

## Revelation 1:7-8 | Christ is Coming! (Part 3)

3 questions about the Second Coming of Jesus:

- 1. Is it literal?
- 2. When will it happen?
- 3. What happens after?

### What happens after the Second Coming of Jesus?

Why this is important:

- 1. Reveals and fulfills to us God's intent for the world
  - Kingdom Consummation (already/not yet)
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The OT repeatedly predicted a future kingdom that God will set up on earth and will be everlasting in duration

- Daniel 2:44  
 ... the God of heaven will set up **a kingdom which will never be destroyed**, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but **it will itself endure forever**.
- This is (1) a **literal, physical** kingdom which (2) replaces the present conditions of earth
- **A world filled with God's righteousness** (2 Peter 2:13)

### This is the Promised Messianic Kingdom

The Kingdom has to do with Israel:

- Jeremiah 33:14-17 (NLT)
 

**14** The day will come, says the LORD, when **I will do for Israel** and Judah all the good things I have promised them.

**15** In those days and at that time I will raise up **a righteous descendant from King David's line**. He will do what is just and right throughout the land.

**16** In that day Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this will be its name: 'The LORD Is Our Righteousness.'

**17** For this is what the LORD says: **David will have a descendant sitting on the throne of Israel forever**.
- This worldwide kingdom includes promises throughout the OT regarding the future **restoration of Israel**
  - The blessings promised to Israel are extended to Gentiles as well (not instead of)
  - **"Preach the gospel to all the nations"**

The Kingdom is effective for the whole world:

- Daniel 7:13-14 (NLT)
 

**13** As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence.

**14** He was given authority, honor, and **sovereignty over all the nations of the world**, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. **His rule is eternal—it will never end**. His kingdom will never be destroyed.

## The Kingdom is ruled by King Jesus:

- Isaiah 9:6-7 (NASB)  
**6** For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;  
 And **the government will rest on His shoulders**;  
 And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
 Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.  
**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.
- The angel Gabriel to Mary in Luke 1:31-33 (NLT)  
**31** You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.  
**32** He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him **the throne of his ancestor David**.  
**33** And **he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!**

"The worldwide blessing for all the peoples personally and nationally under the rule of the future Messiah from the house of David is continuous with the covenant structure of Scripture, in which God promised the blessing Abraham's descendants and the land of their inheritance along with all the peoples on earth through a descendant of David whose kingdom the Lord would establish forever." –Craig A. Blaising<sup>1</sup>

The blessings promised to Israel and all the nations, the blessings on the land of Israel and on all the earth, all come together in the **whole scope** of the promised Messianic kingdom

The theme of Jesus ministry in the Gospels is the good news that the kingdom is near

- No explanation was given other than that of the OT
- Which is what his hearers would have understood

The spiritual components of the Kingdom were brought to us at the first coming

- Forgiveness of sin
- New hearts
- His Spirit in us

The coming of the fullness of the kingdom was demonstrated in His ministry

- His casting out of demons revealed the ultimate exclusion of evil from that kingdom
- His healing miracles demonstrated the physical and earthly aspects of kingdom peace and well-being
- His nature miracles demonstrated a coming created order that is in full submission to His righteous reign

His single longest discourse (**Matthew 24**) spoke of His return in glory to sit on His glorious throne **and judge evil**, the nations and every person

For the first time in human history, universal peace will encircle the globe

The Messianic Kingdom

- Isaiah 2:1-4**
- Isaiah 11:1-10**
- Revelation 20:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Stanley N. Gundry and C. Marvin Payne, editors, *Three Views on the Millennium and Beyond* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1999), 194.

## This is the full outworking of Christ as Lord of Lords and King of Kings

- Jesus is King now, but only as seen through the eyes of faith
  - Ephesians 1:20-22 (NASB)
    - 20 ...He [God] raised Him [Jesus] from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,
    - 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.
    - 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church
- At the Second Coming Christ's Lordship and Kingship will become public, complete and universal
  - In this world
  - Revelation 11:15
    - Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "**The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.**"
- Then, everyone will honor Him as King
  - Philippians 2:10-11 (NLT)
    - 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**
    - 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

## This is why our understanding of the Millennium is important

- The demonstration of Christ's glory cannot be relegated only to beyond history (**new heaven and new earth**)
- **If** He is truly the ruler of history
  - The promised Messiah with an earthly kingdom
  - The savior of the whole world who is victorious over evil
- **Then** his Lordship must be demonstrated in **this** world
- = The **messianic reign within human history** is necessitated by NT Christology

## The way that the earthly blessing ultimately play out is in **the new heaven and the new earth**

- **Isaiah 65:17-25** (NLT)
- **Verse 25** brings to mind the promised Messianic kingdom spoken of in **Isaiah 11:4-10**
  - **Continuity** (the promised Kingdom in which God's righteousness fills the earth)
  - **Disparity** (sin and death fully vanquished)
- **Revelation 20:11-15**
- **Revelation 21:1-5**

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- Hope (He is coming!)
- Sanctification (Live rightly in expectation!)
- Mission (Get going, time is limited!)

## **Titus 2:11-3:8**