not under great conditions within majority of nations; imagine the growth potential when the prevailing conditions are peace and prosperity!

Though no Scripture specifically tells us that some offspring will be unsaved, we know that the unsaved will come from somewhere, and we know it's not the actual people that enter the Kingdom, whom are all truly converted Gentiles and Jews. Thus, by process of elimination, there can only be one manner in how someone lives during the Millennial Kingdom while unregenerate, and that is by the offspring of the saved, natural Gentiles, offspring who would need to be born again just like their parents, for God has no grandchildren. This applies only to Gentiles, as no Jew will enter the Millennial Kingdom unsaved. The entire nation is saved during the Great Tribulation. While the 1,000-year reign of Christ will begin with only saved Jews and Gentiles to inhabit the earth (all the sheep ushered to Christ's right hand, Matt 25, entering the millennial kingdom, are *"the righteous"* who enter *"life eternal,"* - Matt 25:46, who are *"blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:"* - Matt 25:34, and we know with absolute certainty that no one is blessed except the saved, no one inherits Christ's kingdom without being saved, and no one is saved unto eternal life without the new birth, Jn 3:3-7 — [salvation has NEVER changed and will NEVER change](#)), their offspring, like every son of Adam before them, will have sinful natures, and unless they personally repent of their sins and self, and place their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, they will grow up as unregenerate sinners, and if they remain in that nature, at the age of 100 they will be accursed, which is to be despised and potentially cut off, that is killed (Is 65:20).

How do we know that there will be unsaved people during the Millennial Kingdom? We know that unregenerate mankind will be a part of the Millennial Kingdom by the fact that when Satan is loosed at the end of the Millennium (*"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,"* Rev 20:7), he is able to deceive and corral an army of disgruntled, degenerate and deceived rebels, *"And he [Satan] shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea."* (Rev 20:8). Not only are there unsaved people in the millennial kingdom, there will be millions and maybe even billions of them, the massive quantity expressed by the innumerable phrase, *"the sand of the sea."* We also know there will be unsaved people in the millennial kingdom because of Is 65:20 (all "sinners" are unsaved; every

reference to "sinners" in the Bible is unregenerate people). Furthermore, the connotations of "rod of iron" (Ps 2:9; Rev 2:27; 12:5; 19:15; Is 11:4ff.; 14:1-2; 49:1-26; 60:10-14ff.; Mi 7:14-17; Ze 14:14-21) implies unsaved people. "*And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*" (Rev 19:15). Part of the passage is fulfilled in Christ's wrathful judgement and slaughter of evil nations attempting to annihilate Israel. God will not, nor need to, rule His people Israel and saved saints from the First Resurrection (all saints that die prior to the end of the Great Tribulation), essentially all born again believers outside of the righteous nations entering the Millennial Kingdom).

The "obedience" of the unsaved during this time to Christ's rule will be by compulsion, they will have no choice as they are ruled by Christ's rod of iron, and not out of loving submission. During this time Satan will be bound, so their hardness of hearts can only be attributed to the deceitfulness of their own sinful heart (Heb 3:13; Jer 17:9).

We also know for sure who will not be in the Kingdom. All unsaved up to the point of the beginning of the Kingdom. Satan will also not be present in the Millennial Kingdom. He will be bound a thousand years. Satan has attempted to mimic God by making a trinity for himself: the Antichrist, the Beast and the False Prophet, all three of which will be active in the Great Tribulation. Two persons of Satan will be cast into hell, while Satan himself, the Antichrist, will be bound a thousand years. "*The beast was taken, and with him the false prophet . . . both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*" (Rev 19:20). But the Antichrist the main character of the devil, "*the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan,*" is bound and sealed for a thousand years (Rev. 20:1-3, 7-10).

## **When Will the Millennial Kingdom of Christ Occur?**

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At the second advent of the Lord Jesus Christ towards the end of the Great Tribulation (Matt 24:29-51), and after He has judged the world of the living, both saved and unsaved (Matt 25:31-46).

Bible prophecy indicates that the Third Temple will be built, and it will be occupied by the Antichrist, the "*abomination of desolation*" (Matt 24:15; Mk 13:14) who will declare himself to be God and demand the worship of the entire world (2 Th 2:3-9; Rev 13:4-8, 16-17). His entrance into the temple will mark the beginning of the Great Tribulation (Matt 24:15-22).

Dan 8:13-14 gives us further insight into this time period:

*"Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."*

2,300 days is nearly 7 years, the time of the Great Tribulation, Daniels 70th week. Christ will cleanse the sanctuary at His return.

The NT confirms that after God's purposes for this present age are fulfilled, Jesus Christ will return from Heaven and establish His throne on earth and the promises and covenants concerning the nation Israel will be literally fulfilled.

On the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter, James and John had a preview of *"the Son of man coming in his kingdom"* (Matt 16:28) and when Jesus told the disciples about the signs that would immediately precede His second advent (Lk 21:25-28), like the sprouting of the fig tree (Lk 21:29-30), He stated, *"When ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand"* (Lk. 21:31). This is the Millennial Kingdom on the earth. Since those signs are associated with the Great Tribulation and the second advent occurs *"immediately after the tribulation of those days"* (Matt 24:29), the kingdom of God cannot be established on earth BEFORE Christ returns in glory and power. That effectively and decisively rules out all the millennial philosophies except pre-millennialism.

In the Lord's model prayer (Lk 11; Matt 6) we pray for the kingdom to come. The kingdom is for all the saved, Jews and Gentiles, with the Gentiles grafted into Israel (Rom 9-11). We look for the return of the King, who then sets up His Kingdom on the earth. When we pray for the kingdom, we are letting God know we are in line with His program, and related praying would be for those things that would further His kingdom in the age in which we live.

We believe that the Millennial Kingdom will be initiated with the Marriage Supper of the Lamb after the judgment is complete at Christ' throne of glory (Matt 25:31-46), which great supper we read of in [Rev 19:6-10](#), the passages declaring the preparation of this great event — *"the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready"* (Rev 19:7) which *"wife"* is the saints *"arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints"* (Rev 19:8) — but the event itself has not occurred when Christ returns to earth with His army of saints (Rev 19:11-21), and we believe the reason for that is because of the saints still on the earth, the sheep that will be ushered to Christ's right hand (Matt 25:31-46), who will also be partaking of this greatest marriage of the greatest royalty.

## The False Teaching and Heresy of Amillennialism and Postmillennialism

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There are only two ways of looking at the millennium: 1) the literal view of *premillennialism* (i.e., Christ will return to reign for a literal thousand years on this physical earth), or 2) the figurative view of *postmillennialism* or *amillennialism* (i.e., there is “no millennium,” or the thousands years is merely figurative, thus the millennium is a spiritual one—a “realized millennium”). Notice that all these terms have the word “*millennialism*” in them, which means that each of them pivot on the meaning of “*the kingdom*,” because the millennium refers to the kingdom in the Bible. Many who embrace the latter view, the heretical figurative position, if they actually believe in a literal thousand year kingdom, claim the millennium to be the present age of the church where Christ reigns in His church until the end of the world and the general resurrection and judgment (in spite of there being already two thousand years, double the amount of the Biblical Messianic kingdom), while the true Biblical position of a literal 1,000 period of time interprets the millennium to be a future kingdom age when Christ reigns over the whole world literally for a thousand years, as we have covered above.

Premillennialism is the belief that Jesus Christ will return to earth in an event known as the Second Coming, which will be at the beginning of His thousand-year reign from Jerusalem. Amillennialists do not believe in a literal thousand-year reign of Jesus on the earth; rather, He is said to have taken dominion over the earth right after His resurrection and now rules from heaven. A somewhat related view is that of Postmillennialism, which declares that Christ's Second Coming will take place following His *figurative* millennial reign from heaven.

Both amillennialism and postmillennialism are wholly and absolutely heretical, false teachings, a system of deception emerged from the tactics of Satan in plaguing the lives of professing Christians and casting doubt on the veracity and authority of God's Word.

### ***Postmillennialism***

We won't spend much time on postmillennialism, the optimistic but misplaced view of the churches success in helping usher in Christ' return to earth, as this unscriptural position with its utopic visionary dream of man ushering in the kingdom age has all but disappeared in the fog of massive amount of wars and the world wars, staggering increase in crime, multiplication of godless communism and atheism and evolutionism in the world, modernism and neo-

orthodoxy, Islam's advance in overtaking the world for Satan with its Jihadism and ill-conceived Satanic supremacy--and we've only covered the 20th century--a clear international trend away from righteousness and towards apostatization, all of which reflects the very real fact that man will never usher in the golden age and reign of righteousness alluded to in Rev 20 regardless of how much gospel preaching there might be (and most of the gospel being preached by the adherents of this heresy is heretical in itself). They should have known it by simply reading and believing the Bible, but these people for the most part do not embrace Christianity because they genuinely believe God's Word but for some self-serving purpose.

Post-millennialism has many similarities with amillennialism. They have practically the same program; hence they talk much about "building up the kingdom" and "bringing in the kingdom." Both amillennialism and postmillennialism say that the kingdom of Christ is the church and true Israel. But are utterly wrong and equally systems of heresy and apostasy. However, amillennialism differs from post in denying there is going to be a thousand years of righteousness and peace upon the earth.

For all intents and purposes, post-millennialism is dead, as amillennialism ought to be.

### ***Amillennialism***

Amillennialism, though as old as the antiquity of the sun, wasn't coined however till the 1930's. Amillennialism says "a" or "no" millennium, and essentially took over post-millennialism, once that heresy was deemed incongruous with reality. Rather than saying that Rev 20 is a literal 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ on earth, as it so clearly reads, amillennialism says Rev 20:2-7 is not a literal 1,000 years and spiritualizes the 1,000 years and the rest of the events of this chapter (the binding of Satan, the resurrection), and much of the rest of Scripture especially concerning prophetic passages, not taking it literally but symbolically. In that way, it says there is no millennial reign of Jesus Christ and somehow the thousand years is symbolic of the present church age. The Kingdom of God on Earth is now according to these deceived! The State Churches and the Roman Catholic Church claim to be administrators of this kingdom. All this in spite of many prophetic passages having never been fulfilled, such as Is 11; Matt 24:15-51; Lk 1:32-33; etc. The imagination of the amillennialist (like his counterpart, the post-millennialist) knows no bounds. After a general resurrection, they claim the Earth will be destroyed, burned up, and that will be the end of the earth (which is patently untrue, "*Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.*" - Ps 104:5). All the promises God made to Israel will never be fulfilled (The whole thrust of the OT is the redemption of Israel and her return to the promised land with the Son of David reigning on the throne of David, the entire purpose behind the 70 weeks of Daniel — all of which is rejected for an imaginary and God-denying philosophy)

If the 1,000 years in Rev 20 is not a literal 1,000 years then how do they interpret other numerical periods in the Revelation? We read that two prophets will testify for 1,260 days in the first half of the Tribulation; that Israel will be persecuted by Antichrist for the 1,260 days of the second half of the Tribulation while Antichrist reigns for 42 months. These periods correspond with the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy (Dan 9:27) in which the future Roman prince (Antichrist) will interfere with Jewish sacrifices in the rebuilt Temple, making himself as god, the abomination of desolation. These numbers also correspond with the periods described as "*a time, times, and a half a time,*" or three and a half years, in Dan 7 and 12. All this also corresponds to the rest of scripture, many passages in the OT and NT including Matt 24. To be consistent and non-confusing and in harmony with all of the rest of scripture, these must be literal periods and therefore the 1,000 years must also be taken literally.

Amillennialism itself is an explanation of scripture that relies on spiritualization or allegoricalism of the text, not only a highly subjective approach to the Bible but also highly heretical, most commonly associated with unregeneracy. Reading into the words of scripture by spiritualizing them makes that individual the authority for scripture. They can make it mean whatever it is they want it to mean. They also demonstrate that the Holy Spirit is not their teacher, since the Spirit of God doesn't teach non-literal allegorical philosophies, confusion, and mental gymnastics. He is one Spirit that comes with one Truth, and teaches the exact same truth to all He indwells.

Amillennialism then also naturally rejects the coming Great Tribulation, the unfulfilled 70th week of Daniel, and claims it to be past, supposedly taking place in 70 A.D. This is also heresy. The events of the Great Tribulation (Rev 4-19; Matt 24; etc) have NEVER taken place. The 70th week of Daniel remains unfulfilled.

Most amillennialist would be more than happy if the book of Revelation had never been written, seeing it as a thorn in their flesh. The only use they have for the last nineteen chapters of Revelation is to try to explain them away. This wonderful book of the Bible however is going nowhere, thus these heretics must make some disposition of the prophecy contained in the book, which is like an atheist telling us about the attributes of God. For those who reject the 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth as a literal Kingdom, or reject the Kingdom as coming in the future, have some serious explaining to do concerning Christ' ruling with a rod of iron. If they were correct, then the only people available for Christ to rule with an iron rod would be the born again believers in the everlasting Kingdom of Heaven. I suppose being ruled with a rod of iron is not the way most Christians envision everlasting life with all its glory to be, but thankfully this is clearly wrong, for it is not how the Bible portrays it, not even close. It is the unregenerate,

“natural” offspring of the Gentile nations that are saved sometime during the Great Tribulation and enter the Millennial Kingdom, it the unregenerate offspring who will need to be ruled with a rod of iron.

According to amillennialism, the kingdom of God exists on earth in the present age in a universal church, a kind of spiritualized nation Israel. This view believes that the church could become an actual kingdom through spiritualization the Scriptures. In the OT passages about Israel, someone can read in the Roman Catholic Church or Eastern Orthodox Church, or even Protestant Church. They then function like a nation that authoritatively enforces the precepts of the Bible as seen through the lens of church authority. This explains a Christian holy war fought on behalf of the church.

Amillennialism denies more than just the physical thousand year kingdom of God the Son. Consider other denials and heretical teachings of amillennialists that tie into the denial of the millennial kingdom:

Amillennialists deny God’s Word concerning Christ’s throne. Amillennialism claims that the Lord Jesus Christ is now presently on His throne in heaven, the throne of David, which was promised to Him (Lk 1:32), but the Bible on the other hand says that Christ is now on the Father’s throne and that He will ascend to His own throne when He comes in glory (Rev 3:21; Matt 25:31), with both thrones noted in Rev 3:21.

Amillennialists deny God’s Word concerning the binding of Satan in Rev 20. In this chapter we also note the complete restraint of Satan at the end of the Great Tribulation and throughout the millennium, but amillennialists claim the restraint to be only partial. But that is just a plain and outright, blatant denial of Scriptural truth. As we have mentioned repeatedly here, amillennialists are no different than any other lost and unsaved person only these wicked spiritual reprobates and heretics come with the pretence of being "Christian" (cf. 2 Tim 3:5-9), thus making essentially all who come in contact with them, two-fold children of hell. Strip them of their piety and expose them for who they really are (Rom 16:17; 2 Tim 3:9).

Amillennialists deny God's Word concerning the beast as an actual man, bizarrely claiming it's the triumph of Christianity over Roman paganism. That's some serious mental gymnastics going on. There is no mistake that the Bible teaches the beast is a man, declaring his number is "*the number of a man*" (Rev 13:18) and revealing that he will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev 19:20) where he remains till the end of the millennium (Rev 20:10). It is not difficult to understand that there is only one meaning in Scripture about the beast—he is a man, and only a heretic that is spiritually reprobate resisting the truth and of a corrupt mind (2 Tim 3:8), would continue maintaining his convoluted notion that the Bible here has reference to a system or abstract conception, or anything other than a man. It's a flat out denial of God's Word, an error of the wicked (2 Pet 3:16-17).

Amillennialists deny the true second coming of Christ, rejecting this truth plainly taught in Rev 19 where His coming is clearly pictured to all except the blind who have been duped by man's "*philosophy and vain deceit*;" (Col 2:8), being blown about by all winds of doctrine (Eph 4), and then typically place His second coming in the latter part of Rev 20, where no mention is made of it. Rev 19 sets forth Christ's second coming corresponding with Ze 14:1-4 when Christ takes vengeance against all nations in the battle of Armageddon (Rev 16:13-16; 19:17-21), "*his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives*." (Ze 14:4). It is obvious Whose feet will stand upon the mount, but for the amillennialist he must deny the obvious for some heretical concept to keep the system breathing, revealing his reprobate condition (2 Tim 3:8-9).

Amillennialists contradict Scripture by claiming a general resurrection. As plainly as language can express it God's Word describes a resurrection in which only the righteous take part (1 Th 4:15-16; 1 Cor 15:21-23; Rev 20:5-6), and then in Rev 20:11, 15, we read of another resurrection only for the unsaved, after standing before the white throne judgment (Rev 20:11, 15). But amillennialists reject the plain truths of Scripture, and refuse to hear God's Word, putting themselves above the authority of Scripture and placing the two resurrections together. The Word of God is not the final authority of amillennialists but rather their own presuppositions, so they presumptively rearrange the Word of God to suit that false belief.

Amillennialist accuse God of lying and repenting of His gifts and calling (as does Replacement Theology, a standard belief of the amillennialist as well). In Scripture we read that God does not repent of His gifts and calling (Rom 11:29), but the amillennialist accuses God of lying and says that He does. They might admit that God once called national Israel and bestowed national blessings upon them, but they say that these have now been forfeited forever, even though Scripture says repeatedly that God's covenants with Israel are everlasting. By their heretical beliefs, the amillennialist implicates God as not being immutable [an unchanging nature].

Amillennialist accuse God of lying and falsifying His Word, and embrace the heresy of Supersessionism (Replacement Theology), which we cover separately further below. The amillennialists says that when Jesus comes again He will not reestablish the Jewish nation at Jerusalem. The Bible however tells a different story. The Lord Jesus Christ and the prophets said that He would. In Matt 19:28 Jesus declared: *"Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, ye shall sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."* This very truth is referred to in Rev 20 as taking place in the Millennial Kingdom, *"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them:"* (Rev 20:3). In Lk 22:29-30 Jesus speaks to this very truth to the Apostles, even alluding to the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev 19:6-10), *"And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."* The apostles have not yet sat on their thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and it surely won't happen in Heaven, while Scripture coincides *"regeneration"* as represented in time with Christ sitting on the throne of His Glory, which occurs when He returns post-tribulation (Matt 25:31). For judging to occur, we must be dealing with mankind in the flesh, not bodies with a purely heavenly nature, and Isaiah describes a state of affairs in Jerusalem that could exist only in an earthly Jerusalem with earthly people, e.g., sinners, building houses, planting, labouring, prayer and death (Is 65:17-25). All of this coincides with what Ac 3:2 declares, the *"restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began."* Now let not any amillennialist expose his ignorance and utter denial of God's Word by claiming that the *"regeneration"* here is the triumph of Christianity over paganism in the first three centuries or at some other time.

Amillennialism rejects the Great Tribulation, the 70th week of Daniel therefore must deny God's Word concerning any mention of the Antichrist in the Great Tribulation period, such as the "*man of sin*" in 2 Th 2:3-8 and many other passages of Scripture that reveal the role of the Antichrist during this seven year period (e.g., Matt 24; Rev 13-14; etc). The Bible clearly teaches a period of tribulation shall engulf the world for seven years. Scripture references could be given in abundance, but a few should suffice: Dan 9:27; Jer 30:7; Matt 24:5-21; Rev 7:14. This teaching is so plain and clear in the Scriptures, the only logical conclusion one can assert concerning those who reject it, is that they are clearly unsaved and thus without the indwelling Spirit of God. The amillennialist contends that we are already in the tribulation. They believe that the tribulation runs concurrently with the entire church age and is not confined to a short period of seven years. They twist the following scriptures in support of this heresy: Jn 16:33; Ac 14:22; 2 Th 1:4; Rev 1:9. All of these verses most certainly speak of a tribulation which Christians must endure in this present age. Paul warns the Believers at Thessalonica: "*That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto*" (1 Th. 3:3). It is a guarantee and an evidence of true salvation when we suffer tribulation (i.e. trials, persecutions) in this life for our faith. Not only 1 Th. 3:3 speaks of that, but also a number of other passages including 2 Tim. 3:12. "*Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*" It is for the good of the Christian and for the glory of God that we suffer persecution from this ungodly world that crucified our Lord; this is to be expected and we are to rejoice when it comes to pass (Jn 15:18-19; Matt 5:11-12). However the scriptures plainly reveal that there is to be a time of Great Tribulation upon the world that has never been paralleled in human history.

### ***From whence cometh this heresy?***

The denial of a future 1,000 year kingdom of Christ on earth cannot be made without radically affecting other doctrines of Scripture, especially in the area of Bible prophecy. Spiritualizing Scripture, or allegoricalism, is a fundamental change, since it influences all interpretation from Genesis to Revelation, and this is at the heart of the amillennial heresy. The amillennialist cannot follow the normal rules of hermeneutics, which require a literal approach to Scripture except where the Bible itself clearly indicates it is speaking symbolically. Amillennialists therefore "spiritualize" or allegorize vast amounts of the OT and NT taking verses and whole books out of their literal and historical context. For this reason there is enormous diversity among amillennialists, every man being his own guide and authority with no firm guidelines which control Biblical interpretation.

### ***From allegoricalism.***

Allegoricalism or spiritualizing scripture is the practice of not taking scripture literally, and without this ungodly and unBiblical practice, amillennialism could not have survived. It's a literary device and a narration of Scripture in which events, actions, characters, settings or objects represent specific abstract ideas either not taught in God's Word or not connected in any way to a given text. Allegoricalism is a rejection of the plain meaning of a text or specific words or symbols for another highly subjective and convoluted spiritualized and fanciful meaning that doesn't even exist in the text, context or elsewhere in Scripture. The principles of sound hermeneutics are completely abandoned, to a meandering down the path of imagination and symbolic misinterpretation, where another explanation is given, a "deeper" or more "spiritual" or "hidden" one supposedly, without concern over the objective truth of the text, or the lack of meaning of an object or number or some other symbol in Scripture. This brings about massive problems in that truth fails to retain absolutism and Scripture is wrested and corrupted, producing the destruction of truth, wicked heresy of relativism and ultimately unsound doctrine. Objects are deposed as being simply objects, spiritualized and given a meaning that God never gave. Although allegorizing is dependent upon symbolism, the presence of symbols in a literary work does not make it an allegory. Essentially, allegorical symbolism (typology) is the use of objects, words, characters, numbers, locations, or abstract ideas as symbols to represent something beyond their literal meaning or tied to other symbols in Scripture that have no actual relation. This we see in the biblical teaching of the millennial kingdom, where 1,000 years is given a new and non-literal meaning. This literary device is most commonly heard in OT teaching and the Book of Revelation, as we expose in the following report, going into much greater detail on this heresy: [\*Literal Interpretation vs Allegorical Interpretation and False Typology, with Illustrations.\*](#)

A subjective approach, symbolic allegoricalization is meant to bring out some hidden meaning but actually allows the interpreter to take verses out of their context and meaning and make a text mean whatever they want it to mean. They might start with what they'd like the Bible to say or perhaps defend their own thinking by finding a passage to say it. This changes God's Word as much as adding or taking away from the Words (Rev 22:18-19), maybe worse. Though we have all the correct words, we shouldn't treat them like play-doh. Those that do this then become the ultimate authority over truth, not the Triune God. And God's Word becomes a collection of confusion and contradiction.

Forced interpretation (eisegesis) by spiritualizing, attempts to overthrow many plain texts because of conclusions derived from allegorical typology. There is true typology and false typology, and the line is broad between them. The Spirit of God teaches truth in a literal, normal sense and in no other sense. God is not the author of confusion or of mental gymnastics that confuse His Word. The early Christians interpreted prophecy literally (Ac 3:19-21; Rom 11:25-27), and this is even admitted by most church historians. Historically and Biblically speaking, it's been religious lost people guilty of this type of interpretation (and condemned by 2 Pet 1:16-21 and 3:16-17), and practically all of them are left to this device since they are absent of the indwelling Spirit of truth. Personally, I was caught up in this dishonouring interpretation of

Scripture (unwittingly), BEFORE I was converted and regenerated by the Triune God. It was how the Mennonite sect I was part of as a child taught Scripture, and it was an acceptable form of interpretation by practically all Mennonites and Evangelicals I would come in contact with, regardless whether they were conservative or liberal.

In allegoricalism, instead of “*a more sure word of prophecy*” (2 Pet 1:19), you end up with an ‘unsure’ word, with contradictions and chaos in the ranks, all of course in complete contrast to God, who is not the author of confusion, and in contrast to such passages as 2 Pet 1:21, which warn of private interpretation. It's a form of wresting scripture, and 2 Pet 3:16 declares it's the “*unlearned and unstable*” who “*wrest . . . the . . . scriptures, unto their own destruction.*” To “*wrest*” means to pervert and twist Scripture and Biblical terminology and language in a false sense, the word carrying the idea of one being tortured and twisted on the rack. 2 Pet 3:17 warns it is an “*error of the wicked*” and can cause true saints to fall from their steadfastness (stability). Imitating “saints” however will be deceived and many times grow in that deception with further heresy. Leaven leavening the lump (Gal 5:9).

Amillennialism could never have survived without this deplorable interpretation methodology of allegoricalism, the licence of interpreting Scripture symbolically or figuratively as the reader sees fit. The practitioners of this dishonourable methodology ironically do not (for they cannot) interpret already fulfilled prophecies with their mind games, including prophecies of Christ's first advent, for they have all been fulfilled in a perfect literal manner, but those that have not been fulfilled, most of which are eschatological prophecies tied to the Church and Israel.

While symbolism does exist in the Bible, for it to be true symbolism or allegory, it must be explained both clearly and precisely in the context (primarily), or elsewhere in Scripture. Preaching that disregards or opposes the literal meaning of a text to something allegorical and mythical, meandering in the paths of unbridled imagination, will corrupt both the symbol and text, and produce confusion, destruction of truth and unsound doctrine. Typology should never question or overthrow the plain and literal meaning of any passage or term or doctrine of Scripture.

The twisting and wresting of scripture by spiritualizing or allegorizing a passage or object does not come without consequence. It'll radically affect other doctrines and passages of Scripture, especially in the area of Bible prophecy, but also doctrine. It'll lead to fundamental change, since it influences all interpretation in the Bible. This unBiblical and heretical methodology has resulted in untold amount of false doctrines, false systems, false practices and even cults, its roots found in practically all false doctrines. In fact, it's the supreme mode of interpretation for most if not all false Christian groups and cults, including many Mennonite sects.

Due to its highly subjective nature, it lends itself toward liberalism, since someone can easily make scripture mean whatever they want it to mean. The allegorizer is not so much concerned about each word in Scripture, but tying together thoughts and symbols, even extraBiblical ones, and taking passages in isolation and forming his own interpretations in contrast to what the passage, context and Bible actually says. They are essentially falsely dividing the Word of truth (cf. 2:Tim 2:15) and privately interpreting the Scriptures (2 Pet 1:21).

Allegoricalism is the death knell of sound hermeneutics (biblical understanding and interpretation of the Bible). It's a product of fables and the motivation of ear ticklers (2 Tim 4:3-4) and (mostly) unregenerate souls who do not understand Scripture, so they interpret them in such a manner they are only capable of. We cannot say it too much or too forcefully: if you look at scripture non-literally, if you are forced to go this route because you either do not understand Scripture or do not want to understand Scripture, you are almost undoubtedly unsaved, unregenerate, a hypocrite. Thy speech bewrayeth thee.

*From Roman Catholicism.*

The allegorical system of amillennialism arose out of Roman Catholicism (RCC) that ruled like a kingdom on the earth, a point of view very pragmatic and appropriate for that day of its origin. It turns the Bible into a pottage of play dough to be twisted as the reader sees fit. The RCC from its inception practiced allegoricalization or spiritualization of scripture noted in their corruption of the true church, local only, transforming it into an invisible "universal" body (an unBiblical and ungodly teaching that requires this heretical interpretation methodology), which heresy dovetails with Rome's heretical teaching that the RCC is the kingdom of God and the true nation of Israel. It reached that conclusion through the heavy influence of allegorical interpretation created by its "theologians" and "fathers" such as Augustine and Origen (A.D. 185-254), two of its "*Doctors of the Church*" (Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church, 2nd ed, s.v. "Augustine," p. 414), who were essentially the chief fathers of this ungodly allegorical method of Bible interpretation. Augustine was so influential in changing the literal interpretation of prophecy to the allegorical that he has been called "*the father of amillennialism.*" He interpreted Bible prophecy allegorically (teachings that dovetail with replacement theology). The Catholic Church during the Medieval period built its system of eschatology on Augustinian amillennialism, where Christ rules the earth spiritually through his triumphant church (Bloomberg 2006, p. 519), rather than the plain and clear scriptural teaching of a literal 1000-year earthly reign of Jesus Christ on earth (e.g. Rev 20:1-7). Yet Augustine testified that there were many in his day [5th century B.C.] who believed in a literal millennium. Augustine, "*the father of amillennialism,*" had in fact once believed in a literal millennium himself. He said, "*I myself, too, once held this opinion. . . . They who do believe them are called by the spiritual, Chiliasts, which we may literally reproduce by the name Millenarians*" (Augustine, *City of God*,

book 20, chapter 7). But as the way of the pig and dog goes (2 Pet 2:20-22), they turn from even the little truth that they embrace, or rather, God takes away the little truth that they have (Matt 13:12; 25:29; Lk 19:26), leaving them like free floating amoeba in the world of heresy in their spiritual reprobation (2 Tim 3:8-9).

Amillennialist Oswald T. Allis says,

*“The view which has been most widely held by opponents of Millenarianism is associated historically with the name of Augustine. He taught that the Millennium is to be interpreted spiritually as fulfilled in the Christian Church. He held that the binding of Satan took place during the earthly ministry of our Lord (Luke 10:18), that the first resurrection is the new birth of the believer (John 5:25), and that the Millennium must correspond, therefore, to the interadventual period or church age. This involved the interpreting of Rev. 20:1-6 as a ‘recapitulation’ of the preceding chapters instead of as describing a new age following chronologically on the events set forth in chapter 19.” (Prophecy and the Church, pp.2-3).*

Further reading on Augustine can be had here: [Augustine of Hippo — Impressive Resume of Heresy and Agnosticism, and Father of the Great Whore Rome.](#)

But many give Origen the title of amillennialism's fatherhood, who claimed that *“the Scriptures have little use to those who understand them literally.”* He described the literal meaning of Scripture as *“bread”* and encouraged the student to go beyond this to the *“wine”* of allegoricalism, whereby one can become intoxicated and transported to heavenly realms. Origen's commentaries contained an abundance of heretical and fanciful interpretations of Scripture (Frederick Nolan, *Inquiry into the Integrity of the Greek Vulgate*, p. 367), exposing the true nature of this false believer and teacher. Louis Berkhof says, *“Through the combined influence of Origen and Augustine, and of the Christianizing of the empire in the time of Constantine the Great, the Chiliastic [literal millennial] view of the Kingdom was gradually eclipsed by the representation of the Kingdom as a present reality”* (The Kingdom of God, p.113). Origen led the school at Alexandria A.D. 202-232. Though he endured persecution and torture in the name of Christianity, under the emperor Decius in 250, Origen held many heretical, false teachings. Like Clement, he mixed the truth of the Bible with pagan philosophy. Following are some of his heresies he held to: baptismal regeneration, purgatory (he birthed the idea of Rome's purgatory by developing the idea of a “middle state” after death that was neither heaven nor hell, which is come to be known as the damnable heresy of purgatory, one of the causes of billions of people in hell), pre-existence of the human soul, and universalism (with even the devil eventually being saved). He taught that the Holy Spirit was the first creature made by God and denied that Jesus is fully God, thus totally denying the Godhead. He did not believe that the Scriptures are wholly inspired by God, which point alone makes him

a heretic. He taught that celibacy is a holy state above marriage. He was a heretic and apostate, and thus it comes as no surprise that he invented or enhanced the heretical teaching of amillennialism.

But rightfully the title of "*father of amillennialism*" should be give to the heretic and "church father" Justin Martyr (c.100–c.165), who upon embracing "Christianity" continued holding on to many pagan philosophies, in complete opposition to the evidence and frut of the new birth (1 Th 1:8-9; 2 Cor 5:17-21). For one, he interpreted the Scriptures allegorically and mystically. For example, the 1,000 years mentioned in Rev 20 is allegedly not a literal 1,000 years but refers to something else arrived at via allegoricalism, thus giving birth to such heresies as amillennialism. It is in his writings that one first discovers the heresy of Replacement Theology (in *Dialogue with Trypho*, he applied the term "Israel" to the church).

Ambrose (339-397) used the allegorical-mystical manner of reading Scripture, having been influenced by Origen and Philo.

*From Protestant Reformers.*

The RCC interpreted Bible prophecy allegorically throughout its history and it might have started the amillennial ball rolling, but it was continued on extensively by the heretical reformers such as [Martin Luther](#) and [John Calvin](#), with the difference, of course, that the Protestant Church, rather than the Church of Rome, had replaced Israel. Without relying on his writings, many still follow Origen's methods by continuing to spiritualize God's Word. Many also follow Augustine's methods and beliefs as well, while actually relying on his writings. Protestantism hijacked the Catholic allegorizing and spiritualizing even in its own approach to the Bible and the Protestant denomination. Almost all Protestant denominations such as Anglican, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Methodist, have interpreted prophecy in this allegorical fashion, with very few exceptions, thanks in part to their founders and forefathers. This is one of the errors they brought out of Rome, because they brought the foundational error of the false gospel. Thus, its adherents and followers to this present age have continued the same unregenerate heresies and systems, as their forefathers, such heretics as [James White](#), [Alistair Begg](#), and [Tim Keller](#), all of whom are amillennialist, like many other of their comrades in the heretical reformed calvinist world.

Many Mennonites, most in fact, follow this heretical practice as well, though Mennonites are not Protestant but rather Baptist/Anabaptist, and there is a huge difference. The Baptist/Anabaptist have been persecuted many times by the Protestants, in similitude to the Catholics. As mentioned above, practically everyone that interprets Scripture in this manner, with very few

exceptions, is unsaved. Unregenerate. Absent of the indwelling Spirit of God. Period. Claiming otherwise denies God's Word (Pr 8:8-9; 20:21-22; Is 28:9-10; 2 Tim 2:15; 2 Pet 3:16-17), denies the workings of the Holy Spirit (Jn 16:13; 1 Jn 2:20-21, 27) and makes God out to be a liar.

## **Amillennialism Dovetails with Replacement Theology:**

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### **Both False Doctrines Derived from False Hermeneutics (Allegoricalism), All Corrupt Fruit of False Christianity**

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It is no coincidence that those who embrace the heresy of amillennialism almost without exception reject the nation of Israel, and then replace all of her God-given promises with that of the church. This is called *Replacement Theology* or *Supersessionism*.

Among the different views of the relationship between the church and Israel one finds the abhorrent philosophy that the church has replaced Israel (Replacement Theology) and the church is an expansion of Israel (Covenant Theology). Replacement Theology (aka., Supersessionism) and Covenant Theology are equally "*doctrines of devils*" (1 Jn 4:1).

Amillennialism embraces the erroneous position that God has forsaken Israel for crucifying their Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, and they do it on the back of allegoricalism. Replacement theology essentially teaches that the NT church has replaced Israel. Adherents of this corrupted theology believe the Jews are no longer God's chosen people, and God does not have specific future plans for the nation of Israel. For rejecting her Messiah, Israel allegedly forfeited her claim to the promises of God, being eternally cut off. Apparently, all the OT promises to Israel have now been transferred to the Church, post-crucifixion of Christ. The Church is now God's chosen people, replacing Israel. Since God has allegedly cast away Israel (the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 is given as proof), He is no longer interested in her; His concern is only for His Church.

The common belief surrounding this damnable heresy of replacement theology, regardless of who it is that embraces the heresy, is that since Jews rejected Jesus Christ as the Messiah and have continued in unbelief and disobedience to God and since Judaism today is not based on the Bible but on the Talmud, Israel today is not the true Israel. She has been rejected by God and replaced with the church. God is finished with her. This arrive at this conclusion by corrupting, perverting, twisting, wresting, manipulating and proof texting scripture such as Matt 21:43; Rom 2:28-29; 9:6; 11:16-24; Gal 3:16, 26-29; 4:21-26; 6:15-16; Eph 2:13-16, 19-22; Phil

3:3; Heb 12:22-23. Proponents of Replacement Theology take these verses completely out of context (immediate context, Book context, and whole Bible context) and use them to attempt to overthrow the teaching of the entire Bible. This, of course, is the standard operation procedure of false teachers.

We are told by many that God is finished with Israel, that she has been replaced with the church, and that the church is Zion, and the earthly Jerusalem has been replaced with the heavenly Jerusalem. Reformed covenant theologians are parroting this who follow the “church fathers” that devised this view. Even some so-called Independent Baptists such as Steve Anderson, a false teacher and wolf in sheep's clothing, brashly promotes this heresy. In the video *Marching to Zion*, Anderson teaches that Israel today, the Israel that returned to the land and established a modern state, is not the Israel of the Bible. Rather, God is finished with the nation Israel and NT believers are the “true Israel.”

*“It’s those of us who believe in Jesus Christ that are Israel. . . . We Christians are the true people of God. We are the true Israel. And we are marching to Zion” (Steve Anderson, *Marching to Zion*).*

Heretics like D. James Kennedy and [R.C. Sproul](#), and dozens of others have declared that Israel has no special title to land in the Middle East, having been replaced by the church (i.e., replacement theology), which happens to very common amongst reformed Calvinists. They have claimed that all of God’s “land promises specific to Israel in the OT were fulfilled under Joshua.” One trembles at their defiance of God, who has said:

*“Behold, the days come . . . that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, the LORD liveth, which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land” (Jer 23:7-8)*

The obvious fulfillment of such promises in our day, since 1948 (not in Joshua’s day), rebukes those who say that the church has replaced Israel! To even entertain the idea while knowing Israel is finally back in her land again (and they, the reformed calvinist heretics and others, are not), reveals how spiritually reporbate these "liars, evil beasts, slow bellies" (Ti 1:12) really are. In the last 80 years or so, Jews have returned by the millions to Israel from more than one hundred nations. Those who deny God’s promises to and prophecies of Israel for today, which is denying God’s covenants with them (which span hundreds of verses), need to genuinely repent and be truly converted to the true Lord Jesus Christ of Scripture, not the one of John Calvin or some other man-centred hero.

This heretical philosophy of Replacement Theology would be one of the “doctrines of devils” that the Bible warns of:

*“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;” (1 Tim 4:1).*

There are many Scripture passages covered in this report that very clearly, crystal clear, reflect the truth that God will never be done with Israel and that Israel and the ekklesia are two very different entities, even though saved Jews and Gentiles are of the same spiritual body, i.e., local church and family of God. Here are a few of those passages:

*“And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God” (Lev 26:44)*

*“For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished” (Jer 30:11)*

*“For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days” (Hos 3:4-5)*

Replacement theology teaches that the church is the replacement for Israel and that the many promises made to Israel in the Bible are fulfilled in the Christian church, not in Israel. The prophecies in Scripture concerning the blessing and restoration of Israel to the Promised Land are spiritualized or allegorized into promises of God’s blessing for the church. Major problems exist with this view, such as the continuing existence of the Jewish people throughout the centuries and especially with the revival of the modern state of Israel. If Israel has been condemned by God and there is no future for the Jewish nation, how do we explain the supernatural survival of the Jewish people over the past 2,000 years despite the many attempts to destroy them? How do we explain why and how Israel reappeared as a nation in the 20th century after not existing for 1,900 years? Most importantly, how do you explain away the hundreds and hundreds of Scripture that refer to Israel’s covenants, return to the land, reservation, repentance and reconciliation with her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? There is A LOT of Scripture that has to be plainly ignored or wrested in order to deny Israel and spiritualize the church. How on earth do you argue away the 70th week of Daniel that remains unfulfilled?

The Bible is so exceedingly clear that Israel and the church (meaning visible, autonomous local churches, *not* some universal platonic organism) are two entirely entities. Reading the Bible as “the church” (which isn’t a platonic, universal entity but local, visible, physical congregations) being Israel, isn’t just excessively confusing and contradictory but also unscriptural and heretical. It’s a “*doctrine of devils*” (1 Tim 4:1). Thus--historical records proving--true born again Christians over the course of two millennia have rejected the heresy of Replacement Theology, because that is not what the Bible teaches and they do love the nation of Israel from the time of their conversion, for God’s Word teaches to bless the Jews (Gen 12:3; 27:29; Num 24:9), and to oppose Satan’s hatred of the Jews (1 Ch. 21:1; Rev. 12:13) which are God’s chosen people, and because of all the spiritual things and blessings that came through the Jewish people (Rom 3:1-2; 9:4-5). Israel is the elect of God, but that is not referring to salvation. Absolutely everything in the entire Bible, thousands of verses, reflect this truth, and it’s not difficult.

"The church" is NOT the same as Israel (Rom 9–11). Far from it. In [Jer. 33:19-26](#) God specifically corrects those who say that He has cast off the families of Israel that they should be no more a nation. This is exactly what Replacement Theology says.

Neither the Abrahamic, Palestinian, or Davidic covenant can be applied to “the church” without doing serious violence to Biblical language. They pertain ONLY to people who were scattered among the nations and then brought back to the very land possessed by their fathers. According to Replacement Theology, Jesus is currently sitting on David’s throne in heaven and this is the fulfillment of the Davidic covenant, but this requires some serious allegorical and mental gymnastics. It requires “spiritualizing” the plain words of the Davidic covenant and the New Covenant but there is no way to make this fit “the church” without doing violence to plain Bible language and to the clear promises of God.

This teaching frequently ties together with the perverted methodology of Bible interpretation, that of allegoricalism (spiritualizing scripture), in fact it almost requires it since that is how this theology is derived out of scripture: by spiritualizing scripture.

The apostle Paul taught the early churches that God’s covenants with Israel do not belong to the church and will yet be fulfilled. Consider the following clear teaching from Rom 11 which answers the question, “*Hath God cast away his people?*”

- Paul rhetorically answers the question, “Hath God cast away his people?” with an emphatic expression of negation, “God forbid.” (Rom 11:1)

- Paul proves that God has not permanently cast away Israel by the fact that there is presently a remnant, of which he is a member (Rom 11:1-5). The nation Israel is preserved before God through the believing remnant. This has always been the true Israel (Rom 9:6-8), as in both children of Israel and children of God (Rom 9:6-8; Ac 2:28-29)
- The present fall of Israel has a divine purpose, that of bringing salvation to the Gentiles, and Israel's fall is not permanent but will end in their fulness (Rom 11:11-12).
- The same Israel that has been cast away will be reconciled (Rom 11:15).
- Israel is likened to an olive tree. Branches have been broken off, but the tree remains (Rom 11:17-24). When Israel ceases to abide in unbelief, by repentance, they will be saved or "grafted into their own olive tree."
- Israel's present blindness will only last until the end of the age of the Gentiles, "until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in" (Rom 11:25).
- Israel will be saved either immediately preceding or at some point earlier on in the Great Tribulation, and God's New Covenant will be fulfilled in them (Rom 11:26-27).

Lest Israel be restored again to her own land, her native land, the larger part of the book of Revelation, certainly chapters 7 through 20, would be almost entirely without meaning, for they relate nothing at all to the Gentile churches. Those chapters are largely Jewish, and relate to events that will take place in the 70th week of Daniel, the Time of Jacob's Trouble, to a considerable extent in Israel and the beloved city of Jerusalem.

The only biblical and true view is that the church is completely different and distinct from Israel (dispensationalism/premillennialism). The whole Bible refutes Replacement Theology. That God is not finished with national Israel is taught from Genesis to Revelation. For instance, Is 10:20-22; Ezk 37:1-14; 38-39; Dan 9:24-27 and Daniel's 70 Week Prophecy; Hos 3:4-5; Am 9:8-15; Matt 23:38-39; 24:15-21; Lk 19:11-27; Ac 1:3-8; Rev 7-20; etc.

To know the proper Biblical view and teaching is not difficult to perceive but it does require true conversion so that the child of God can properly interpret and understand the scriptures through the indwelling Spirit of God. If one uses the normal, literal method of Bible interpretation, the whole Bible is found to speak with one thunderous voice about Israel and her future, and a handful of isolated proof texts (eisegetically utilized to support Replacement Theology) cannot change or overthrow this clear teaching.

## **The Bible Abounds with Reference to the Millennial Kingdom of Christ on the Earth**

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The Millennial Reign of Christ the King is very clearly taught throughout the Word of God. The following are some of the passages that describe this kingdom in the OT: Ps 69:35-36; 72:1-20; 86:9; Is. 11:4-5, 25-27; 32:1; 35; 60-66; Jer 23:5-6; 30-33; Ezk 40-48; Dan 2:44-45; 6:26; 7:9-14, 18, 27; Hos 2:14-23; 3:4-5; 14:4-8; Jon 2:18-3:21; Am 9:11-15; Oba 15-21; Mic 2:12-13; 4:1-13; 5:4-15; 7:7-20; Zep 3:9-20; Hag 2:6-9; Ze 1:16-17; 2:1-13; 3:8-10; 8:1-10:12; 12:1-14:21; Mal 3:1-6; 4:1-3. The following are some of the passages that describe this kingdom in the NT: 1 Cor 15:25; Rev. 20:1-14. It hasn't occurred yet. It remains unfulfilled.

The Bible abounds with references to a coming kingdom on earth when the Lord will return on *"a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war,"* and reign as *"KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."* (Rev. 19:11-16). Even the Lord's model prayer gives indication to it, *"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven"* (Matt 6:10).

Below are Biblical references to the Millennial Kingdom, though not exhaustive.

### **Old Testament Prophecies**

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Most of the prophets spoke of this future kingdom, painting detailed portraits of its glory.

### ***The Book of Daniel Tells us About the Coming Kingdom of God Upon the Earth***

In Dan 2:44-45; 6:26; 7:9-14, 18, 27 after Daniel explains Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great image wherein four successive kingdoms upon the earth will exist over the course of history post-flood, proceeding the time of Israel's captivity to Babylon, he goes to describe another kingdom that will come that will never be destroyed for it is God Himself that establishes this kingdom upon the earth:

*"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." (Dan 2:44)*

This is Gods millennial Kingdom.

Amazingly, King Darius, the first king of the Media-Persia kingdom, prophesied of Christs coming and indestructible kingdom upon the earth that is without end and dominion, in his glorification of the living God Whom had delivered Daniel from the mouths of the lion:

*"I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end." (Dan 6:26)*

Daniel's dream in chapter seven again confirms the coming kingdom of God upon the earth where all people and nations will serve and obey Him, and be under his power and dominion:

*"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. . . . And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him." (Dan 7:13-14, 27)*

In this passage of Daniel 7 we are told that the kingdom is "*an everlasting kingdom*" — some then might argue, how do we say it's one thousand years? Is this kingdom not actually referring to Heaven? Christs coming kingdom is indeed an everlasting one, but it starts with the thousand year reign, as Rev 20 and the book of Daniel makes extremely clear, and then morphs into the eternal kingdom where no unsaved people exist after the great white throne judgment of the unsaved (Rev 20:11-15) which occurs at the end of the millennial kingdom. The Bible abounds with references to a coming kingdom on earth when the Lord will reign as "*King of kings and Lord of lords.*" Getting around these truths requires corrupting and wresting the

Word of God, an “*error of the wicked*” (2 Pet 3:16-17), and many have attempted to do such a very thing. That the kingdom begins with a thousand year reign upon the earth doesn’t imply it’s not everlasting. It is everlasting, for Christ starts His rule at the beginning of His earthly kingdom and His rule never ends. He is just as much King with a Kingdom in Heaven, as He is upon the earth. The kingdom simply has two elements to it. Nothing too difficult to understand here. But scoffers will scoff and scorn as false teachers do, and force the one thousand year reign of Christ into an allegorized time frame, typically on the back of corrupting, wresting and spiritualizing passages such as 2 Pet 3:8, “*But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*” When Peter spoke of the wicked wresting Gods Word (2 Pet 3:16-17), it was in the very context of eschatology, a subject most often casualty to these false teachers.

### ***The Book of Psalms Contains Many Promises of the Millennial Kingdom***

Psalm 2:1-12, here in part (vv. 6-12):

*"Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."*

The holy hill of Zion is Jerusalem. God will set his Son on that hill and give Him the heathen for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth. Christ will rule the entire world, both Gentiles and Jews, and He will do so with a rod of iron. Now is the time to surrender and make it right with the King, with the Son, to kiss Him with a humble, poor, contrite and broken heart over your sin and selfishness and idolatry, lest ye suffer His wrath (Jn 3:36) and be cast into the eternal fires of hell (2 Th 1:8-9). Choose ye this day whom ye will serve, and blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.

Ps 72:1-19:

*“A Psalm for Solomon. Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son. He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor. They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations. He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth. In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him. For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight. And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised. There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed. Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen”*

Psalm 72 is one of the most intimate pictures in Scripture of Christ Himself reigning in His kingdom. Part of the prophecy applies to Solomon (2 Sam 7:14-15), but most of it looks beyond Solomon to Christ. The Psalm refers directly to the person of Christ 23 times (“he,” “him,” “his,” “thou”). God promised David that his son would sit on the throne of God’s kingdom for ever (2 Sam 7:10-16).

Verses 2-4 and 12-14 declare that Christ will rule in righteousness, justice, and compassion. How different this will be from this present world, with its inequities, injustice, corruption, fraud, grinding poverty, lack of compassion, unpunished crime, and unrequited victims. The weak and poor and needy will be treated with justice and compassion and equity. Injustice and unrighteousness will be punished quickly and forcefully with a “rod of iron,” and there will be mercy for the truly repentant.

Christ will rule in peace (vv. 3, 7, 13-14). All of the peace movements, both humanistic and religious, cannot bring peace to the world as long as man is in rebellion with God. “There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked” (Isa. 48:32). Peace will only come when the Prince of

Peace sits upon the world's throne. Then peace will flow like a river (Isa. 66:12), and "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isa. 2:4).

Christ will rule forever (vv. 5, 17). The Millennial kingdom will last 1,000 years, but Christ's kingdom will not end at that time. Once He returns to destroy the Gentile powers and take the throne of earth, He will never give it up. He will reign forever in the New Heaven and the New Earth (Rev 21-22) that comes down after the defeat of Satan and his minions, and the Great White Throne judgement.

Christ will rule universally (vv. 8-11). "*And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one*" (Ze 14:9). All nations will bow before Him and worship and serve Him. Each year the nations will come to Jerusalem to worship Christ during the feast of tabernacles, and if any nation does not come it will be judged with a drought (Ze 14:16-19), which tells us that the world will be full of people potentially unsaved, not driven by Satanic-deception but selfish-deception.

Christ will rule absolutely (vv. 9-11). It will be a divine dictatorship, a Theocracy. There will be no elections, no people's rights. Christ's Word will be the absolute law of the earth. Solomon's kingdom was a foretaste of this. Whatever Solomon said was law. His decisions in all matters were final (e.g., 1 Ki 3:16-28).

Christ will rule in the midst of worship (v. 15). This is no secular kingdom, no republic, no humanistic democracy. Worship of God will form its very heart and soul. Prayer will be made *for* Him to God the Father and *to* Him as God the Son. He will be the object of the world's worship, and all of the false gods of this present darkness will be forgotten. There will be merchandise in Christ's kingdom, but merchandise will not be the first thing in its citizen's hearts. God will have His proper place. The first commandment will no longer be ignored. "*And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment*" (Mk 12:30). No longer will men be rich toward themselves while ignoring God (Lk.12:21). Then the world will not worship a multiplicity of gods, self being the chief of them, but the whole world will worship the true and living God and will offer to Him "*the sacrifice of praise continually*" (Heb 13:15-16). Men will not only worship God continually but they will take time to worship Him whenever He requires. The Jewish sabbath will be kept. "*And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD*" (Is 66:23).

Psalm 99 and 102. The Lords coming reign and kingdom and glory in Zion is prophesied, and all nations will worship Him there:

*"The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved. The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy. The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy." (Ps 99:1-5)*

*"When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory." (Ps 102:16)*

Thats straightforward. Upon building up Zion, Jerusalem and Israel, Christ will return in all His glory. This kingdom is foretold, prophesied, in the OT and in the NT, and also fulfilled in the NT, and is the re-establishment of Israel's fallen throne.

One cannot ignore such an extremely clear and Biblical position without doing massive damage to scripture and doctrine.

### ***The Major Prophets Prophecy of the Millennial Kingdom***

Jer. 23:5-6,

*"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."*

The unconditional covenants made by the LORD to Israel through Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob will be fulfilled in their entirety when Israel believes in Jesus Christ as the Messiah at His return (1 Ki 8:56). Israel will then be restored to their land and fulfill their initial design of becoming the ruling nation and a light to the world during the millennial reign of Christ: De 30:1-6; Ezk 11:17; 20:33-38; 34:13-16; Is. 42:6-7; Jer. 33:6-9; Mic 4:6-13; Ze 8:3-8; 10:6; Rom 9:27; 11:26.

Is 2:1-5:

*"The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. [2] And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. [3] And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. [4] And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. [5] O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD."*

Is 9:6-7:

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."*

Is 9:6 was partially fulfilled with the first coming of Christ.

Is 11:1-11ff.,

*"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: [2] And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; [3] And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: [4] But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. [5] And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. [6] The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. [7] And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. [8] And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. [9] They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. [10] And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. [11] And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea."*

Jer 33:14-17:

*"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. [15] In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. [16] In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness. [17] For thus saith the LORD; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; [18] Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually."*

Ze 6:12-13,

*"And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord: Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both."*

Though this passage does not specifically mention the 1,000 years, it is obviously referring to that time, the only time where Christ Himself will reign upon the earth, a fact verified by many other passages of Scripture. The "*BRANCH*" of course is a reference to Jesus Christ, Gods servant (Zec 3:8). Christ, "*the BRANCH*" (CAPS original) will come in His "*glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne,*" mentioned by Christ Himself in Matt 25:31, "*When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:*"

Ze 14:9 is very clearly referring to the Millennial reign of Christ the King:

*"And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one."*

Hos 6:1-3:

*"Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. [2] After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. [3] Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth."*

Hos 6:2 speaks of the restoration of Israel. It might seem like forever to her, but God would bring her back to life very soon, the quickness of which is communicated by the few number of days this is said that it would be occurring. Upon the millennial kingdom resurrection of Israel, she will live in His sight, which speaks to Christ present upon the earth. Hos 14:7 extols Israel resurrection to life during the millennial kingdom.

## **New Testament Prophecies and Fulfillment**

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Christ overcame and sat down with His Father on the Father's throne (see Ps. 110:1; Eph. 1:20-23).

The Bible clearly teaches a 1,000-year reign by the Lord Jesus Christ, where He will be the "*King of Kings and Lord of Lords*" (Rev. 17:14; 19:16). All the kings and all the lords will be under Him. He will be the "power." The ONLY "power."

| *"For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet." (1 Cor 15:25)*

In the Lord's model prayer—Lk 11; Matt 6, we pray for the kingdom to come. At long last the Lord's Prayer will be answered; *"Thy kingdom come!"* Great and massive changes will take place under the rule of the King of kings. The kingdom is for all the saved, Jews and Gentiles. Gentiles are grafted into Israel (Rom 9-11). We look for the return of the King, who then sets up a kingdom on the earth. When we pray for the kingdom, we are letting God know we are in line with His program, and related praying would be for those things that would further His kingdom in the age in which we live.

The earthly Millennial Kingdom is mentioned by the angel Gabriel to Mary, the mother of Jesus, when he brought her the message of the Saviour being born to her:

| *"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and **the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.**" (Lk 1:32-33)*

Christ will rule over the house of Jacob, which is Israel ("Jacob" and "Israel" carry the same meaning and can be used interchangeably), which can only occur upon the earth, not in heaven. Reigning *"over the house of Jacob"* or Israel, would be nonsensical outside of an earthly reign. Christ will not sit on His own throne until He returns and establishes the kingdom promised to Israel and sits on the throne of David (Ps. 132:11; Is. 9:6-7; 16:5; Jer. 33:17-21). He will rule a the world at His return and kingdom, and the saints will rule with Him (Ps. 149:5-9; Dan. 7:22, 27; Matt. 19:28; Rev. 19:15).

Rev 20:1-9ff., of course, the clearest passage in the NT on the Millennial Kingdom:

*“And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. 4 **And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.”***

We have covered the truths of this passage above, but a few things. 6x "thousand years" is mentioned in this text, and ALL are literal one thousand years:

- (1) Satan is bound in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years (v. 2).
- (2) Satan will be bound for the entire 1,000 years, captured by God's angel, and tied up in the bottomless pit, which is sealed (v. 7).
- (3) Satan is loosed at the conclusion of the 1,000 years (v. 7).
- (4) The Tribulation martyrs are raised and reign with Christ for 1,000 years (v. 4).
- (5) Partakers of the first resurrection will be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years (v. 6).
- (6) Outside of born again saints, the remainder of the dead are raised at the conclusion of the 1,000 years (v. 5).

Only spiritual reprobates (cf. 2 Tim 3:8-9) will attempt to corrupt this plain meaning with some unscriptural allegorical interpretation, making them the arbiter of truth and not the Spirit of God, and consequently exposing their wicked and unregenerate nature.

The people and nations will no longer be deceived by Satan, but the flesh of the unsaved will still pose a deception and source of sin and temptation.

## Therefore, the Bible Teaches Premillennialism —

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### Christ's Return Preceding the Millennial Kingdom

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To rule the world from within the world, the Lord Jesus Christ will return to the earth and establish His kingdom from Jerusalem. This is referred to the second coming of Christ. The Bible tells us succinctly and abundantly that His return will be at the end of the Great Tribulation, the 70th Week of Daniel, immediately preceding His reign and rule as King in His Millennial Kingdom.

All the above quoted passages from the OT and NT require Christ's return prior to the establishment of His earthly Kingdom. That is pre-millennialism: "prior" to the "millennium."

Premillennialism as an approach takes the Bible literally, that is, grammatically and historically. It takes an OT priority, believing that plain meaning of the text understands scripture as those first hearing it in that day. Since everything in scripture has been filled literally to precision over the last thousands of years, over one thousand fulfilled prophecies in Scripture, we know everything in the future will be fulfilled literally to precision.

Anyone who takes the Bible literally will also be a premillennialist. I say also likely a true believer, because God the Spirit only teaches His Word literally, and He does so to all whom He indwells. So if a non-literal, spiritualized, allegorized form of interpretation is adapted and embraced, in spite of attempted correction and admonishment, that person is saying he is void of the indwelling Spirit. That's the story he is telling. That person does not understand truth, or rightly dividing God's Word, or is able to harmonize all of scripture. That person is very confused and again that is because they are very likely unsaved, playing at Christianity.

When Jesus told Peter to feed His sheep in Jn 21, He wasn't telling Peter to give the sheep of God his opinion or traditions. The Pharisees were giving opinion and tradition. Peter said that preaching that gives glory to God, is preaching that aligns with the Word of God (1 Pet 4:11). You don't glorify God when you tell people a message other than what a passage means. We live by every Word by understanding every Word. When Paul said "*preach the Word*" (2 Tim

4:2), he wasn't saying "use the Word," as if just using it could work instead of preaching what it actually says. Wresting the scriptures (2 Pet 3:16) is a very serious abuse of the Word of God, and Peter says those who do such things are "wicked" (2 Pet 3:17). The very idea of "preach" is to tell people what God says, not telling people your opinion, what you are thinking and using God's Words in order to do that. Both amillennialism and postmillennialism fit into that mould.

## What Occurs to End the Millennial Kingdom, and After?

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At the conclusion of the 1,000-year reign of Christ, Satan will be loosed out of his prison, from the Abyss, for a short season to test the genuineness of the obedience of earth's inhabitants. He will gather all the fakes and hypocrites from around the world, those harbouring rebellion in their hearts since any outward sinful expression was dealt with Christ's rod of iron quite swiftly, people who have feigned "obedience" but in reality hated the Lord and His people, and form an army that encircles Jerusalem and wages the war of Gog and Magog. Together with these wicked individuals who gladly take up Satans cause, they will go make war with the Lamb of God, and lose spectacularly (Rev 20:7-10). Those who have not experienced real conversion will be deceived and will join in revolt against the Lord Jesus Christ, but it's terribly futile. *"When the 1,000 years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations . . . and they went up . . . and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city [Jerusalem]: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them"* (Rev 20:7-9). A very harsh and swift end. Christ destroys Satan's army with fire from heaven and this is followed by the resurrection to damnation when the unsaved are raised and judged at the "great white throne" (Rev 20:11-15) then cast into the lake of fire where different levels of fiery punishment will exist.

At the conclusion of the Millennial Kingdom the second resurrection will take place. This is the resurrection of all of the unsaved of all ages, from Adam to the end of time. The first resurrection is the resurrection of the saved, and the second resurrection is the resurrection of the unsaved. Again, the Bible does not teach one general resurrection. This resurrection is referred to as the Great White Throne Judgment. It is solemn, it is frightening.

*"And I saw a great white throne, and he that sat upon it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. . . . they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."* (Rev 20:11-15)

This is not the judgment of true born again believers, and this is not to decide whether you're going to get to heaven or not; this is the judgment of the lost where God decides the degree of your eternal punishment based upon your works (so yes works plays a part, not in salvation but in determination how bad you will have it in hell), though all are cast into the lake of fire, they are judged according to your works, what you've done and rejected or embraced, you will suffer, justly, throughout eternity in the lake of fire. These are all unsaved and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works, and cast into the lake of fire. "*All whose names were not found written in the book of life*"—the books are open, it says, and the dead, that is, they're dead in trespasses and in sins—they are judged out of the things that are written in the book, and "*whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*"

The Biblical truth is: "Born once, die twice, or Born twice, die once."

Which one are you?

The 70th week of Daniel still hasn't been fulfilled, but it's right around the corner, and its conclusion brings in the Millennial Kingdom of Christ. We can see it on the horizon. Israel is back in her land, after her punishment in the exile for nearly two millennia, the judgement upon her for rejecting her Messiah. The world is overtaken with apostasy, with very, very little true Christianity present anywhere, but massive amounts of apostasy. The "I love Me" perilous times has arrived (2 Tim 3:1-5) and the one world religion is more or less cemented in, evangelicals, protestants and the like- harlots, reforming their relationship with their Mother, the Great Whore and Mother of All Harlots (Rev 17-18). The one world language (English) has been going forth for centuries already, and the one world government is in its birth pangs, as is a one world currency. Digital ID, i.e. the precursor to the Tribulation mark of the beast, is in full production and will likely be rolled out within a few short years. The only thing left is for the Antichrist to be revealed (2 Th 2:3), whose origin is the Romans (Dan 2 and 7), which at the time of prophecy was all of Europe, which are the same people who put Christ to death, and we will know who he is by his ability to produce a fake seven year peace treaty in the Middle East between Israel and her evil Moslem neighbours.

Rejection of the Millennial Kingdom of God is brought about mostly by unregeneracy and its methodology of "hermeneutics:" allegoricalism. This bastardized system also paves the path to Replacement Theology (the church is Israel) which is major apostasy and immediately incriminating of a false teacher, among other heresies. It is also a pathway to Amillennialism and the rejection of Christ's return to rule the world for a thousand years, which further exposes a hypocritical, unredeemed nature since every true blood-bought grace-saved born-again saint of God knows the truth and understands the truth (1 Jn. 2:20-21, 27) and doesn't embrace

blatant heresy and unBiblical doctrine and thus believes the many passages of Scripture that speak of Christ's second coming (1 Th. 1:9-10; 4:13-5:11; 1 Cor. 1:6-7) and Millennial reign as King (e.g. 1 Cor. 15:25; Is. 32:1, 11:4-5; Ps. 72:8; Rev. 20:1-14), seeing that the Millennial kingdom is foretold throughout the OT and is the re-establishment of Israel's fallen throne, described in such passages as Ps 69:35-36; 72:1-20; 86:9; Is 11:25-27; 35; 60-66; Jer. 23:5-6; 30-33; Ezk 40-48; Dan 7; Hos 2:14-23; 3:4-5; 14:4-8; Jon 2:18-3:21; Am 9:11-15; Oba 15-21; Mic 2:12-13; 4:1-13; 5:4-15; 7:7-20; Zeph 3:9-20; Hag 2:6-9; Ze 1:16-17; 2:1-13; 3:8-10; 8:1-10:12; 12:1-14:21; Mal 3:1-6; 4:1-3. To get to Replacement Theology and Amillennialism, the terribly heretical methodology of Bible interpretation known as [Allegoricalism or spiritualizing Scripture](#) has to be adopted and incorporated into their manner of reading and teaching the Bible, meandering into spiritual gymnastics and bringing great confusion and contradiction to the Word of God. Practically all religious cults, including many within the Mennonites (noted amongst the more traditional / Old Order sect such as Sommerfelder and Old Colony), embrace heresies such as Amillennialism, Replacement Theology and Allegoricalism, and of course there is a perfectly reasonable explanation for it.

Like any other false teachings, we have no patience with any perversion of Christ's Millennial Kingdom, such as amillennialism or postmillennialism. Many have been duped by these heresies because they have no discernment concerning the truth, they are unable to differentiate between "*the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*" (1 Jn 4:6). The problem is much deeper than corruption of eschatology, and dives down into the heart of man exposing unregeneracy.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand and the end is drawing nigh but are you ready? Today isn't the day to be pursuing personal pleasures, lofty career and selfish ambitions, and self-gratification but rather to ensure you are born again and serving the Lord. [ARE YOU SAVED?](#) (Please click on that link to read how you can be born again). Do not be that evil servant of whom Christ warns in Matt 24 who is not waiting for the Lord's return,

*"But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."* (Matt 24:48-51)