

16 DECLARATIONS OF FAITH OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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14 The Millennial Reign of Christ

The second coming of Christ (parusia) is a two-phase event that includes the rapture of the church, which is our blessed hope. Followed by the visible return of Christ with his saints (the church) to physically reign on earth for a thousand years

Zechariah 14:1 Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. 2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken,

The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then the Lord will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. 4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, *Making* a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south. 5 Then you shall flee *through* My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the Lord my God will come, *And* all the saints with You.

Mathew 24:30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Revelation 1: 7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega, [d]*the* Beginning and *the* End,” says the [e]Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Jesus will return to reign on earth for 1000 years

Revelation 19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He [e]had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. (the church) 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written:

**KING OF KINGS AND
LORD OF LORDS.**

The millennial reign will bring the imprisonment of the devil

Revelation 20:1 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. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

- The devil will be bound by an angel

The church will reign with Christ

Revelation 20:4 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. 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.

- The church will reign with Christ
- Those who came from the Great Tribulation will also reign with Christ
- Who are the priests of God? The church

The Millennial Reign will bring the salvation of Israel as a nation

Ezekiel 37:21 “Then say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; 22 and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.

Romans 11:25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own [f]opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this *is* My covenant with them When I take away their sins.”

- God made a covenant with Israel through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and David. Declaring this covenant and promises throughout the Word of God
- These covenants and promises of God to His people will be fulfilled in the millennial Reign of Christ
- Biblical prophecy indicates that Israel as a nation has a continuing place in God’s plan for the end of times. We believe that at some point in the future time, the hearts of Jews will turn in large numbers to the Messiah who died for them and all people.

The Millennial Reign will bring universal peace

Isaiah 11:6 “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 11 “And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people;

Nature will enjoy perfect peace

Imagine all the animals being domesticated

Psalms 72:8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.

Nature will be as designed by God, we will see perfect balance in all creation

There will be peace in the animal kingdom in nature and with all nations

Micah 4:3 He shall judge between many peoples, And rebuke strong nations afar off; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into [a]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;

Perfect universal peace and Jesus as king of Kings

The significance of this doctrine

It sometimes seems that Satan has the world so enslaved in his grasp that conditions have no chance of improving. But God is still seated in his Throne. He has declared through his word that the condition of this world will increasingly erode before He comes for His own in the Rapture and after Jesus returns to reign on the earth for 1000 years. Knowing this we do not lose hope as sin, crime, and natural disasters increase year after year. God’s Word has already predicted what we are seeing, the Word also tells us that in the end, he has the victory.

The millennial reign will demonstrate that God’s reign and government are perfect. It will replace all of the failed systems of failed human government, and we the church of Jesus will be a part of it.