

Revelation 20: “Thy Kingdom Come”

Remember to Lift Up the Lord Jesus Christ

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Chapter 20 Introduction: Thy Kingdom Come

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Revelation 20

I. Satan Incapacitated

¹ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the **key to the bottomless pit** and a **great chain** in his hand. ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more **till the thousand years were finished.**

- **“I saw...”** John is a spectator. 4x in this chapter
- **Angel:** Heaven to Earth with a Key to the Bottomless Pit; i.e. **Abyss**
- **Bottomless Pit:** Center of the Earth; i.e. no bottom

Luke 8:28 When he [the demon] saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!”

²⁹ For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, **bound with chains and shackles**; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the **abyss**. ³² Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.

Revelation 9:13 Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, ¹⁴ saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”

Mark 3:27 No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.

- **Great chain for the**

1. **Dragon:** Rev 12 as **Persecutor** of God and God's People
2. **Serpent of Old:** 2 Cor.11:3 as **Tempter** of Eve
3. **Devil:** 1 John 3:8 as the **Accuser** of the brethren
4. **Satan:** Mark 1:13 as the **Adversary** , is...

- Bound for **1000 literal Years**
- Cast into the Bottomless Pit:
- Shut up!
- Sealed up



“...that he should deceive the nations no more
till the thousand years are finished

3b But after these things he must be released for a little while.

- **Satan** “...must be released for a little while”? v7

II. Millennial Kingdom: On Earth as it is in Heaven

- **Three Views:**

- 1. Postmillennialism:**

- a) Belief that Christ comes at the **end** of 1000 years
- b) Man would bring in the Kingdom
- c) Late 1800 and early 1900's
- d) 2 World Wars, Global Depression, Communism, and Atomic Bomb rendered this theory obsolete

- 2. Amillennialism:**

- a) Popular in recent years
- b) Taken place of Postmillennialism
- c) Emphasizes coming of Christ



d) **Spiritualizes** the 1000 years

"It fits the Millennium into present age and all the events recorded in Revelation into the fact of history like pieces fitted into a crazyquilt. The results are the same" [JVM]

3. Premillennialism:

a) Revelation 20 at "face value"

b) **Literal** Interpretation

c) Christ comes at the **START** of the Millennial Kingdom [duh?]

▪ Rational for Premillennialist View:

1. There can be no Millennium until **Satan** is removed
2. There can be no Millennium until the **curse** of sin is removed
3. Resurrection of the Old Testament Saints must take place at the **beginning** of the 1000 years

Daniel 12:1 "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, *Even* to that time. And **at that time your people shall be delivered**, Every one who is found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, **Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.**

4. **Tribulation** Saints are included in the Resurrection of O.T. Saints [v.4] and reign with Christ for 1000 years
5. Final Testing of mankind under **Ideal** Conditions [No Devil to blame; i.e. total depravity of man]

- Lord's prayer [actually the disciples prayer] answered by the earthly reign of Christ:

Luke 11:2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. **Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.**

⁴ And I saw **thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment** was committed to them. Then *I saw* the souls of those who had been **beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God**, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they **lived and reigned with Christ** for a **thousand years.**

- John saw **Two Groups**:

1. **Church:** Sitting on thrones and given authority to judge by Christ
 2. **Tribulation Saints** who had...
 - a) Been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and the Word of God
 - b) *Not* worshiped the beast
 - c) *Not* worshiped his image
 - d) *Not* received his mark on their foreheads
 - e) *Not* received his mark on their hands
- They lived and reigned with Christ for 1000 Literal years at the same time the devil was bound for 1000 years: **Millennial Kingdom**

Millennial [Theocratic] Kingdom in Scripture

Question for this Section: "Has that happened yet?"

- **Predicted in Psalms, Prophets both Major and Minor**

Psalms 2:6 "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." 7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" 10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth.11 Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

Psalms 110 [David] 1 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." 2 The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! 3 Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. 4 The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek [King of Jerusalem; Genesis 14:8]." 5 The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. 6 He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.7 He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the head.

Isaiah 2:1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. 3 Many people shall come and say, " Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore. 5 O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of the LORD

Isaiah 11:1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow

out of his roots. 2 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 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; 4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist. 6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's 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.

Isaiah 61:3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified." 4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations. 5 Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, And the sons of the foreigner Shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. 6 But you shall be named the priests of the LORD, They shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory you shall boast. 7 Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, And instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs. 8 " For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, And will make with them an everlasting covenant. 9 Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles, And their offspring among the people. All who see them shall acknowledge them, That they are the posterity whom the LORD has blessed." 10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Isaiah 65:20 " No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.

Isaiah 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox, And dust shall be the serpent's food.

Jeremiah 23:3 "But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the LORD. 5 " Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, " That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. 7 "Therefore, behold, the days are coming," says the LORD,

"that they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,' 8 but, 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.' And they shall dwell in their own land."

Jeremiah 32:37 Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. 38 They shall be My people, and I will be their God; 39 then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. 40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.

Ezekiel 40:48 Then he brought me to the vestibule of the temple and measured the doorposts of the vestibule, five cubits on this side and five cubits on that side; and the width of the gateway was three cubits on this side and three cubits on that side.

Daniel 2:44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

Daniel 2:45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

Micah 4:1 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And peoples shall flow to it. 2 Many nations shall come and say, " Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 3 He shall judge between many peoples, And rebuke strong nations afar off; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore. 4 But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, And no one shall make them afraid; For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. 5 For all people walk each in the name of his god, But we will walk in the name of the LORD our God Forever and ever. 6 " In that day," says the LORD, " I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast And those whom I have afflicted; 7 I will make the lame a remnant, And the outcast a strong nation; So the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on, even forever. 8 And you, O tower of the flock, The stronghold of the daughter of Zion, To you shall it come, Even the former dominion shall come, The kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem."

Zechariah 8:22 Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, And to pray before the LORD.' 23 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'""

Zechariah 12:10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced.

Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. 11 In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. 12 And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; 13 the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves; 14 all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.

Jesus the King over the Millennial Kingdom

Luke 1:32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

David the Prince over the Millennial Kingdom

2 Samuel 7:5 "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? 6 For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle. 7 Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'" 8 Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. 10 Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, 11 since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house. 12 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. 15 But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

Psalms 89:34 My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. 35 Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: 36 His seed shall endure

forever, And his throne as the sun before Me; 37 It shall be established forever like the moon, Even like the faithful witness in the sky." Selah

- **Ezekiel 40** and subsequent chapters deal with the Millennial Kingdom and David the Prince under the Lord Jesus Christ [also land boundaries of the Millennial Kingdom]

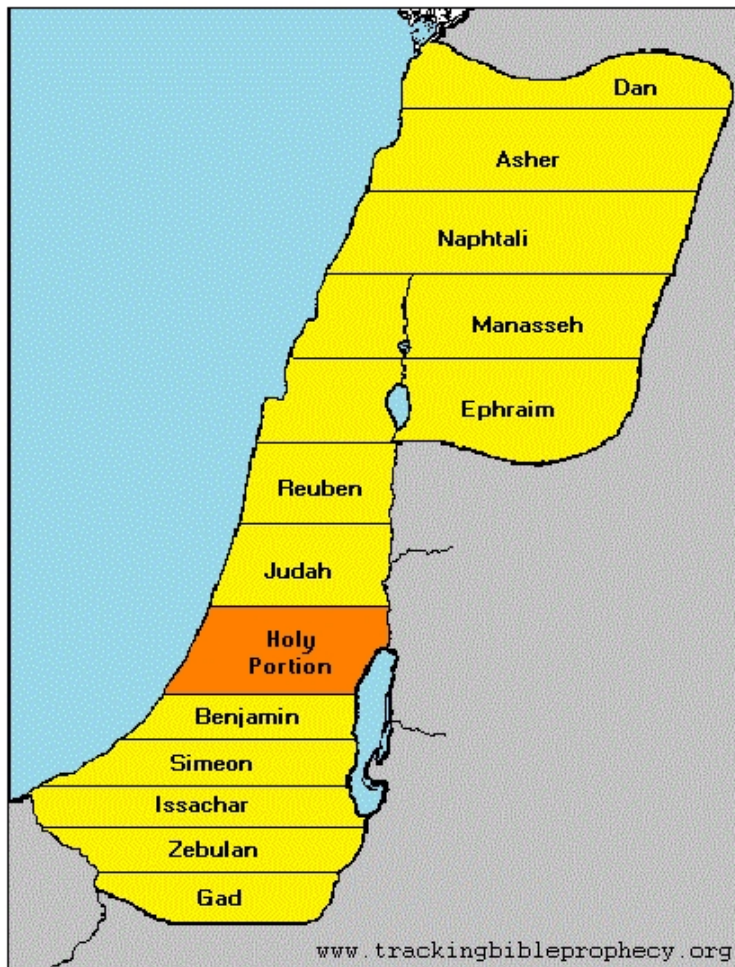
Ezekiel 45:7 "The prince shall have a section on one side and the other of the holy district and the city's property; and bordering on the holy district and the city's property, extending westward on the west side and eastward on the east side, the length shall be side by side with one of the tribal portions, from the west border to the east border...**Ezekiel 45:16** "All the people of the land shall give this offering for the **prince** in Israel. 17 Then it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, grain offerings, and drink offerings, at the feasts, the New Moons, the Sabbaths, and at all the appointed seasons of the house of Israel. He shall prepare the sin offering, the grain offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings to make atonement for the house of Israel." 18 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "In the first month, on the first day of the month, you shall take a young bull without blemish and cleanse the sanctuary. 19 The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering and put it on the doorposts of the temple, on the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and on the gateposts of the gate of the inner court. 20 And so you shall do on the seventh day of the month for everyone who has sinned unintentionally or in ignorance. Thus you shall make atonement for the temple. 21 "In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall observe the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. 22 And on that day the prince shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering.

Ezekiel 46:2 The prince shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway from the outside, and stand by the gatepost. The priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings. He shall worship at the threshold of the gate. Then he shall go out, but the gate shall not be shut until evening. 3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the entrance to this gateway before the LORD on the Sabbaths and the New Moons. 4 The burnt offering that the prince offers to the LORD on the Sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish; 5 and the grain offering shall be one ephah for a ram, and the grain offering for the lambs, as much as he wants to give, as well as a hin of oil with every ephah. 6 On the day of the New Moon it shall be a young bull without blemish, six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish. 7 He shall prepare a grain offering of an ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram, as much as he wants to give for the lambs, and a hin of oil with every ephah. 8 When the prince enters, he shall go in by way of the vestibule of the gateway, and go out the same way. 9 "But when the people of the land come before the LORD on the appointed feast days, whoever enters by way of the north gate to worship shall go out by way of the south gate; and whoever enters by way of the south gate shall go out by way of the north gate. He shall not return by way of the gate through which he came, but shall go out through the opposite gate. 10 The prince shall then be in their midst. When they go in, he shall go in; and when they go out, he shall go out. 11 At the festivals and the appointed feast days the grain offering shall be an ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram, as much as he wants to give for the lambs, and a hin of oil with every ephah. 12 "Now when the prince makes a voluntary burnt offering or voluntary peace offering to the LORD, the gate that faces toward the east shall then be opened for him; and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he did on the Sabbath day. Then he shall go out, and after he goes out the gate shall be shut. 13 "You shall daily make a burnt offering to the LORD of a lamb of the first year without blemish; you shall prepare it every morning. 14

And you shall prepare a grain offering with it every morning, a sixth of an ephah, and a third of a hin of oil to moisten the fine flour. This grain offering is a perpetual ordinance, to be made regularly to the LORD. 15 Thus they shall prepare the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil, as a regular burnt offering every morning." 16 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "If the prince gives a gift of some of his inheritance to any of his sons, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance. 17 But if he gives a gift of some of his inheritance to one of his servants, it shall be his until the year of liberty, after which it shall return to the prince. But his inheritance shall belong to his sons; it shall become theirs. 18 Moreover the prince shall not take any of the people's inheritance by evicting them from their property; he shall provide an inheritance for his sons from his own property, so that none of My people may be scattered from his property.'""

Ezekiel 47:1 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar.

Millennial Land Allotment - Ezekiel 47:15-21



Ezekiel 47:15 "This shall be the border of the land on the north: from the Great Sea, by the road to Hethlon, as one goes to Zedad, 16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibram (which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath), to Hazar Hatticon (which is on the border of Hauran). 17 Thus the boundary shall be from the Sea to Hazar Enan, the border of Damascus; and as for the north, northward, it is the border of Hamath. This is the north side. 18 "On the east side you shall mark out the border from between Hauran and Damascus, and between Gilead and the land of Israel, along the Jordan, and along the eastern side of the sea. This is the east side. 19 "The south side, toward the South, shall be from Tamar to the waters of Meribah by Kadesh, along the brook to the Great Sea. This is the south side, toward the South. 20 "The west side shall be the Great Sea, from the southern boundary until one comes to a point opposite Hamath. This is the west side. 21 "Thus you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.

Ezekiel 48:21 "The rest shall belong to the prince, on one side and on the other of the holy district and of the city's property, next to the twenty-five thousand cubits of the holy district as far as the eastern border, and westward next to the twenty-five thousand as far as the western border, adjacent to the tribal portions; it shall belong to the prince. It shall be the holy district, and the sanctuary of the temple shall be in the center. Moreover, apart from the possession of the Levites and the possession of the city which are in the midst of what belongs to the prince, the area between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin shall belong to the prince.

- **David as Prince** of the Millennial Kingdom confirmed by Jeremiah:

Jeremiah 30:7 Alas! For that day *is* great, So that none *is* like it; And it *is* the time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it. 'For it shall come to pass in that day,' Says the LORD of hosts, 'That I will break his yoke from your neck, And will burst your bonds; Foreigners shall no more enslave them. 9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, And David their king, Whom I will raise up for them. 10 ' Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,' says the LORD, ' Nor be dismayed, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar, And your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, And no one shall make him afraid.

- David showed grace to Mephibosheth, Jonathon's son who was lame, by asking him to eat at his [King David's] table.

2 Samuel 9:11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do." "As for Mephibosheth," said the king, "he shall eat at my table like one of the king's sons."

2 Samuel 9:13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet.

- The grace David exemplified to Mephibosheth is now shown to him forever as he eats at the King of King's table as Prince, though David was once also spiritually crippled [Adultery, Murder]

Ezekiel 44:3 As for the prince, because he is the prince, he may sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway, and go out the same way."

Psalms 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

Psalms 103:8 [David] The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

12 Apostles the Governors [Judges] over the Millennial Kingdom

Matthew 19:27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed

You. Therefore what shall we have?" 28 So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

Luke 22:24 [Last Supper] Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. 25 And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.' 26 But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. 27 For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. 28 "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. 29 And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, 30 that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Believers the Administrators during the Millennial Kingdom

1 Corinthians 6:1 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? 2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Do you not know that we shall judge angels?

Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

James 2:5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

Revelation 3:21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Luke 19:16 Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' 17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' 18 And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas

⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.⁶ Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

- **First Resurrection:** Blessed and Holy are those who take part:

1. Began with Christ

1 Corinthians 15:20 ...now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the **firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:22 ...in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

2. Next the Church/Bride [before the Tribulation]

1 Thessalonians 4:15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

3. Finally the Tribulation Saints and Old Testament Saints

Daniel 12:1 "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, *Even* to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, **Some to everlasting life, Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.**

- **Why did Jacob spontaneously worship** after being told his dead body would be taken to what would be Israel?

Hebrews 11:21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff.

Genesis 28:4 And give you the blessing of Abraham, To you and your descendants with you, That you may inherit the land In which you are a stranger, Which God gave to Abraham." 29 When the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "Now if I have found favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me. Please do not bury me in Egypt, 30 but let me lie with my fathers; you shall carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial place." And he said, "I will do as you have said." 31 Then he said, "Swear to me." And he swore to him. So **Israel bowed himself on the head of the bed.**

- **Second Resurrection:** Resurrection of Wicked to **White Throne Judgment** [v 11]

III. Satan Released/Eternally Damned

⁷ Now when **the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison** ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, **Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.**

- **After 1000 years of Perfect Government** Satan is released to "deceive the nations" whose population is again as numerous **"as the sand of the sea"**
- Earth's greatest population explosion

- **Gog and Magog:** Not Ezekiel 38,39 as there are no parallels with regard to time, place or participants but bare the same label, e.g. WWI and WWII

⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and **surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city**. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

- **Israel and Jerusalem Surrounded** ...again
 1. Old Testament
 2. Titus in 70 AD
 3. Tribulation Period w/ Antichrist
- **Invaders rebel against perfection;** e.g. Garden of Eden though not the beginning but the very end of mans rebellion against God. [See intro notes for Genesis/Revelation Compare/Contrast]

John 3:18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil**. ²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

¹⁰ **The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**

- **The devil is not in hell now...**no one is.[The damned are in Hades awaiting the White Throne Judgment]
- **The devil is not the first to go to hell...**the Beast and False-Prophet were 1000 years before
- Hell [lake of fire] is a place of everlasting [day and night forever and ever] torment

IV. Unbelievers Eternally Damned: Great White Throne Judgment [2nd Resurrection]

- **All saved have been raised** at this point; now the wicked; i.e. **godless**
- Of all born from the beginning of time, more people will be in Hell than Heaven

Matthew 7:13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because **narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it**. ¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

- People are damned because they did not receive the love of the truth:

2 Thessalonians 2:9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan,

with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because **they did not receive the love of the truth**, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. ¹³ *But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,* ¹⁴ *to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

➤ **Believers Judgment; i.e. Bema Seat of Christ:** Regarding Reward/Loss

Romans 14:9 ...to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? **For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.** ¹¹ For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God."

2 Corinthians 5:9 ...we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For we **must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done** in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. ¹¹ Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

1 Corinthians 9:24 ...those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? **Run in such a way that you may obtain it.** ²⁵ And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable crown. ²⁶ Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

2 Timothy 2:5 ... if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

➤ **Unbelievers Judgment; i.e. The White Throne:** No Hope, No Chance, No going back

¹¹ Then I saw a **great white throne** and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found **no place for them.**

- "I saw..." **Him Who sits on the Great White Throne**...Jesus
- **Whose face earth and Heaven fled from**...and there was no place for Heaven and Earth to go from His presence: **Omnipresent**

Psalms 139:7 [David] **Where can I go from Your Spirit?** Or where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸ If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

Eternal Damnation

- **Eternality** of Salvation/Damnation: **Equal Opposites:**

Matthew 25:44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You

hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.' 46 **And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."**

- **Everlasting...Punishment**
- **Everlasting Life**

Matthew 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the **everlasting fire** prepared for the devil and his angels:

- **Jesus the Judge on the Great White Throne**

John 5:22 For the Father judges no one, but has **committed all judgment to the Son... 26** For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which **all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.**

Hebrews 10:29 Of how much **worse punishment**, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has **trampled the Son of God underfoot**, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

Matthew 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

12 And I saw the dead, **small and great**, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged **according to their works**, by the things which were written in the books.

- **" I saw..."** : John is a spectator
- **Dead...Small and Great:** Everyone who does not have Christ standing before God
- **Book of Life: Saved**

Philippians 4:3 And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the **Book of Life**.

Revelation 3:5 He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the **Book of Life**; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Revelation 13:8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the **Book of Life** of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Revelation 21:27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's **Book of Life**.

Revelation 22:19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the **Book of Life**, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

- **Judged "according to their works":** Those who believed they could be saved by works and forsake the sacrifice of Jesus will now be judged for their work...all will be damned

Romans 3:20 ...by the **deeds of the law no flesh will be justified** in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Galatians 2:16 ...a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for **by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified**.

Isaiah 64:6 ...we are all like an unclean thing, And **all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags**; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

- There will be no reasoning with God at the White Throne Judgment

Isaiah 17:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as **white as snow**; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one **according to his works**.

- **Sea gave up the dead who were in it:** All will be put back together to be judged
- **Hades: Temporary Place of Torment exchanged for Eternal Place of Torment**

Luke 16:19 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. ²⁰ But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, ²¹ desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴ "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' ²⁷ "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹ But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

- **Degrees?**

Matthew 11:22 ...I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I say to you that it shall be **more tolerable** for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."

Luke 12:47 And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*. ⁴⁸ But he who did not know, yet committed things **deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few**. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to **whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more**.

¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the **lake of fire**. This is the second death.

- **Death:** Removed forever
- **Hades occupants move to Lake of Fire with the Best, False-Prophet and most recently Satan:**

Revelation 19:19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were **cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone**.

- **Lake of Fire:** Eternal?

Revelation 20:10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be **tormented day and night forever and ever**.

Question 1: If the beast and false prophet are "tormented day and night forever and ever" in the lake of fire...what is the fate of those in those in Hades if it too is cast into the Lake of Fire? But doesn't fire consume?

Exodus 3:2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

Question 2: Did God sent His "Only begotten Son" to be brutalized by sinners, hung on a cross, and separated from Him because the ultimate fate of sinners is annihilation?

Isaiah 66:24 "And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And **their fire is not quenched**. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

Mark 9:42 "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. **It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—** 44 where ` Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.' 45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— 46 where` Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.' 47 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire— 48 where` Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.'

- **Second Death:** Born once die twice; Born Twice die once

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.** 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

Revelation 21:7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. 8 But **the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.**" 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

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- Anyone not in the Book of Life is going to hell forever but never had to:

1 Timothy 2:3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who **desires *all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.***

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**

2 Corinthians 6:2 For [God] says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, **now is the day of salvation.**

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APOSTATE .

The popular view—that the wicked burn and suffer in hell forever and ever, ad infinitum, world without end—**makes a mockery of these divine qualities** (*i.e. Mercy, Love, and Justice*) The idea that the wicked will burn forever and ever in hell is based on the premise that they are immortal. Of course, the only Being in the universe who has natural immortality within Himself is God. Humans and other created beings do not have immortality within themselves. Any immortality we possess is derived from God, and the New Testament states very clearly that God's people will put on immortality at Christ's second coming (see 1 Corinthians 15:50-54). The wicked are not immortal now, and they never will be. The fires of hell will burn up the wicked and destroy them. That's how fire works. The only way the wicked could burn in hell throughout eternity would be for God to keep them artificially alive just so they could keep on burning. And that is **not my idea of a loving, just, and merciful God**. • Imagine that you hear a news report about a terrible crime that has been committed. The police are trying to figure out who did it, but they have no clues. Unfortunately, you have positive information that your son committed the crime, and you know that if he is found out he will be put on trial and spend many years in prison. Nevertheless, you feel duty bound to report what you know. Would you rejoice as you went to the police, or would you go with a very heavy heart? Going to the police would be the right thing to do, even though it made you feel very sad. Similarly, punishing the wicked for their unrepentant evil is the right thing for God to do. But I believe He will do so with great sadness. The cover image on this issue of Signs of the Times® shows Jesus standing in front of the world on fire—and He has His face buried in His hand. He's weeping over the fate of sinners. **I believe** that is a correct depiction of God's reaction to the punishment of the wicked. Compare this with Mary Baxter's "vision" of Jesus giving her a tour of hell. She said that she heard "heartbreaking screams and great cries of pain [coming] from the cells [where the lost were confined]." She wept and begged Jesus to do something to relieve them of their pain. **That's how any sane person reacts to intense human suffering.** But Mary Baxter describes Jesus standing matter-of-factly to one side, showing no emotion whatsoever. That's a **horrible distortion of God's character!** Richard Baxter said that "the God of mercy himself shall laugh at [the wicked in hell]" and "rejoice over them in their calamity" (emphasis added). Really? How can the words mercy and rejoice go together in any description of God's reaction to the destruction of the wicked and eternal torment? Yet **popular theology**—or at least Richard Baxter's theology— would have us believe that God is both merciful and that He rejoices at the eternal torture of the wicked in the flames of hell. • I do not question the idea of hell, which the Bible describes as a "lake of fire" (Revelation 19:20; 20:14). The Bible is very clear about the fact that God will punish the wicked

with fire. **However, I simply cannot imagine** a merciful God continuing to give the wicked immortality just so they can scream in pain throughout all eternity. We look with loathing on Hitler, who killed six million Jews in the gas chambers of Auschwitz and similar prison camps. But Hitler at least eventually put his victims out of their misery. The **popular God of hell never lets up**. He keeps human beings artificially alive so that they can go on suffering throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. That view of God is **simply beyond my comprehension**. It's a total contradiction of the merciful and just God that **I read about** in the Bible. Yes, God is in charge of hell. But it will last for a very short time, and then it will all be over. God will create "a new heaven and a new earth" (Revelation 21:1), in which those who have trusted in Him and obeyed Him will live throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. And they won't have to wonder whether their merciful God is laughing at the wicked suffering indescribable pain in some remote part of the universe and refusing to relieve them of their suffering.