

## Revelation, Part 29

We now begin our look into the Kingdom, but first, some background to get everyone on the same page.

We have been using two terms to describe this period we are studying. They are the “Kingdom” and the “Millennium”. The two terms are almost completely interchangeable except for one significant difference. In a somewhat oversimplified description, the term “Kingdom” is one used by Israel to refer to a future period when their Messiah will righteously rule from his throne in Jerusalem, and Israel will enjoy a period of peace, prosperity, and righteousness. That Kingdom will be eternal. Because Israel is a physical and earthly entity, its Kingdom is also seen as physical and earthly.

The Millennium, on the other hand, is a term largely associated with the Church because it comes from references to 1,000 years in the New Testament book of Revelation. Christians see the Millennium as the time when Messiah (Jesus Christ) will righteously rule the entire world from His throne in Jerusalem. While Israel is earthly, the Church is more of a heavenly nature, thus Israel’s perspective of the Kingdom is earthly and eternal, and that of the Church is more heavenly and eternal. While Israel views the Kingdom as physical, earthly, and eternal, the Church sees it as beginning with the physical and earthly Millennium of 1,000 years and morphing into spiritual eternity. Both see the same thing but from two perspectives, and the Church has the advantage of seeing more details, specifically regarding the 1,000 years of the Millennium, because of NT revelations that Israel did not have. Because of the direct rule over all mankind by Messiah Jesus, it is referred to as a “theocratic kingdom” or “mediatorial kingdom”.

From either perspective, the Kingdom/Millennium is the culmination of God’s plan for the redemption of the entire world. All that was lost by Adam will be restored to its rightful owner, God.

**1 Cor 15:24** Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.  
25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.  
26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put

in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. 28 When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

This passage envisions the accomplishment of the original purpose in the establishment of the theocratic kingdom.

- Adam was given authority and rule over the earth in the garden.
- He abdicated that rule to Satan when he sinned.
- Satan has been the established and divinely recognized earthly authority since the fall.
- The Kingdom is the culminating redemptive act that restores complete authority, first to Christ as King of Kings, then to God the Father when Christ presents the redeemed world back to the Father.
- By man, authority was lost, by a man it is redeemed.
- Thus, we have the “First Adam” and the “Last Adam”.

Here is the sequence of events of the Kingdom:

- When the last enemy of God—death—is put down by our Lord, the Mediatorial King, the purpose of the Mediatorial Kingdom will have been fulfilled (1 Cor. 15:25-26).
- At that time, Christ will hand over the Mediatorial Kingdom to God to be morphed into the eternal Kingdom, so that the Mediatorial Kingdom will be perpetuated forever but no longer have a separate identity (1 Cor 15:24, 28).
- “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done ON EARTH as it is in heaven....”
  - This does not mean the end of our Lord's rule. He only ceases to rule the Mediatorial Kingdom. But as the eternal Son, He shares the throne with the Father in the final and eternal kingdom (Rev. 22:3-5; 3:21)

**Rev 22:3** No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**Rev 3:21** The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

## **Summation:**

- God's redemptive plan reaches its climax under the theocratic Kingdom with Christ's literal reign as King of Kings in the Millennium.
- That authority, which Satan first challenged, Christ, has now demonstrated belongs solely to God.
- God's right to rule is eternally vindicated.
- By morphing the earthly theocratic kingdom into the eternal kingdom God's eternal sovereignty is established.
- That was the purpose of God's plan all along.

## **Kingdom Characteristics**

What will life in the Kingdom/Millennium be like? While many of the passages in the following were spoken by the Prophets to Israel, they have universal application to the entire Earth during the Kingdom/Millennium.

### **The Kingdom is characterized by Righteousness.**

Only the "righteous" enter the Kingdom, and righteousness will be a characteristic of the Kingdom.

**Isa 61:11** For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

**Isa. 60:21** "Then all your people will be righteous; They will possess the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.

In this present Church Age, righteousness in a believer is temporary and often fleeting because of man's sin nature and frequent failure to take advantage of the guidance and empowerment of the indwelling Holy Spirit when faced with worldly and fleshly temptations. Things will be different in the Millennium, as we shall see.

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by Obedience.**

**Hebrews 10:9** says God will bring all things into subjection to the One who said "I come to do thy will, O God."

This will be facilitated through regeneration.

- Israel will have a new heart and mind with God's will implanted on it (Jer 31:33).
- The Holy Spirit will be poured out on all flesh to indwell, fill and teach (Jer 31:33,34; Joel 2:28-32; Ezek 36:25-31).
- Satan will be bound, evildoers will be cut off, and wicked social, religious, economic, and political systems of Satan's cosmos will be liquidated.
- Instead of disunity in Israel, there will be unanimity and see eye-to-eye (Isa. 52:8).
- There will be universal knowledge of the Lord that will eliminate the inadvertent opposition to God's will.
- Opposition to God's will is a willful act with knowledge and understanding of what you are doing. No more "I didn't know that was a sin."

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by truth.**

Romans 1:25 says "they have changed the truth for a lie". John 14:6 says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

- There will be a full manifestation of truth in the Millennium.
- "He (Messiah) will be their God in truth and righteousness" (Zech 8:8).
- And reveal unto Israel abundance of peace and truth (Jer 33:6).
- Jerusalem will be called the "City of Truth" (Zech. 8:3).
- In the Kingdom, lies will be quickly exposed.

### **The Kingdom is characterized by the fullness of the Holy Spirit.**

**Joel 2:28** And it will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29 "And even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days

**Isa 44:3** I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

- All believers will be indwelt by the Holy Spirit, as they are in this age.
- Ezek. 36:27 says, "And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances."
- There is no equivocating in this statement.

- In contrast to present-day spiritual apathy, there will be spiritual fervor, love of God, and universal understanding of spiritual truths.

### **The Kingdom is characterized by Peace.**

**Isa 2:4** And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war.

There will be a cessation of war through the unification of nations and kingdoms of the world. This will result in great economic prosperity. During the Tribulation, Satan attempts to mimic this very feature of the Millennium and deceive many into believing they are in the Kingdom

**Isa. 9:4-7** For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**Isa 11:6** The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. 9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by Happiness and Joy.**

**Isa. 9:3** Thou shalt multiply the nation, Thou shalt increase their gladness; They will be glad in Thy presence As with the gladness of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

**Jer 31:13** Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by Glory.**

**Isa. 40:5** Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, And all flesh will see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The glory of Christ will be revealed for all to see. Glory will be visible in His person and His reign as King.

**Isa. 4:2** In that day the branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and honor of the survivors of Israel.

**Isa 35:1** The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; 2 it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by Comfort.**

**Jer 31:23-25** Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “Once again they will speak this word in the land of Judah and in its cities, when I restore their fortunes, ‘The LORD bless you, O abode of righteousness, O holy hill!’ 24 “And Judah and all its cities will dwell together in it, the farmer and they who go about with flocks. 25 “For I satisfy the weary ones and refresh everyone who languishes.”

The King will personally minister to every need, so there will be a fullness of comfort.

**Isa 12:1** You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

**Isa 30:26** Moreover, the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in

the day when the Lord binds up the brokenness of his people, and heals the wounds inflicted by his blow.

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by Justice.**

**Isa 9:7** There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

Injustice will be banished under the King's rule. Christ will administer in perfect justice.

**Isa 32:16** Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. 17 And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. 18 My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

**Jer 23:5** Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by Full Knowledge.**

**Isa 54:13** And all your sons will be taught of the LORD; And the well-being of your sons will be great.

**Hab 2:14** For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

There will be a full knowledge and understanding of the Lord and His expectations. This will be represented by an unparalleled teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Jer 31:33** For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and

each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord.

**Jer 3:14** 'Return, O faithless sons,' declares the LORD; 'For I am a master to you, And I will take you one from a city and two from a family, And I will bring you to Zion.' 15 "Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding.

**Isa 32:3** Then the eyes of those who see will not be blinded, And the ears of those who hear will listen. 4 And the mind of the hasty will discern the truth, And the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak clearly.

There will be great teaching during the Millennium as the knowledge of the Lord is spread.

- Eyes will be opened, and ears will hear.
- The Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of men.
- God will send "shepherds after his own heart" (teachers) among His people to feed them with His Word.

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by The Removal of the Curse.**

As part of the fall of man, a curse has been placed on "creation".

**Gen 3:17** And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

**Rom 8:18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing 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 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only



the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies

The curse that is spoken of in Genesis and Romans will be lifted just as promised in Isaiah.

**Isa 11:6** The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. 9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by Sickness Removed.**

**Isa 33:24** And no inhabitant will say, "I am sick"; the people who dwell there will be forgiven their iniquity.

Israel was promised national blessings including health under the Law. They were also promised sickness and affliction if they failed to keep the Law (Deut 28). In the Gospels and Acts, we see Israel full of blind, sick, leprous, and lame citizens. This is symbolic of Israel's apostasy, their spiritual sickness, and is evidence of God's discipline on them as promised in Deuteronomy 28. With the universal righteousness of the Millennium, God is free to bless Israel and the world with good health. There will be no sickness during the Millennium.

**Jer 30:17** For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, declares the Lord,

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by the Healing of the Deformed.** God will heal and remove deformities at the beginning of the Millennium.

**Isa 29:18** In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

**Micah 4:6** In that day, declares the Lord, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have

afflicted; 7 and the lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forevermore.

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by Protection.**

There will be no more war, and God promises Israel His protection. Israel will dwell safely in the land, and with no more war and perfect righteousness and justice prevail, there will be no need to fear for one's safety.

**Isa 41:8** But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; 9 you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off"; 10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

11 Behold, all who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish. 12 You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all. 13 For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you."

14 Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I am the one who helps you, declares the Lord; your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

**Isa 29:20** For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by Freedom from Oppression.**

There will be no social, political, racial, or religious oppression.

**Isa 14:3** When the Lord has given you rest from your pain and turmoil and the hard service with which you were made to serve, 4 you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon: "How the oppressor has ceased, the insolent fury ceased! 5 The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of rulers, 6 that struck the peoples in wrath with unceasing blows, that ruled the nations in anger with unrelenting persecution. 7 The whole earth is at rest and quiet; they break forth into singing.

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by No Premature Death.**

**Isa 65:20** No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

There will be no more children dying young.

- Long life will be common.
- Only the "accursed" will die young—those who are taken out under the death penalty.
- A person who dies at 100 will still be just a child.
- It would appear that the only death will be capital punishment.

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by The Repopulation of the Earth**

**Zech. 10:8** “I will whistle for them to gather them together, For I have redeemed them; And they will be as numerous as they were before

With no sickness and long life, people will reproduce well into their advanced ages. The Millennium will begin with but a few survivors of the Tribulation and will end with the Earth fully repopulated.

**Jer 30:18** “Thus says the Lord: Behold, I will restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob and have compassion on his dwellings; the city shall be rebuilt on its mound, and the palace shall stand where it used to be. 19 Out of them shall come songs of thanksgiving, and the voices of those who celebrate. I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will make them honored, and they shall not be small. 20 Their children shall be as they were of old, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all who oppress them. 21 Their prince shall be one of themselves; their ruler shall come out from their midst; I will make him draw near, and he shall approach me, for who would dare of himself to approach me? declares the Lord. 22 And you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

### **Labor during the Millennium.**

Will you have to work during the Millennium?

**Isa. 62:8** The LORD has sworn by His right hand and by His strong arm, “I will never again give your grain as food for your enemies; Nor will foreigners drink your new wine, for which you have labored.”

9 But those who garner it will eat it, and praise the LORD; And those who gather it will drink it in the courts of My sanctuary.

**Isa 65:21** And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

**Ezek 48:18** The remainder of the length alongside the holy portion shall be 10,000 cubits to the east, and 10,000 to the west, and it shall be alongside the holy portion. Its produce shall be food for the workers of the city. 19 And the workers of the city, from all the tribes of Israel, shall till it.

There will be a perfect economic system under the King. The needs of man will be abundantly provided for by labor in that system. There will be agriculture and industry with abundant rewards for your efforts.

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by Economic Prosperity.**

There will be great economic prosperity during the Kingdom. That prosperity will be from God and the righteous rule of our Lord.

**Isa 30:23** Then He will give you rain for the seed which you will sow in the ground, and bread from the yield of the ground, and it will be rich and plenteous; on that day your livestock will graze in a roomy pasture.

24 Also the oxen and the donkeys which work the ground will eat salted fodder, which has been winnowed with shovel and fork

The livestock will eat only refined fodder which is symbolic of great wealth.

**Zech 8:12** For there shall be a sowing of peace. The vine shall give its fruit, and the ground shall give its produce, and the heavens shall give their dew. And I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by an increase in Light.**

There will be a dramatic increase in light. This increase will probably result in increased productivity on earth.

**Isa 60:19** The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. 20 Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

**Isa 30:26** Moreover, the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day when the Lord binds up the brokenness of his people, and heals the wounds inflicted by his blow.

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by a Unified Language.**

Languages were scrambled at the Tower of Babel to thwart Satan's plan to control man. That device is no longer needed. Human discourse will be unlimited by language.

**Zeph 3:9** “For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the Lord and serve him with one accord.”

### **The Kingdom will be characterized by Unified Worship.**

All the world will unite in worship of the King of Kings. There will be no more idols. No more cults. No more false teachings. No more apostasy. No more denominations.

**Zech 13:2** And it shall come to pass in that day, saith Jehovah of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered; and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land

**Zech 14:16** And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

**Isa 45:23** By myself have I sworn, the word is gone forth from my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

**The Kingdom will be characterized by the Presence of God.**

God will dwell with man in the form of Christ as the reigning King. He will be visibly present. In this dispensation, God dwells within each believer.

**1Co 3:16** Do you not know that you are a temple of God?

But in the Millennium we will have a physical presence, as well.

**Ezek 37:27** My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 28 Then the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.

**Zech 2:10** Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the Lord. 11 And many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you.

**The Kingdom will be characterized by the Perpetual Millennium State.**

The Millennium is only the beginning. The Church sees the Millennium as being 1,000 years long (Rev 20). After the 1,000 years comes the creation of the new heavens and new earth with the end of time, and then we all move into eternity. The Millennium for us is thus both earthly and heavenly, and both temporal and eternal. The Jew sees the Kingdom as only earthly and only eternal because OT Scripture pictures it that way.

**Joel 3:20** But Judah will be inhabited forever, And Jerusalem for all generations.

**Ezek 43:7** And he said to me, “Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the people of Israel forever. And the house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoring and by the dead bodies of their kings at their high places, 8 by setting their threshold by my threshold and their doorposts beside my

doorposts, with only a wall between me and them. They have defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed, so I have consumed them in my anger. 9 Now let them put away their whoring and the dead bodies of their kings far from me, and I will dwell in their midst forever.

**Conclusion:**

The Church and Israel see the same event from two different perspectives. Some aspects of the Kingdom were revealed to the Church that were not revealed to Israel.

The Kingdom/Millennium will be a return to the conditions of the Garden where mankind will experience an existence very similar to what Adam and the Woman experienced. There will, however, be one significant difference, and that is the “sin genie” is out of the bottle and those in the Kingdom will still be in human bodies with fully functioning sin natures. Many of the negative outside influences have been removed, namely Satan and the fallen angels who are confined, and you will have the righteous King in residence and ruling with an iron scepter. But there will still be problems, like the Gog revolution at the end of the Millennium.