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I. THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM: JESUS' 1,000-YEAR REIGN ON EARTH

- A. The Millennium is a literal 1,000 year period in which Jesus will rule the whole world from Jerusalem in righteousness and peace. Millennium is from the Latin “*mille*” (a thousand).
- ⁴ I saw thrones, and they (saints) sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus (End-Time martyrs)...they lived and reigned with Christ for 1000 years... 6 They shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him 1000 years. (Rev. 20:4-6)*
- B. At this time the Kingdom of God will be openly manifest worldwide affecting every sphere of life (political, social, agricultural, economic, spiritual, educational, law enforcement, family, media, arts, technology, athletics, environment, social institutions, etc).
- C. The result will be a 1,000 year period of unprecedented blessing for the whole earth as Jesus establishes righteousness and prosperity, and restores the agriculture, atmosphere, and animal life to some of the conditions that were seen in the Garden of Eden (Rev. 20:1-6; Isa. 2:1-4; 9:6-9; 11:1-16; 51:1-8; 60-62; 65:17-25; Ps. 2:6-12; 110:1-7; Deut. 8; 28; Mt. 5:5; 6:10; 17:11; 19:28; 28:19; Acts 1:6; 3:21). This period of blessing will be initiated by Jesus' Second Coming.
- D. Jesus as King of Kings, will personally govern a worldwide Kingdom from Jerusalem in partnership with resurrected saints who rule with Him (Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21; 5:10; 20:4-6; 22:5; Mt. 19:28; 20:21-23; 25:23; Lk. 19:17-19; 22:29-30; 1 Cor. 6:2-3; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rom 8:17).
- ¹⁷ Jerusalem shall be called the Throne of the LORD, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. (Jer. 3:17)*
- ² The Mountain of the Lord's House...shall be exalted...all nations shall flow to it. 3...For out of Zion shall go forth the law, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. (Isa. 2:2-3)*
- E. Jesus' core message was about the coming of the Kingdom of God. The foundational message of the Kingdom is that Jesus as King will rule every sphere of society. The NT makes clear that the kingdom is ‘*already here*’ (in a limited expression) but is ‘*not yet*’ fully here until Jesus returns.
- ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Mt. 6:10)*
- F. The Millennial Kingdom is one of the major revelations of Scripture. The Old Testament saints looked to God to bring a whole new world order based on His Word (Deut. 8; 28; Isa. 2; 4; 9; 11; 60-66; Jer. 30-33; Ezek. 36-37; Dan. 7:13-14; Zech. 14:4-21).
- G. This is the time of the fulfillment of the OT prophecies of God establishing the Messiah on the Throne of David to bless all the nations (2 Sam. 7:13, 16, 23:5; Isa. 9:6-7; 55:3; Ps. 89:3-4; 34-37; Jer. 23:5-6; 30:8-9; 33:14-17, 20-21; Ezek. 37:24-25; Hos. 3:4-5; Amos 9:11; Luke 1:31-33).

- H. Daniel saw the heavenly coronation of Jesus as the eternal King over all the earth.
¹³ *One like the Son of Man (Jesus)...came to the Ancient of Days (Father)...14 To Him (Jesus) was given...a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him...27 His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve Him. (Dan. 7:13-14, 27)*
- I. Jesus will sit on a Throne as King and rule over all the other kings on the earth (Rev. 19:16).
³¹ *When the Son of Man comes in His glory...then He will sit on the Throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him... (Mt. 25:31-32)*
⁹ *The Lord shall be King over all the earth. (Zech. 14:9)*
- J. In the Millennium all the kings of the earth will be saved and worship Jesus (Ps. 72:11; 102:15; 138:4; 148:11; Isa. 62:2; Rev. 21:24) and base their national governments on God's Word.
¹¹ *All kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him. (Ps. 72:11)*
¹⁵ *Nations shall fear the...LORD, all the kings of the earth Your glory. (Ps. 102:15)*

II. CENTERPIECE OF GOD'S PURPOSE: BRINGING HEAVEN AND EARTH TOGETHER

- ⁹ *Having made known to us the mystery (hidden plan) of His will...10 that He might gather together in one ALL things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him. (Eph. 1:9-10)*
- A. The centerpiece of God's eternal purpose is for Jesus to come back to establish His Kingdom over all the earth as He joins the heavenly and earthly realms together. God's purpose has always been for His people to live together with Him in this way. This is the interpretive key to understanding the End-Times. Without this foundational revelation, confusion is inevitable.
³ *Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them... (Rev. 21:3)*
- B. God purposefully created the universe in two distinct realms. **Heaven** speaks of the supernatural spirit realm where God's power and presence is openly manifest. **Earth** speaks of the physical realm where human process, emotions and physical sensation reach their fullest expression.
- C. Heaven is the place believers have gone for the last 2,000 years (from the cross to the Second Coming) as a "temporary holding pattern" before receiving a resurrected body. The saints do not need a resurrected body in heaven to relate to its spiritual environment. However, when coming to earth, they will need a resurrected body to relate to the earth's physical environment. Jesus ate in His resurrected body to settle this issue that the resurrection was a spiritual and material body.
- D. Only as the spirit and the material realm come together can we express the fullness of God's personality and purposes or the fullness of God (Eph 1:22-23; 3:19; 4:13; Col. 1:19-20; 2:9-10).
²² *He (Father) put all things under His (Jesus') feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him (God) who fills all in all. (Eph 1:22-23)*

III. GET THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE (PARADIGM) ABOUT THE END-TIMES

- A. The challenge in understanding the Second Coming and the Millennial Kingdom is in getting the right paradigm. The necessary paradigm sees Jesus ruling the earth with the natural human processes not suspended, yet significantly enhanced by the supernatural dimension of the Spirit. We see aspects of this when Jesus appeared with His resurrected body (Jn. 20-21; Acts 1).
- B. The Millennial earth will consist of material dimensions (wood, steel, cement, animals, etc.) along with the supernatural dimension (the New Jerusalem descending to it; Rev. 21:2, 10; 3:12).
- C. As Gentile believers, our most natural paradigm is to think of worshipping Jesus as God in the supernatural conditions of heaven. We emphasize Jesus' deity as the Son of God. Whereas, the Jewish paradigm, thinks of reigning with the Messianic King as a man in the natural conditions of the earth. They emphasize the Messiah's humanity as the Son of David. ***The full truth is only seen when these two paradigms are brought together.***

IV. HEAVENLY JERUSALEM AND EARTHLY JERUSALEM BROUGHT TOGETHER

¹² ***The New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. (Rev. 3:12)***

- A. When the New Jerusalem comes to earth, then heaven is literally on earth. The New Jerusalem is the place where resurrected saints will live. Thus, our rewards are in heaven, since we live in the New Jerusalem forever. The earth (as the place of our inheritance) will continue forever (Ps. 37:29; 78:69; 104:5; 105:10-11; 125:1-2; 1 Chr. 23:25; 28:8; Isa. 60:21; Ezek. 37:25; Joel 3:20).

¹⁰ ***Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Mt. 6:10)***

- B. Heaven and earth come together as the New Jerusalem descends to the Millennial Jerusalem.

¹⁷ ***At that time (Millennial Jerusalem) Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the LORD, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. (Jer. 3:17)***

³ ***The Throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it (New Jerusalem). (Rev. 22:3)***

- C. The New Jerusalem will descend to a place above Millennial Jerusalem (Temple on Mt. Zion) creating a vast "governmental complex" joined by a "Corridor of Glory." It will be the governmental center of heaven and earth referred to as Jesus' Throne of glory (Mt. 19:28; 25:31).

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... (Mt. 25:31-32)***

- D. Five reasons that the New Jerusalem is not resting on earth, yet close to it during the Millennium: 1). The kings come in and out of the it (Rev. 21:24); 2). Its leaves heal the nations (Rev. 22:2); 3). The angels guard sinners from entry (Rev. 21:12, 22:14-15). 4). It lights up the saved nations on the Millennial earth but not the unsaved ones (Rev. 21:24; 20:7-9). 5). The size of the Millennial Jerusalem is approximately 10 square miles (4,500 rods x 4,500 rods; Ezek. 48:30-35; 45:6; 48:15-19) whereas, the New Jerusalem is 1,380 miles (Rev. 21:16).

V. THREE TYPES OF PEOPLE ARE ON EARTH WHEN JESUS APPEARS IN THE SKY

- A. The redeemed will be raptured during Jesus' worldwide procession across the sky.
- B. The reprobate who took the mark of the Beast will be judged and then killed (some executed). At this time, there may be up 1-3 billion of these people still alive. They will not just disappear.
- C. The resistors are the unsaved survivors (Jews and Gentiles) of the Great Tribulation who refused to worship the Antichrist. These resistors will stand against evil governments without regard to having faith in God. For example, in World War II, many in the French Resistance army died as they fought the Nazis. They simply refused to submit to Hitler. The Scripture refers to "those who are left" or "who remain." These will have an opportunity to be saved after Jesus returns and then populate the Millennial earth (Isa. 4:3; 10:20; 11:11; 49:6; 65:8; 66:19; Jer. 31:2; Ezek. 20:38-42; 36:36; Amos 9:9-10; Joel 2:32; Zech. 12:14; 13:8; 14:16).

VI. THE NATURAL PROCESSES OF LIFE WILL CONTINUE ON EARTH FOR 1000 YEARS

- A. Jesus will rule the Millennial earth that has both natural and supernatural dimensions.
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. 21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22...For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people...25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox...they shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," Says the LORD. (Isa. 65:20-25)
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. (Isa. 11:6-9)
- B. The natural processes of life will continue in establishing the infrastructure for every sphere of life in every city and village throughout the earth. This infrastructure will include replacing the governmental leaders from the Antichrist's worldwide government with new people at every level of public life in every city, life support systems (food, water, electricity), building projects (buildings, highways, bridges, etc.), economic systems (currencies, banking, investments, etc.), spiritual life (worship centers, Bible schools, etc.), education (from elementary to university levels), law enforcement; agriculture (equipment, distribution), media and arts, technology, environment, social institutions, etc.
- C. A process will be involved in war tribunals (court of justice to judge crimes) to judge the kings of the earth and then execute many of them (as in the Nuremburg trials in 1945-46) (Mt. 25:31-32; Isa. 2:4; 24:21-22; Ps. 110:6).

- D. It may take many decades before all the lands and the governments of the earth are completely restored. After the Great Tribulation, many of the cities of the earth will be desolate and in need of being rebuilt. The war torn cities of Europe and Asia after World War II give insight into this. Even years after the war was over, many cities continued to lie in ruins. Isaiah prophesied of cities after the Great Tribulation being rebuilt.
- ⁴ ***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. (Isa. 61:4)***
- E. There will be a progressive improvement in all areas of life.
1. There will be progressive social improvements or the healing of the Millennial nations. It will not be instantaneous. The Tree of Life in the New Jerusalem will be ministered to the leaders of the nations in a way that will promote the healing of their nation.
- ² ***Tree of life...the leaves of the Tree were for the healing of the nations. (Rev. 22:2)***
2. Jesus will set up training institutions to teach all nations His ways (political, economic, spiritual, educational, agricultural, family, media, arts, technology, etc.)
- 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 (Jesus) 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. (Isa. 2:3)***
3. All will not be converted instantly and automatically. It will take time to convert people individually and then disciple the nations.
 4. All will not automatically obey God and all nations will not automatically be disciplined. People living on the Millennial earth will voluntarily choose to accept Jesus.
- F. It will take 1,000 years to spread, mature and test the righteousness in every area of every nation.

VII. THE PROGRESSIVE INCREASE OF JESUS' GOVERNMENT

- A. Jesus' government will progressively spread to all nations.
- ⁷ ***Of the increase of His government...there will be no end...over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. (Isa. 9:7)***
- ⁵ ***In mercy the Throne will be established; and One (Jesus) will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness. (Isa. 16:5)***
- ⁵ ***The days are coming...that I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness (Jesus); a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. (Jer. 23:5)***

VIII. SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MILLENNIAL REIGN:

- A. Worldwide Justice (Isa. 9:7; 11:3-5; 10:22; 28:17; 32:16; 42:1-4)
- B. Peace (Isa. 2:4; 9:4-7; 11:6-9; 32:17-18; 33:5-6; 65:25)
- C. Fullness of Joy (Isa. 9:3-4; 12:3-6; 14:7-8; 25:8-9; 61:7, 10)
- D. Removal of the curse (Isa. 11:6-9; 35:7-9; 65:25; Rom. 8:19-23)
- E. Satan bound (Rev. 20:1-7)
- F. Healing (Isa. 29:17-19; 35:3-6; 61:1-2; Jer. 31:8; Mic. 4:6-7; Zeph. 3:19)
- G. Longevity of life (Isa. 65:20, 22)
- H. Population growth (Isa. 65:20; Jer. 30:20; Ezek. 47:22; Zech. 10:8)
- I. Labor (Isa. 62:8-9; 65:21-23; Jer. 31:5; Ezek. 48:18-19)
- J. Rebuilt cities (Isa. 61:4-6; Ezek. 36:36-38)
- K. Economic Prosperity (Isa. 4:1; 35:1-2; 30:23-25; 62:8-9; 60:1-14; 65:21-23)
- L. One world government (Zech. 14:9; Ezek. 37:13-28, Rev. 19:16)
- M. Judges/Governors (Jer. 30:21; Is. 24:23, 32:1; Ezek 45:8-9; Mt. 19:28; Lk 22:30; Lk. 19:12-28)
- N. Sin punished (Ps. 2:9, 72:9-11; Isa. 11:4; 66:20, 24; Zech. 14:16-19)
- O. Israel exalted above all nations (Isa. 2:1-4; 14:1-2; 49:22-23; 60:14-17)
- P. Egypt and Assyria will work closely with Israel in worldwide governmental prominence
²⁴ In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria-- a blessing in the midst of the land, 25 whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance." (Isa. 19:24-25)