

Session 2: Four Foundational Aspects of the Millennial Kingdom

There are four aspects of the kingdom on the earth, the millennial kingdom, when Jesus returns: political, physical, supernatural and relational. Each one of these are massive, and they converge and overlap with one another. They form the real and true picture of the future. Often, people, as they view the kingdom and its fullness on the earth after the Lord's return, are lacking one of these four dimensions. Their picture is not complete and therefore different passages do not make as much sense as they could if they had the more complete picture.

REVIEW OF SESSION ONE

First, just a moment of review for those that who new with us tonight. In session one from last week, we looked at the millennial kingdom, the 1,000 year period, a *literal* 1,000 year period in which Jesus will rule the world in righteousness.

B. He will personally govern all the nations of the earth as the King of kings, from Jerusalem, and He will openly manifest His Kingdom and His will in every sphere of life: political, social, agricultural, economic, etc. Every area of life will fully obey Him, in every single location across the earth.

C. the result of this will be an unprecedented blessing for the whole earth as Jesus establishes justice and righteousness in every nation, every village, and in every government. He will restore the agriculture, the atmosphere, and the animal life to the conditions that were seen in the garden of Eden.

THE CENTERPIECE OF GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

D. I say this paragraph so often for those of you who have been around. It bears repeating and you cannot go forward in your understanding of the end times without this truth. The very centerpiece of God's eternal purpose is that He brings together the heavenly realm and the earthly realm on the earth—that is what Ephesians 1:10 says. Jesus is going to unite everything in heaven and everything on earth—the two realms together under His leadership. It will be on earth like it is in heaven. The heavenly and the earthly realm will function together fully on the earth. God will live on the earth with us in face-to-face fellowship, with the natural realm fully functioning. Sin will be gone, ultimately. The natural realm will still function with physical food and physical bodies, but saints will have resurrected bodies that have the supernatural abilities of the resurrection, but still are physical and material. God will dwell with men and women on the earth face to face like He began to do in the garden of Eden with Adam. It never came to completion. He walked with Adam, and His desire was to dwell on the earth openly with Adam and his offspring.

F. Heaven speaks of the spiritual realm, the supernatural dimension where God's presence is fully manifest. The earth is the physical dimension where there is human process and emotions

and physical sensation. The Lord wants to bring these two realms together, and not do away with the physical realm.

It is only for the 2,000 years from the cross to the second coming, or the resurrection to the second coming, that the saints die and go to heaven with a disembodied spirit. At the rapture of the Church, everyone is raised from the dead, which means they are given a physical body: those that have died before the Lord's coming, and those that are alive at His coming— everybody gets a physical body at that time. The reason we do not have a physical body before then is because we do not need one to relate to the environment of heaven. We need a physical body to relate to the environment of the earth.

THE THREE GROUPS OF PEOPLE ON THE EARTH WHEN THE LORD RETURNS

When the Lord returns, there will be three types of people on the earth. I mention this regularly because without this knowledge, a lot of the passages are confusing. The first group of people are the redeemed, who are raptured when the Lord returns. This is at the end of the Tribulation, at the end of the great revival, after we have come through victorious, and the prayer movement has released the judgments of God upon the Antichrist—the prophetic Church, we are raptured. Number two group of people are the reprobates, the people who take the mark of the Beast, who cannot be saved. Number three is the group that people often overlook. It is what I call the resisters: those that are not saved, but have not taken the mark of the Beast. They have resisted the Antichrist because they do not like him, and do not want to come under his dictatorship, but they do not do it because they fear God. Those are the people that will, over time, many of them really soon, be saved and they will re-populate the earth.

We will have resurrected bodies and live in the New Jerusalem, but the New Jerusalem will come down to the earth. That is our residence, but we will function on the earth with physically resurrected bodies. We will train and rule and disciple and teach the nations of the earth in the ways of God, but with physical bodies—and not where you kind of hug each other and pass right through—it is not that kind of thing. The picture of it is in Acts 1 when Jesus had a resurrected body: He came for forty days and taught men with natural bodies. That is the picture of what is going to happen in the millennial kingdom.

H. Jesus will rule the earth, and we will have resurrected bodies and rule with Him. The natural human process will not be suspended just because we have resurrected bodies. It will be significantly enhanced and not suspended. There will be human process: you will still learn, still make decisions, still have new relationships. You *will not* receive an omniscient chip when you are resurrected and all of the sudden you know everything- you do not. You will only know what you learn. You will learn forever and forever, and you will teach people and they will teach you and you will have new relationships and new discoveries and it will be very, very dynamic.

GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN: A FAMILY OF LOVE WHO RULES THE EARTH TOGETHER

What is God's original plan? We are looking at the four foundational aspects of the millennial kingdom that trace back to this original idea. What God wanted was a family of love that loved

Him and loved each other. They would receive His love and they would rule the earth together forever. That is what He wanted.

Why did God create the earth? Why did He create the human race? From eternity, He yearned as a Father for a family. He wanted a family of voluntary lovers, not robots, but people who would love Him by the grace of God and the inspiration of grace because they chose to, and not because they were forced to. He wanted a people who would relate to Him as sons of God, and a people who would relate to Jesus as His eternal companion, the Bride of Christ. His desire is that we would dwell together forever and rule the creation under His authority.

B. His original plan was to have a family who would govern the earth. He gave human beings dominion over the earth. That is an eternal mandate and an eternal assignment: to have dominion over the earth. That was not just until the second coming. The dominion mandate we have from Genesis 1 onward. When Jesus came and we were born again in the new covenant—the dominion mandate—we had far more effectiveness.

The dominion mandate is going to go to another level when Jesus returns and we have resurrected bodies. We will bring every sphere of life under complete obedience to Jesus—that is the goal of the millennial kingdom.

God wanted a family whom He would give everything to. Look at the passage in I Corinthians 3—Paul said, “All things are yours.” Everything is yours. The world, life, things present, things in the eternal kingdom, and things yet to come. Everything has been given by the Father to His children.

THE FATHER’S ORIGINAL PLAN: THAT WE WOULD BE HOLY AND BLAMELESS

C. The Father determined to give us every spiritual blessing in heavenly places. That is a massive concept. That we would rule with power and blessing beyond anything we can imagine in this age, and that we would dwell together in love, filled with love.

Look at this, one of the great passages, Ephesians 1, of God’s eternal purpose. “Blessed be God”—I mean, talk about a worship service—“blessed be God” (Eph. 1:3). Look what Paul is about to say—“God has blessed us”, or God has ordained that every supernatural blessing that exists in the realm of the spirit would be released to us in due time. Wow. “He chose us in Jesus before the foundation of the world”—this is what He chose—He chose that we would live blamelessly and that we would be holy; nothing would defile our spirit, and nothing would separate (diminish) our relationship with Jesus and the Father. That is what He chose, before the foundation of the earth—that nothing would defile us, nothing would deplete our spirits, nothing would separate us from God. We would be holy and blameless, and nothing would get in the way. Here is what would happen, we would live before God in love—that is what He chose. The plan before the foundations of the earth is we would dwell with no separation between us and God, in love.

THE FATHER’S DELIGHT IN HIS PLAN

Wow, and He did this, Ephesians 1:5, according to the good pleasure of His will, meaning that He was excited about this plan. He had pleasure, He delighted in this idea. This idea has excited Him from before the foundation of the world: that He would have a people, that nothing would be in the way. Can you imagine, no defilement at all, no hindrance, no dull spirit; no attack of the devil, nothing to keep us from connecting with Him in mature love forever and ever, nothing to get in the way? That was the plan He had from the beginning.

D. Jesus spoke about this. He said in Mt. 25:34, the King will say to those on His right hand, “Come, you blessed of My Father, and inherit the kingdom prepared for you prepared for you from the foundations of the earth”—God prepared the kingdom from the foundations of the earth. He was thinking of this plan for the kingdom to be on the earth and for us to have every spiritual blessing. All of the dimensions of the supernatural realm would be with us on the earth when the kingdom is fully released. This is not going away to heaven to float on a cloud—this kingdom will be fully manifest in full supernatural power on the earth.

THE FATHER’S ORIGINAL PLAN: US KNOWING AND EXPERIENCING HIM FULLY

E. This is an important point, God determined that we would experience the fullness—that is the key word, fullness—of His personality, His emotions, His plans, and His relationship with us. He has many things He wants us to experience with Him. He wants us to experience the fullness of His personality and His purposes.

There is only one way the fullness of God will be completely manifest, and that is if the two realms come together. Meaning, the saints with disembodied spirits in heaven are enjoying the presence of God, but they are not experiencing the fullness of God’s plan and intention, or the fullness of what they will be able to experience as humans in their relationship with God. They are still hindered. Until the physical and the spiritual realm are brought together, they will not experience everything God intended in His heart. That is what the fullness of God is referring to, at least that is a significant dimension of it. It is when everything we were created to experience is brought together. God wants us with physical feelings and physical emotions and physical bodies to experience Him in supernatural ways. He wants it all brought together.

Whenever you read different New Testament passages about the fullness of God, think of it through the lens of these four things we are going to be looking at in just a moment.

F. Ephesians 1:22, this is one of the great descriptions of our salvation—oh this is so fantastic—Ephesians 1:22 (paraphrased), “the Father put everything under Jesus’ feet.” The implications to that are massive, we understand that. Then He gave Jesus to the Church—He gave Jesus, fully God, fully Man—He gave Him to be the Head over the Church in vital relationship, as a resurrected Man, fully God, fully Man, to the Church.

THE FATHER’S ORIGINAL PLAN: THE CHURCH BEING THE EXPRESSION OF HIS FULLNESS

Here is the next thing, and here is the stunning part, Ephesians 1:23 (paraphrased), the Church will then be the vehicle that expresses His fullness forever. He gave it all to Jesus. Then He said, “Jesus, I am causing You to be vitally connected to them, and then they will be the vehicle through which I will express My full purposes in the natural realm, and in the spiritual realm. They will be the conduit of My fullness forever as they relate to You as One who is fully God and fully Man.” There are massive implications here. Beloved, do you know who we are as the Body of Christ? The One who is fully God and fully Man, the One in whom both realms came together, was given to us so that we would be the conduit forever of the fullness of God.

G. Jesus brings these four realities of the kingdom together on the earth in the way that the kingdom is in heaven. There is a supernatural dimension, a physical dimension, a political dimension and a relational dimension. Most believers think about heaven only in terms of the supernatural—most believers that I know have a very deficient view of heaven—a heaven that is far away, instead of heaven that is on the earth—a heaven devoid of a physical dimension because there is no earthly realm. Yes, for 2,000 years—lay that aside for a moment—do not think of heaven for 2,000 years between the resurrection and the second coming. Think of heaven for billions and billions and billions of years being on the earth, dynamically connected to the physical realm, dynamically connected to the political arena, forever. It is political, the kingdom is—there is government, there is infrastructure, and there are varying authority structures. There is learning, there is training, there is imparting. The dominion mandate goes on forever.

You say will, “What do you mean that it goes on forever?” I do not claim to have much insight into this, and I am so overwhelmed with a few things, that I do know that I do not even have space in my hard drive for this.

There are a hundred million galaxies that scientists know about. The Milky Way is only one of a hundred million, one hundred million—we are one of the small ones. We have billions of years to figure out how the glory of God is going to be manifest there with all four of these arenas being manifest: the supernatural, the physical, the political and the relational throughout all of created order.

That is where I believe it is going. I have enough concerns between now and the things that are clear before us, so I do not really go there. Just know this: the kingdom will have these four dimensions forever. It will never cease to be physical, political and relational. We know it will be supernatural, but it is all four. We are talking about the nature of the millennial kingdom, but the truth is that this is the nature of eternal kingdom far beyond the Millennium. I figure we will just take it one step at a time. This is an essential truth. Here is why: if you think wrongly about heaven, then you will not think about heaven, which is the case of most believers—they think wrongly of heaven, very deficiently, and then they only have one dimension, the supernatural. They think of their future, and they think of somehow it being on a white cloud playing a harp, and every now and then streets of gold come in there, and they do not know how, but mostly

they are just worshipping, and they feel guilty about wanting to do other things. If you think wrongly about heaven you will cease to think about heaven. It is critical that we think of our future as having a political, supernatural, physical and relational dimensions that are dynamic, not casual. These are dynamic realities that are a part of our life.

THE FOUR FOUNDATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Roman numeral III. There are four aspects of the kingdom of God necessary for the fullness of God to be experienced on the earth. These are eternal dimensions of the kingdom of God. When we think about heaven as being the future, we have to put all four of these in our view of our future of eternal heaven. These four aspects converge together forever—forever. Biblical hope, meaning our hope for our future, and biblical vision must include these four realities, or we will have a deficient view of the future and therefore the future will not be very exciting. We tend to resist the future and want to be focused on the now.

Beloved, our future is just as physical as it is now, just no pain involved. Food is way better. Do you know why you like food so much? God created you to. Do not take that with license and do something bad with it—we love food because God wanted us to. We love *love* because God wanted us to love connecting with one another. There is a craving in our hearts for the relational and physical dimensions of life. The Lord put it in us because He wants a family to rule—a physically created order—forever in love, with supernatural dimensions, but with an order of government in it as well. We will all have varying assignments and varying degrees of authority and glory in our personal experience. What is amazing is that the measure of authority we have in the age to come is related to what we do with our hearts right now with God.

I love this kind of stuff. I get so locked into it. I want to be so fiercely determined to walk in the right things at the heart level now, and the bigger this vision gets in my own heart and life, the more resolved I am to stay steady after the things of the Sermon on the Mount.

THE NEW JERUSALEM

Number one, the New Jerusalem. OK, the New Jerusalem is coming down, bringing a supernatural and heavenly dimension to the millennial kingdom, and to just the eternal kingdom. I am talking about bringing it to the created order forever—the physical created order—the whole universe. The New Jerusalem is going to bring a supernatural, heavenly dimension to the millennial kingdom. Let's lock into that right now—let's just focus on the 1,000 years, and you can go beyond that on your own.

I love to think about the fact that the universe (I am talking about all hundred million galaxies—I am sure there are way more than that); I believe we will be involved with bringing the glory of God, throughout billions of years, to all of the created order. I do not know what it is going to look like . . . I do not overly care what it looks like. The part I do know what it looks like, the longer we go with God the better it will be. It will not be more diminished. It will be more full. So, however good it is now, in the millennial kingdom it will be far better. However good it is in the millennial kingdom, after that it will get much better, and then billions of years later it will only be enhanced.

Whatever we understand now, it will be better as time unfolds. You will not be bored. You will be expanded in your capacities and your understandings—forever and ever—and in your love, and in your delight. It is exciting to be alive. Turn to your neighbor and say, “I am glad I am human, and I am glad I am saved. This is really cool being a human. It was really a drag the other day, but I repent of that. It is really cool being a human.” It is really true though. The New Jerusalem is coming down to the earth to bring the supernatural heavenly dimension of the kingdom.

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Then there is the garden of Eden, which is going to bring the physical-paradise dimension to the kingdom. It is not just physical paradise. I mean, take it to its implications—all of the environment will be eventually renewed, from agricultural, to animals, to atmosphere, to all of the environment being progressively renewed throughout the Millennium. We will have physical pleasure in our resurrected bodies. When someone comes and greets you, again, you are not going to hug each other and pass right through. When you eat food—people think that like they are going to be like ghosts or something—when you eat food, you will love it. There will be no negatives. You will not gain any weight at all that is inappropriate.

THE KINGDOM OF DAVID

There will be a kingdom of David. Jesus will sit on the throne of David, and He will be the head of the kingdom of David forever, not for a few years, but forever. There will be a political, social, corporate dimension of our life together, with varying authority. Righteousness and justice will be manifest in every sphere, among all of the people in the government. It is the dream-come true. Various levels of government we will all be involved in one way or the other in the whole political, social structure of the eternal kingdom. We will have our role—again, our role is affected by our obedience in this age. Every national government—there will be nations in the millennial kingdom—they will have governments. Towns and villages will have governments, and every government will be brought under Jesus’ authority.

THE HOUSE OF PRAYER

The fourth area will be the house of prayer dimension that will last forever. The house of prayer does not end at the second coming, the house of prayer kicks into another level at the second coming. The house of prayer in the millennial kingdom will far surpass the power of the house of prayer before the second coming. The house of prayer after the 1,000 years will go to another level. We will always govern by speaking to God in intercession like Jesus does—always. Our eternal identity is to dwell before the Father, and together as a house of prayer. That is what Jesus said, “My house will be called a house of prayer.” That is an eternal identity—He speaks and it moves our heart; we speak and it moves His heart, then He releases His resource into the natural realm. That is how it will happen for millions and millions of years. The more we speak to Him, the more resource will be released—that resource is not just in the sense of finance, but it is creative ideas, the energizing of our spirit, the unity, the manifestation of righteousness—there are many dimensions of God’s resource. The more we talk to Him, the more the resource will be released.

That is why the Scripture often talks about the riches of His glory, the vast wealth of God's glory. God has so much wealth of glory, that a million years from now, you will not have to begun to exhaust the creativity He has for your personal life. He has more creativity for you—the creativity will be given in direct relationship to us talking to Him. He talks and our heart moves, and we talk His heart moves, and He opens up His treasure chest.

He will operate that way forever. Jesus lives forever to make intercession. Jesus will rule in the millennial kingdom through the prayer movement that He personally will lead. The prayer movement is not going away, it is here to stay. One thing I tell the IHOP–KC staff is, “You do have job security beyond anything you can imagine.”

THE HOUSE OF PRAYER JOINS OUR HEARTS TO ONE ANOTHER

The house of prayer reality brings an intimate relational dynamic between our heart and God's heart, but even our heart and other people's hearts, the people of God's family. We will prophesy to each other in the age to come; we will speak under the unction of the Spirit, and release the glory of God to each other; we will learn, we will receive and we will impart to one another, forever. It will all be in the house of prayer dynamic. When somebody touches you, just like they do now—with a spirit of insight and goodness, and they pray for you, and you have been blessed—you love them, Your heart opens . . . this will happen forever, even on the horizontal level. The house of prayer that releases the power of the Spirit in an increasing way will bond us to each other, as we minister to each other forever. You will receive more from one another—you will receive more than if you did not connect with one another. I am talking about with resurrected bodies.

NATURAL DYNAMICS OF THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

We have to get rid of the idea of this static kind of idea where we cross over into the resurrection, we get a couple different computer chips, and we get the omniscient chip, and now we know everything, and we cannot learn anything. Now we have knowledge conquered forever, so there is nothing else to learn and we know everybody. Then we have the next chip, and we do not need anything from then on . . . after all, we have resurrected bodies. Beloved, do you know one reason we will eat food in the age to come? We will need to eat food—honestly—have you ever thought of eating food when you are not hungry? That is painful. I did that for a whole year once when I played college football. They wanted me to gain ten pounds. I ate so much—and I gained like one. It was a mess. I mean I hated eating more than I did working out—I mean the work out was far easier. I would go to lunch and I would feel sick from breakfast.

The guy said, “Eat.”

I said, “I can't. I hate this.”

I did not do it for a year, maybe six to eight months—for a whole season—let's put it that way. It was terrible. I remember every night at dinner I said, “No, I am not eating.”

They said, “You got to eat.”

I said, “Oh.”

We will eat and have pleasure. There will be no famine, but we will eat and will drink the water of life, because we will thirst for it, and when we drink it, we will like it. We will never be thirsty to harm, but we will crave it, and therefore it will satisfy us. We will be replenished by it forever and forever and forever. We do not receive a computer chip that tells us that if we do not talk to anybody, and do not eat the food or water, and everything is going to be fine. We will receive from one another, and we will receive from the Lord. We will receive from the elements that He puts in that garden with us, forever. They will be essential—none of it is just kind of incidental—it is all essential, just like it was in the garden of Eden originally.

NEW JERUSALEM: SUPERNATURAL HEAVENLY ASPECTS OF THE KINGDOM

Roman numeral IV. The New Jerusalem—let’s look at that for a moment, the supernatural realm. People believe in the supernatural realm when they think of heaven, and when they think of the eternal kingdom. The supernatural realm, they got that down. It is the other three dimensions that they come up short in. Let’s talk about the New Jerusalem just for a few moments. When the New Jerusalem comes to the millennial earth, then the statement is true—heaven has come to the earth. When the New Jerusalem comes down to the earthly Jerusalem, then heaven is on the earth. It is at this time that heaven and earth have come together, according to Ephesians 1:10, the passage that we looked at a few minutes ago. It will release a supernatural dimension of resurrection life on the earth. The New Jerusalem is the place where saints with resurrected bodies will live—we will live in the New Jerusalem, and we will work on the millennial earth.

B. The New Jerusalem will descend to the millennial Jerusalem—that is why they are both called the same name—they will be connected. The two Jerusalem’s will be connected for 1,000 years. Jesus’ throne will be in the New Jerusalem, and Jesus’ throne will be in the millennial Jerusalem. We are not going to develop that tonight, but we are going to spend an entire session on that. There is more on this than you might think if you are new to this subject. Jesus’ throne is in both Jerusalem’s.

JESUS’ THRONE

C. Does He has one throne or two? Is it on the millennial earth, or is it in the heavenly New Jerusalem that descended down to the earth? The answer that I give is: yes, it is in both. It is one throne with two expressions. I develop it a little bit more. You can read the next paragraph, but we will spend a full session on this. Again, if it is a new subject, you might be surprised how much is in the Bible on this.

Like I say regularly, if anything that I tell you, if you cannot find it in the Bible, then throw it away. Do not throw it away because it is new to you. Throw it away because it is not in the Bible. I talk to folks over the years about the end-times and they say, “I never heard that”, as though that is the litmus test. I say, “Well, I cannot help that. That is not the big issue, that it is new to you, or new to your denomination. What is important is that it is in the Bible. If it is in the

Bible, that is the litmus test.” If any student, if anybody can find any of this that is not in the Scripture, I will throw it away. The Scripture is the test of this, and not our familiarity with it. Is it in the Bible? There is a massive amount of truth in the Word of God about the end-times.

THE NEW JERUSALEM WILL DESCEND TO THE EARTH

D. The New Jerusalem, when it descends to the earth, it will create an entirely new situation—the supernatural and the natural realms will operate together. It will cause an open heaven—talk about an open heaven—we pray for an open heaven. When the New Jerusalem comes down, it will be an open heaven beyond anything we have imagined, and it will cause a tidal wave of glory to go out from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. The passage Habakkuk 2:4, the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord, and it will begin to break out from Jerusalem, and cover the whole earth—that passage, of course—in principle—a little bit we can apply it now, but it is clearly a Millennial passage. When the two Jerusalem’s come together with an open heaven, then a tidal wave begins to break out across the earth.

E. In Bethel, right out in the area of Jerusalem, just twelve miles north of Jerusalem, (in our grid of a modern city, it is right within the city limits—it is right there in the area) Jacob saw a ladder. The ladder went to the gate of heaven; that was the place of an open heaven. That is the place near Jerusalem, and I believe that that passage corresponds with the New Jerusalem and the millennial Jerusalem connecting—I believe there is some correspondence with that passage. We will look at that at another time but not tonight.

THE GARDEN OF EDEN: PHYSICAL PARADISE ASPECTS OF THE KINGDOM

We will move onto the next foundational aspect, the garden of Eden, the physical paradise. It is not only going to have supernatural and heavenly dimensions, but there will be physical, material, pleasure, and not just in the Millennium, but forever. Forever and ever we will have a physical material body, but a resurrected body—a resurrected body is physical.

THE GARDEN OF EDEN WILL BE RESTORED

A. The garden of Eden will be restored, and will bring a physical paradise element to the millennial kingdom, with a renewed environment and physical pleasure. I have a number of passages there that you can read on your own. Isaiah 51:3, the Lord talks about making the wilderness around Zion or Jerusalem—that is talking about Jerusalem specifically—the wilderness around it will become . . . will be restored to the garden of Eden conditions. There are quite a few passages on this. We will live in a resurrected body, with all the supernatural capacities, enjoying a garden of Eden paradise that is filled with beauty, and filled with pleasure. God wants to live with His people in voluntary love and a physical paradise forever, face to face. I have a number of passages that we are going to skip.

THE RIVER OF LIFE AND THE TREE OF LIFE

The garden of Eden on the millennial earth has corresponding features to the garden of Eden conditions in the New Jerusalem around the throne of God . . . I will say that again . . . There is a garden of Eden dimension on the earth, and it begins at the second coming of Christ, around Jerusalem. The passage I have written down there is Ezekiel 47. You can read it. That is the

well-known passage, where the water flows out of the temple, to the ankles, the knees, to the loins, and it is overflowing; then the waters are healed and the fruit trees for healing. That is Ezekiel 47, the passage on the notes. That is literally on the millennial earth. In the city, the New Jerusalem that has descended, that has come down, there will be a river of life, and there will also be the tree of life. They will be in the New Jerusalem, and they will be on the millennial earth. My point is that there is a convergence; there is continuity, a connectedness between these two realities. Again, we will take a session and develop that.

There are, again, as I have said several other times, more on these subjects than would meet the eye, when you lay it all out. It is exciting. This garden of Eden dimension will start in Jerusalem, and it will work out progressively for 1,000 years throughout the earth. At the second coming, the Lord does not wave His hand and then every nation is instantly like the garden of Eden—it does not work that way. The gardens will be planted one by one; they will be cultivated. They will go to Jerusalem to learn His ways, and they will go back, and they will apply it in agriculture, and they will be more successful.

Over 1,000 years the whole earth—every single sphere of life will be fully Christianized. It will be tested, it will be matured, and it will be proven. Then at the end of the 1,000 years, what happens—I am skipping a few steps— but the Father comes down to the earth, is what happens at the end. Jesus takes 1,000 years to prepare the way for the Father to come, then the Father puts His throne on earth, and then the whole earth is the garden of Eden, and then we begin to go from there.

It is a big universe to see the glory of God manifested in these four ways: the physical, spiritual, relational dimensions, and the political—I believe they will touch all of created order in some way. Again, I do not claim to understand that, but I believe the nature of the kingdom will affect vast amounts of God’s created order in the billions of years to come. We have a lot to learn, but we have billions of years to learn it.

SCRIPTURE BEGINS AND ENDS WITH GOD LIVING WITH HIS PEOPLE IN A GARDEN

C. Scripture begins and ends with God living face to face with His people in a garden. The first two chapters of the Bible, Adam is face to face with God in the garden and the last two chapters of the Bible we are face to face with God in a garden. The river of life, the tree of life in Genesis 1 and 2, they show up again—the river and the tree—they show up in the New Jerusalem, but they also show up on the millennial earth; so the New Jerusalem and the millennial earth have this dynamic convergence with one another in a way that we do not have all the details. I believe, in the broad stroke sense, we know that the New Jerusalem and the millennial earth have a dynamic connection with one another.

What God originally determined in Genesis 1 and 2, He will fully restore in the last two chapters of the Bible. It shows us what is fully restored, if you read carefully the last two chapters of the Bible. The New Jerusalem is on the earth—Revelation 21 and 22, most of it is about the internal dimension of the city, but if you read it carefully, the city itself is on the earth. The kings of the

earth are bringing their glory into the city. Again, we will spend a session on that, the New Jerusalem.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD, OUR HIGHEST DREAM

D. The kingdom of God fulfills our highest utopian dream imaginable. It is a perfect world where everything is bliss. That dream is the cry in our spirit for the garden of Eden—it really is—that dream is to drive us to God’s heart. What that dream often does is it drives us away from God, in search of utopia in relationships, or in our business, or in our ministry; then the Lord, in His zeal, allows us to be frustrated with finding that outside of the Holy Spirit, in relationship with God and His full purposes.

The reason I mentioned earlier that a lot of people are not interested in heaven is because they have a deficient view of it. They do not picture their eternal life with a physical dimension, and that is why they do not think much about it. If we miss the revelation of the physical garden of Eden as part of our salvation . . . in other words, if we go to heaven and play a harp on a cloud, but we are not really on the earth, in a garden, with real food and fellowship and governing the earth—if we miss that revelation of the physical garden of Eden dimension of our salvation—we will fail to see an aspect of the glory of Jesus as Creator. We can see Him as Savior and forgiving us, but we need to see the glory of Jesus as Creator, and then His salvation restoring creation to its fullness—that is the Jesus that we know and love. We do not know Him very well, but we do love Him, and we know Him more and more.

Paragraph E and F is a little bit more, and some verses about the garden of Eden dimensions as they unfold in the millennial kingdom.

THE KINGDOM OF DAVID: POLITICAL SOCIAL ASPECTS OF THE KINGDOM

Roman numeral VI. Now we are going to move to the third foundational aspect of the kingdom of God, the kingdom of David—it is the political and social aspect. Again, there are varying authority structures: there are all the different spheres of life under authority, and we all have different assignments. We grow and we increase in our abilities, even with resurrected bodies, especially those with natural bodies . . . not especially . . . we all grow continually.

The kingdom of David brings a political and social dimension. The dream that we have is that we would dwell together—our corporate experience on the earth—would have righteousness and justice in relationships, and it will have righteousness and justice in all of our dealings. There will be government in place in every sphere:
there will be people with authority over ten; there will be people with authority over a million—there will be government at every level. Righteousness and justice will be established in all of our interactions with each other.

THE THRONE OF DAVID: GOVERNMENTAL, EARTHLY AND JEWISH

B. In the millennial kingdom, Jesus fulfills the Old Testament prophecy of Him sitting on the throne of David. The throne of David—it means it is governmental; it is earthly, number two; and it is Jewish, number three, forever. The throne will forever be governmental—there will

never be a time when the throne of David will cease to be governmental and political. There will never be a time where it ceases to be physical and earthly. There will never be a time where it ceases to be Jewish. He is human forever. The earth is going to be shocked when they stand at the judgment seat, before God and He is a Jewish man. A lot of the kings of the earth, they are going to say, “Oh, no. Ouch. You are still Jewish?” “Uh huh, forever. I am Jewish forever. I am the Son of David forever.” He never ceases to be human or Jewish forever.

This passage, oh, we are out of time, but it is just so awesome. Isaiah 9 (paraphrased), “Unto us a child is born and a Son is given; the government will be on His shoulders, the increase”—I should underline the word increase—the increase, “the increase will have no end”. It will be increasing. A billion years from now, there will be new spheres coming under Jesus’ leadership, and the government of the people connected to Him. Never will it cease to increase- billions of years, it will still be increasing. There will be no end to the increase.

The throne of David, He will establish it with righteousness and justice, forever, and forever, and forever, it will be the throne of David. It will be physical, it will be governmental, and He will be Jewish, the Man on the throne. All of the nations of the earth will be involved in it.

WE WILL RULE WITH JESUS AS HE ESTABLISHES HIS GOVERNMENT ON THE EARTH

F. We will be involved with Jesus in establishing the intricacies of His world-wide infrastructure. He will care about the water system in the far away village in the age to come. We will be involved with people with natural bodies, according to our assignments, in the full intricacies of governing the entire earth in excellence; not just in righteousness and justice in terms of relationships—the Lord wants excellence everywhere. He wants the water and the food and the laws and the school systems in the millennial kingdom to have excellence in every place on the earth. Of course, it will vary in excellence, but the Lord will be, He will be urging and calling forth those that are reigning on the earth with Him to bring the thing to a new level, with greater zeal and with real urgency. There will be a natural dimension to this is the point. We will be involved with His government in a deep and a personal way. It will bring great significance to the work in our lives.

Our lives are significant because of Jesus, but our work will be so relevant forever. You are not going to die, get a resurrected body, and then retire for the next billion years. You will go to work in that which is meaningful, that which changes the quality of life of other people forever. It will be exciting to you, and to the people who receive from you, and it will be exciting for you to receive from people over you—it will be dynamic—it will be like—wow, I did not know that. We have billions of years to go. There is a lot that we do not know.

HOUSE OF PRAYER: INTIMATE RELATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE KINGDOM

Final thing is the house of prayer. There will be a spiritual, prophetic, intercessory dimension to all of life. God will speak, and our hearts will move, and we will connect with Him. There will be a prophetic dimension, a supernatural prophetic intimacy with God’s heart, intimacy with the Father and the Son. The Father will speak, and our heart will move—Jesus will speak, and our

heart will move—we will speak back, and their heart will move; and then resources: wisdom and resource, and all kinds of things; the ten or twelve dimensions of resource, will be released into the natural realm, according to our interaction. We will then speak and minister in the Spirit to one another in a way that increases and enriches the lives of people that we are connected to. There is nothing that we do in the kingdom that will be irrelevant. We will not serve in a way where, if we did not do it, it would not matter. It will really enhance the quality of people's experience with God with what you do in the kingdom of God forever. It is the whole house of prayer dimension. It is an eternal worship movement. Again, it is worship where our heart is moved and His heart is moved. The prophetic word comes and we act on it, and we release resource in the overflow of that reality.

C. Before the Father we are sons of God, and before Jesus we are the bride of Christ; before one another we are brothers and sisters. There is John 17. You read it in the light of the things we have said tonight, and yes, we are believing God for real unity in this age before the Lord returns. Beloved, there are dimension of glory that are literal that we will experience in the context of the kingdom in these four dimensions forever and forever, particularly in the house of prayer dimension. We will be speaking the Word, we will prophesy, and we will be speaking God's word to each other. It will connect our hearts to each other. Jesus talked about that in John 17:22. He says (paraphrased), "I will give you the glory,"—is what He is talking about— "I will give you the glory which You gave Me, Father. I will give it to them. When they operate in the glory it will produce unity."

We will operate prophetically, and with power, together in the age to come. We do it now and it connects our hearts. It will connect our hearts forever.

Amen. Let's stand.