

# ***Underground House of Prayer-Bethany Mootz***

## ***Overview of the Millennial Kingdom: Heaven on Earth***

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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 physical world in righteousness. Millennium is from the Latin "*mille*" (a thousand). The Millennium is initiated by Jesus' Second Coming and is a 1,000 year transition to prepare the earth for eternity.

***"Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven... he laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a 1,000 years... so that he should deceive the nations no more till the 1,000 years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. And I saw thrones, and they (saints) sat on them... They lived and reigned with Christ for 1,000 years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the 1,000 years were finished... They shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with Him 1,000 years. Now when the 1,000 years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations..." Revelation 20:4-6***

- B. There are scholars who think that Jesus' 1,000 year reign is symbolic; some think we are currently in the Millennial Kingdom and that Jesus is fully reigning now. But the NT makes it clear that the kingdom of God is here only in a limited way and is not yet fully here *until* Jesus returns. *We can confidently take the 1,000 year reign of Christ as a literal promise that has not yet come to pass.*
- C. In Rev. 20:4-6, the resurrected saints are described as ruling over the governments of the earth after Satan is cast into prison. The two functions most emphasized for the saints are priests and kings (Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 20:6). God will commit judgment or government to resurrected saints. Saints who overcome will reign with Jesus, not only End-Time martyrs. Saints are promised to reign with Jesus (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)

***"Have made us kings and priests to our God...we shall reign on the earth." Revelation 5:10***

***"The kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the saints..." Daniel 7:27***

### **II. THREE TYPES OF PEOPLE DURING THE MILLENNIUM**

- A. The saints will be raptured during Jesus' worldwide procession across the sky.
- B. The rebellious who took the mark of the Beast will be judged and then killed (some executed). At this time, there may be as many as 1-3 billion of these people still alive. They will not just disappear.
- C. The unsaved survivors of the Tribulation are those who refused to worship the Antichrist. These resisters will stand against evil governments but will not have faith in God. Scripture refers to "those who are left". They can be saved then populate the Millennial earth (Isa. 4:3; 10:20; 11:11; 49:6; 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).

### **III. THE KING OF KINGS WILL RULE**

***"Unto us a Son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulder. 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." Isaiah 9:6-7***

- A. Daniel saw the heavenly ceremony of the crowning of Jesus as the eternal King over all the dominions of earth and every sphere of society. Jesus as King of Kings will govern His worldwide Kingdom from Jerusalem.
- B. As Gentile believers, our paradigm is to think of worshipping Jesus as God in the supernatural conditions of heaven. Whereas, the Jewish paradigm, speaks of reigning with the Messianic King as a man in the natural conditions of the earth. *The full truth is only seen when these two paradigms are brought together.*

*“One like the Son of Man (Jesus)...came to the Ancient of Days (Father)... To Him (Jesus) was given...a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him... His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve Him.” Daniel 7:13-14, 27*

C. Jesus quoted Dan. 7:27 concerning Himself ruling over all the nations and dominions of the earth.

*“When the Son of Man comes in His glory...then He will sit on the Throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him.” Matthew 25:31-32*

#### IV. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

- A. The Millennial earth will have both natural and supernatural dimensions. The natural processes of life will continue to go on after Jesus returns but will be greatly enhanced by the dimension of the Spirit. Jesus will not snap His fingers and make everything perfect automatically.
- B. Jesus will wage war against the Antichrist and the wicked kings of the earth at the end of the Great Tribulation. In Rev. 19:11-16, Jesus and the saints defeat the enemies of God in the Battle for Jerusalem. After this battle, Jesus will replace all the governments of the earth with righteous leaders (Mt. 25:31-32). The kings of the earth that are left will be saved and worship Jesus (Ps. 72:11; 102:15; 138:4; 148:11; Isa. 62:2; Rev. 21:24) and base their governments on God’s Word.

*“All kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him.” Psalm 72:11*

- C. After the battle is ended, the earth will be a MESS and will take time, energy and lots of manpower to make the earth inhabitable again. Jesus’ desire is to have righteousness spread to every sphere of the earth and to have all nations and unsaved survivors turn to Him.
- D. Jesus with His saints will be involved in training the nations in God’s ways (Isaiah 2:3) and causing Jesus’ government to spread to all nations. It will take 1,000 years to spread and bring to maturity the righteousness for every area of every nation. Those who reign with Jesus will be involved in this process of healing the nations unto Garden of Eden-like conditions.

*“Tree of life...the leaves of the Tree were for the healing of the nations.” Revelation 22:2*

- E. The Kingdom of God will be openly manifest worldwide affecting every sphere of life. Jesus and the saints who are ruling with Him will re-establish:
- a) Political and social systems
  - b) Life support systems (food, water, electricity)
  - c) Building projects (buildings, highways, bridges, etc.)
  - d) Economic systems (currencies, banking, investments, etc.)
  - e) Spiritual life (worship centers, Bible schools, etc.)
  - f) Education (from elementary to university levels)
  - g) Law enforcement; agriculture (equipment, distribution)
  - h) Media, arts and technology
- F. **Restored Cities:** The resurrected saints and the kings of the earth will work together to fully restore the cities of the earth that are destroyed in the Tribulation in order to cleanse the land. The saints will oversee what is rebuilt by labor (Isa. 61:4; 62:8-9; 65:21-23; Jer. 31:5; Ezek. 38-39, 48:18-19).

*“Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate.” Ezekiel 36:36*

*“Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and bucklers, the bows and arrows, the javelins and spears; and they will make fires with them for seven years...For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land.”<sup>13</sup> *Indeed all the people of the land will be burying.” Ezekiel 39:9, 11-13**

- G. **Length of life:** The length of life will be reversed as it was in Noah’s time. Those who live to be only 100 will be thought to have lived short life. It will be common for people to live to be 500!

*“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 100 years old, (They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant*

*vineyards and eat their fruit...)* ***For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people...***” Isaiah 65:20-25

- H. **Restoration of created order**: Animosity between animals with each other and with humans will be removed. The saints will oversee the work necessary to restore God’s order to the agriculture, atmosphere, and animal life (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; 28:19; Acts 1:6; 3:21).

***“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb... the nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole.”*** Isaiah 11:6-9

***“Behold, the days are coming... when the plowman shall overtake the reaper...”*** Amos 9:13-15

- I. **The Gospel will go forth**: The resurrected saints and the leaders of earth will bring the gospel to those needing salvation. (Isa. 66:18-20) The lost will not be instantly converted at the 2nd Coming, neither will the children born in the Millennium. It will take time to convert individuals and disciple nations.
- J. **Justice Restored**: The saints will oversee the restoration of justice over every sphere in society. (Isa. 9:7; 11:3-5; 28:17; 32:16; 42:1-4). They will oversee the establishing of judges and governors (Jer. 30:21; Isa. 32:1; Ezek 45:8-9; Mt. 19:28; Lk 22:30; Lk. 19:12-28). They will oversee the establishment of a world government under Jesus (Zech. 14:9; Ezek. 37:13-28, Rev. 19:16).

***“A King (Jesus) will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice.”*** Isaiah 32:1

***“My princes shall no more oppress My people...”*** Ezekiel 45:8

- K. **Tabernacle of David Rebuilt**: Jesus will raise up the Tabernacle of David when He returns. This will be His full expression of the house of prayer. He will sit on His throne in Jerusalem and the temple will be operating in a spirit of worship and prayer. (Psalm 68:29; Hag 2:7; Zech 1:16; 6:12-13; Jer. 3:17; Isaiah 11:10; 56:7; 60:13-14; Amos 9:11)

***“At that time 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.”*** Jeremiah 3:17