

I. Review

- A. In this series we have set a strong precedent to contend and hope for the promise of the restoration of all things, through the establishment of the Kingdom upon the return of Jesus, to rule the earth from Jerusalem. Series review.....
1. Crisis of Hope
 2. Establishing the Promise
 3. Apologetic Expectations
 4. There is no Kingdom without the King
 5. Preaching the Kingdom

II. Millennial Considerations

“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them.....And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.” (Rev. 20:4)

- A. At the onset of our study of the millennial promise, it is helpful to understand that there are many who view the one thousand year time period as symbolic, and therefore, give it very little practical significance. It is our opinion that all of these time periods spoken of in the Book of Revelation are literal and future, including the promise of a specific one thousand year time period of Jesus’ rule on the earth. This session will be presented through that lens.
- B. The purpose of this session is to build hope in the coming Kingdom. If we do not have confidence in what our future will actually look like it, is very difficult to establish true hope in it.
- C. Unique Time and Season - There are some very clear main themes of activities or ideas spoken of in the prophetic scriptures concerning what we will be doing in the age to come after Jesus returns and begins to establish His kingdom in partnership with us.
1. Unsaved Individuals - It is abundantly clear that upon the return of Jesus there will be a remnant of individuals who were not raptured, resurrected, nor destroyed in judgment upon Jesus’ return. The primary implication of this is that the work of ministry will continue for the church. (Is. 11:1-12, 66:15-19; Jer. 31:2; Ezek. 20:38-42; 36:36; Amos 9:9-10; Joel 2:32; Zech. 12:14; 13:8; 14:16)

2. Natural Process - Another clear theme seen upon the return of Jesus to restore the earth is that the process of restoration is exactly that, a process. It's my strong opinion that one thousand years is necessary simply because that's how long the process of restoration will take. He does not (though he could) use His omnipotent power and change everything in a moment or in a day or two. He chooses to rule through human process and limitations. (Eze. 36:33-38)
 - a. Friendship, Intimacy, Shared Rule - He chooses to rule through the human process primarily because His heart's desire is to rule with us in a loving relationship. This is how He works with us and through us now, and will continue in the age to come. (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)
3. Restoring Devastations - The restoration of the earth will start with a clean up and rebuild phase. Devastations and desolations of the earth caused by misuse, ignorance, war, sin, and judgment will be cleaned up and rebuilt. (Eze. 39:9-16; Is. 49:8, 58:11-12, 61:4; Amos 9:14-15)
4. Restoring Righteousness - The depths of this theme would take many sessions to fully explore. The promises that He is going to rule in righteousness and cause the nations to walk in righteousness means that every aspect of life will be reformed/restored to the point that all things that are thought or done will be thought of or done God's way.
 - a. Theology - (Ps. 98:2-3; Is. 11:9; Jer. 31:33-34; Hab. 2:14)
 - b. Worship - (Ps. 45:8, 72:15; Is. 56:7; Amos 9:11; Mal. 1:11)
 - c. Government - (Ps. 45:6-7; Is. 9:6-7, 32:1; Jer. 33:15-16)
 - d. Understanding of Created Purpose -
 - e. Legal and Social Justice - (Ps. 99:4; Ps. 72:4; Zec. 9:10; Rev. 19:2)
 - f. Economics/Finance - (
 - g. Family -
 - h. Education -
 - i. Healthcare - (Eze. 47:12; Rev. 22:2)
 - j. Arts/Media -
 - k. Construction/Engineering -
 - l. Management of the Earth and Natural Resources -
 - m. Zoology -