

Millennial Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ

Where in the Bible is the Millennial Kingdom of Christ recorded?

- The Lord Jesus Christ and the Early Apostolic Church did not preach the Millennial Kingdom of Christ.
- The expression “*thousand years*” is recorded in six verses from Revelation 20:1-7.
- The word “*kingdom*” is not found in those six verses, but the word “*thrones*” and the phrase “*lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years*” were recorded twice.

What is the Millennial Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ?

- The expression '*Millennium*' is taken from the Latin words '*mille anni*' that means one thousand years.
- There are two basic ways of Bible interpretation – the first is literal and the second is spiritual, symbolic or allegorical.
- Actual events in the Bible are normally interpreted literally, however Biblical experts usually interpret prophecies in the Book of Revelation in the spiritual or symbolic sense.

Why Literal Interpretation of the Millennium is Incorrect

- The Book of Revelation is the record of the prophecies that were revealed to the apostle John in the form of visions.

- The six verses in Revelation 20 that have references to the Millennium are recorded in symbols that cannot be interpreted in a literal way.
- By interpreting in the literal way they do not make sense.
- Revelation 20 verses 1 and 2 describe an angel, *“having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.”*
- There is no actual literal bottomless pit on the whole earth.
- How can a literal material key open a bottomless pit that does not exist at all?
- How can Satan, a spiritual being, be bound by a great literal material chain for a literal one thousand years?

Jesus Christ's Kingdom lasts More than One Thousand Literal Years

- The Lord Jesus Christ is not only the King of the Jews, He is also the *“King of kings and Lord of lords”* (Rev. 19:16).
- The Lord's reign will be more than one thousand years. *“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. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end.”* (Lk. 1:32-33)

Symbolic Interpretation of the Millennium

- The *‘Millennium’* in Revelation 20 has a symbolic meaning.

- In Scripture the key is the symbol of having the power to access a place (Lk. 11:52).
- The bottomless pit is the symbolic place where Satan and the Beast are imprisoned so they cannot deceive the saints. The one thousand years has a symbolic meaning.
- *“ For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night.”* (Psm. 90:4)
- *“ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”* (2 Pet. 3:8)
- The one thousand years in Revelation 20 is not the literal numerical years, but the symbolic period of time during which the Lord Jesus Christ and the saints reign on the earth and Satan and the Beast are under control.

The Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ is Not of this World

- *“Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.” (Jn. 18:36)*
- *“ . . . Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, . . .” (Jn. 18:37)*

Christ’s Kingdom is a Spiritual One

- *“Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.” (Lk. 17:20-21)*

- *“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. . .”* (Acts 1:8)

The Lord Jesus Christ began His Reign from His First Advent

- The Lord Jesus Christ said; *“But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.”* (Mt. 12:28)
- *“When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,”* (Mt. 8:16)

Saints received the Power to Conquer over the Demons

- *“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”* (Mk. 16:17-18)
- *“Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”* (Lk. 10:17)

Saints are Conveyed into the Kingdom of God’s Son Jesus

- *“giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”* (Col. 1:12-14)

Saints become Kings and Priests through the Washing in Jesus' Blood

- *“and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” (Rev. 1:5-6)*

Saints become Kings and Priests and They reign on the Earth

- *“And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth. “ (Rev. 5:9-10)*

Only Saints who have Part in the First Resurrection reign with Jesus Christ

- *“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.”* (Rev. 20:6)
- The Saints who have a part in the First Resurrection are those who have their sins washed by the Blood of Jesus.

The First Resurrection is Spiritual

- **First Resurrection:** *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.”* (Jn. 5:24)

The First Resurrection is the New Birth through the Water Baptism

- *“Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” (Jn. 3:5)*
- *“buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.” (Col. 2:12)*

First Resurrection is to be baptized in the likeness of Jesus’ Death

- *“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,” (Rom. 6:4-5)*

The Second Resurrection includes the Evil and Condemned People

- *“Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth-- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”* (Jn. 5:28-29)
- The Lord Jesus said the Second Resurrection includes both the good and the evil people who have died.

Satan will be Released and go out to deceive the Nations

- *“Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, . . .”* (Rev. 20:7-8)

Satan will be Finally Destroyed Forever

- *“And 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.” (Rev. 20:10)*

Jesus' Kingdom on Earth Ends when He Returns to take the Saints to Heaven

- *“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. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. For “He has put all things under His feet.” (1 Cor. 15:24-26)*

May God Bless You



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