

**Journey Through the Bible: Revelation**  
 Session 32: The Coming Kingdom (Ch. 20)  
 Remember Acts 17:11

**REVIEW FROM PREVIOUS SESSIONS:**

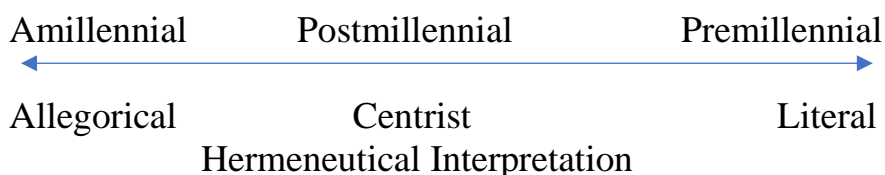
**“After These Things:”**

- Ch. 19 Two Feasts and the 5<sup>th</sup> Horseman
- 20 The Millennial Kingdom**
- 21 The Unveiling of Eternity
- 22 Final Instructions and Encouragement

Millennial Views and Controversies:

When Does Christ Return in Reference to the Establishment of an Earthly Kingdom?

**In General:**



**Amillennial Interpretation:**

- The Kingdom of Christ is Not a Literal 1,000 Year Period of Time.
- Symbolic: Synonymous with the Church Age
- The “Kingdom of the Righteous” is the Present
- Christ will Return in Final Judgement at the Conclusion Immediately Prior to Rev. 21.
- Variation: Refers to the Kingdom of Heaven Only
- Spiritual Warfare vs. Temporal Conflict
- Often Associated with Established/Liturgical Churches

**Postmillennial:**

- The Kingdom will be Established Prior to Christ’s Return
- The Kingdom will be a 1,000 Year Period, where the Christian Influence Becomes Politically Dominant
- After the Church has Triumphed Over the Structural Evils of the Earth, Christ will Physically and Visibly Return
- Often Associated with the Social Gospel/Liberation Theology

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**Premillennial:**

- Takes the Text of Rev. 19&20 at Face Value
- Christ Returns in Defense of Israel and in Judgement of the Attacking Nations
- Armageddon Ends the Tribulation Period and the World Political Structures are Banished
- Once the Power Structures of the Earth are Defeated, He Claims the Promised Inheritance of David’s Throne
- Christ Reigns with the Justified and Inaugurates a Kingdom of Divine Rule Over the Earth
- Often Associated with Protestant Evangelicals

**Questions of Interpretation and Scriptural Authority:**

- Is the Bible the Word of God?
- Is God (Holy Spirit) at Work in its Human Authors?
- Does God Protect His Message?
- Does the Message Designate Symbolic Language from Literal Meaning?
- Is the Bible Instruction for Living or a Poetic Morality Tale?

The Kingdom Promises Attributed to Christ:

**Davidic Covenant** 2 Sam. 7:8-16

- A Coming Time of Undisturbed Peace in the Land
- The Throne of the Kingdom will Endure Eternally

**The Promise to Jesus by Gabriel** Luke 1:31-33

- Identified as the Heir of David
- Entitled to the Throne of Israel
- Promised Eternal Reign

**Other Passages**

- A Political Kingdom Gen. 49:8-12
- A Unified and Purified Kingdom Ezek. 37:21-28
- A Kingdom that will Include Gentiles Acts. 15:12-17
- Conquest, Judgement, & Purification Jude 1:14-15

The Enemy Imprisoned (v.1-3):

- “Have you come to torment us before our time...”(Mt. 8:29)
- “Abusso” Bottomless Pit (Hell)
- Dragon “That serpent of old...”
- 1,000 Year Period without the Influence of Satan (Mentioned 6x in this Ch.) Then “must be released”

The First Resurrection (v.4-6):

Identified and Explained by John

“The First to Rise”

ἀνάστασις *anastasis*

Lit: “To Stand Up Again”  
(Physical Resurrection)

**Category, Not a Single Event**

Four Groups Mentioned in Scripture:

OT Saints (Isa. 25:8-9; Dan. 12:1-4)

The Church (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 5:10; 2:26-28; 3:12-21)

Martyred Tribulation Saints (Rev. 6:9)

Living Tribulation Faithful (Hos. 5:15)

**Teaching on the Two Deaths**

1<sup>st</sup> Death: Separation of the Soul from the Body  
Result of Sin Entering the World

2<sup>nd</sup> Death: Separation of the Soul from God  
Result of Sin Remaining on the Soul After Death

**Authority Given**

- Enthroned by Christ (Authority Under Him)
- Resurrected and Empowered as Regents (Judges)
- Appointed Priests of God
- Unfaithful Dead to be Resurrected After the 1,000 Years

Characteristics of the Millennial Reign:

Note: Not Yet the Unveiling of Eternity (Isa. 11)

- Time of Prosperity and Justice
- Death and Sin Still Present
- Righteousness Enforced
- Limited Evil/Judged Immediately
- Unbelievers are Absolutely without Excuse
- Yet, Humanity Still Rebels

**Temple Worship in the Millennial Reign (Ezk. 40-48):**

- Dimensions and Place Designations Detailed
- All Nations Required to Worship There (OT)
  - o Feast of Tabernacles (No Rain if Absent)
- Open on Sabbaths and New Moons
- Rule from there (Zech. 6:12-13; Jer. 3:16-17)

The Second Satanic Rebellion (v.7-10):

- The Enemy is Released to Test the Righteousness of Humanity
- The Nations Fail and are Deceived into Rebellion Against Christ
- An Army Under Satanic Leadership (Gog and Magog Idiomatic Interpret.) Attacks the Remnant of Faithful
  - o Ezk. 38 Descriptions Link More Closely to Armageddon (Ch. 18-19).
  - o Ezk. 39 is Closer to this Event (2 Invasions?)
  - o Magog: Grandson of Noah/ “People of the North”: Scythians/Black Sea-Caucasus Mountain Region (Josephus); Goths (*Historia Brittonum*, 828); Scandinavians (Johannes Magnus, 1488-1544); Mongols (Rabbi Shiomu Ganzfried, 1804-1886)
- God Destroys Them, Personally (C.f. 1 Kngs. 18)
- Satan Cast Into Hell Permanently

The Great White Throne Judgement (v.11-14):

(Not the Bema Seat of 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Resurrection (Hades=Place of the Dead)
- Books (Plural) Opened: Works and Life
- Without Christ: Judged on Personal Righteousness
- Word of God (Christ) is the Standard for Righteousness (Rom. 3:10; 23)
- The Kingdom of Death is Destroyed

For Session 33:

- Read Luke 16:19-31; Rev. 21 & 22
- What Have You Been Taught About What Happens to the Soul After Physical Death?
- What Do You Think the New Earth Will Be Like?
- Journal and Discuss.