

UNDERSTANDING THE ONE STORY OF SCRIPTURE

Week 20 – JROC - WHY Will There Be a Millennial Kingdom?

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What is the precursor for the Millennial Kingdom? There are many Gentile believers who haven't and don't believe in a Millennium.

- Amillennialism began to take root in the 3rd century with early theologians like Origen of Alexandria, and was later fully systematized and established as orthodox theology by Augustine in the 4th to 5th century. Amillennialism means “no millennium” – there will be no literal kingdom on earth. Those who espouse this view believe that prophecies concerning the millennium cannot be considered literal...so those prophecies would need to be fulfilled in non-literal ways. The 1,000-year reign mentioned in Rev. 20 6X is not a literal 1,000 period on earth.

Biblically we are told that the kingdom will be a literal, earthly kingdom: (Matt. 6:10; Zech. 14:4, 9; Jer. 23:5-8; Rom. 8:22-23; Dan. 7:27) SBC is pre-millennial – At Jesus' Second Coming, He returns bodily to the earth to defeat evil, bind Satan, and establish an earthly kingdom.

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A Biblical exercise....

Malachi 3:6 - *For I am the Lord, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.*

Observations:

Malachi 3:3 - *He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness.*

Observations:

What do the above noted verses teach you about God and His plan for whom?

The children of Israel, whom God called the apple of His eye (protection) remained in Egypt for a total of 430 years (Ex. 12:40-41); they were afflicted for 400 of the 430 years (Gen. 15:13). Israel wandered through the wilderness for 40 years on their way to the land of promise – wandering during times of famine and drought. Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem was in flames...was destroyed...and the Kingdom of Judah was taken into exile in Babylon. Haman in Persia attempted to annihilate all the Jewish people in 127 provinces stretching from Ethiopia to India. Throughout the Middle Ages, Jewish communities were expelled and attacked. In the twentieth century 6 million Jewish people were murdered in the Holocaust. In our day anti-Semitism has greatly intensified.

AND YET ISRAEL REMAINS! WHY?

God cut an unconditional/unilateral covenant Abram. God promised Abram:

God obligated HIMSELF to deliver on His promises to Abram and his physical descendants. These covenant promises rested on GOD'S FAITHFULNESS.

AND, do we know how God used Israel during their time in Egypt...during their wandering in the wilderness...during their time of exile...during the Holocaust? WHY? Gen. 18:18!

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Although there was always a remnant of Jewish people who embraced God's promises (Isa. 1:9; Isa. 6:13; Isa. 10:20-22; Rom. 11:5), the nation of Israel was not obedient. In Scripture we read that discipline would come (God is holy; man is NOT. Since God is holy, God MUST deal with sin!). Scattering would come. After dispersion among the nations, the people were told that in the future Israel would return to the Lord and He would gather them with compassion (Deut. 30:1-6 - *Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God drives you, ² and you return to the Lord your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³ that the Lord your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the Lord your God has scattered you. ⁴ If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. ⁵ Then the Lord your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. ⁶ And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live* [Eze. 36:24-28 – the New Covenant]). Israel would not only be regathered; she would be renewed (which we also read in Lev. 26:40-45). God will remove rebellion and give them a heart ready to obey.

Eze. 37 – we read of Ezekiel's vision of the dry bones. Israel is pictured as lifeless, without hope. Only when God speaks does breath return. *I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life* (Eze. 37:14) GOD WILL ACT FOR THE SAKE OF HIS NAME BEFORE THE WATCHING NATIONS!

THE PURPOSE OF THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

To give Jesus His inheritance:

Psa. 2:6-9 – *I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. ⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance and the ends of the earth for Your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.*

Psa. 110:1-2 - *The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." ² The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!*

To redeem the creation:

Rom. 8:18-23 - *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³ Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.*

To fulfill the Biblical Covenants:

- The Abrahamic Covenant is an unconditional agreement that God made with Abraham and his descendants. God has unconditionally obligated Himself to bring to pass/to fulfill His promises for Israel. The Abrahamic Covenant is also a unilateral covenant; it's one-sided as God has obligated Himself (Heb. 6:13). Through the Abrahamic Covenant, God promised Israel land, seed, and blessing. The Land Covenant expands upon the land promise. The Davidic Covenant expands upon the seed promise. The New Covenant expands upon the blessing promise.
- The Land Covenant – God promised Israel land (Gen. 12:1; Gen. 15:18-21 (boundaries); Gen. 17:1-8). Has Israel ever realized all the land God promised? No! God will fulfill this land promise for national Israel in the Millennial Kingdom (Deut. 30:1-10; Eze. 47:13-23; Eze. 48).
- The Davidic Covenant – God promised Israel a “collective” seed – many descendants. The seed promise also focuses on The Seed Who is the Messiah. Jesus will sit on David's throne during the Millennial Kingdom and fulfill this seed promise. II Sam. 7:12-16 - ... *your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you, Your throne shall be established forever.* Psa. 2:6-9 - *Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.”* ⁷ *“I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You.* ⁸ *Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.* ⁹ *You shall break them with a rod of iron;* Luke 1:31-33 - *And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.* ³² *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.* ³³ *And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”*
- The New Covenant – Israel broke the Mosaic Covenant; God promised to make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah (Jer. 31:31-32). While this promise is recorded in the OT, the New Covenant is based on Jesus' shed blood! Luke 22:20 - *This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.* We, as believers, individually, are grafted into the blessing aspect of the Abrahamic Covenant when we come to faith in Jesus. God had promised the nation of Israel a new heart and His Spirit within them. This will be fulfilled when Israel is restored at the end of the Tribulation, going into the Millennial Kingdom (Eze. 36:24-27).
- Mal. 3:3 - *That they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness.* God will purge Israel which will allow them to offer an offering in righteous (not like in OT times) during the Millennial Kingdom.
- Fulfillment of these promises/these covenants in the Millennial Kingdom will bring about God's purposes on earth for mankind!! When Israel is restored it will be life from the dead for the world (Rom. 11:15). God promised the nations of the world that they would live in peace with Jesus as their ruler (Dan. 7:11-14). God promised creation that the curse would be lifted (Rom. 8:18-23). God promised that animals and the earth would be restored to peace and prosperity (Isa. 11:6-9; Isa. 32:13-15).

God will bless Israel and restore the world!

To fulfill Ex. 25:8:

...let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

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God will dwell with man during the 1,000 year Millennial Kingdom!

To vindicate Israel before the eyes of all nations (I Sam. 17:46; Isaiah 60 through Isaiah 62):

Isa. 60:1-3 - *Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.*

² *For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,*

And deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. ³ The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Isa. 62:1-7 - *For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. ² The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord will name. ³ You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. ⁶ I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, ⁷ and give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*

Habakkuk 2:14 – *So that the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord....*

