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The Peril of Churchianity

I have had a unique opportunity recently to be a witness to the peril of 'Churchianity'.

"Churchianity?", you ask, "What is that?"

Well, *Churchianity* is the act of putting on a Christian face and yet having no attributes of being a Christian.

Churchianity is the façade... the show... the performance. It is all just an act. Those who participate in the art of *Churchianity* are those whose love for Christ has gone cold; those who have no FIRE in their bellies for GOD and the things of GOD. However, they want desperately to do the appearance of right things; to be seen in the right light and to be a shining star in the arena of Christ. And yet the light that should exude from the inner most portions of their hearts has died out - the fire is gone. The fire has been put out by the lack of true Christian living. It has died because it had no real fuel to continue to live on.

Here's an example of what I am talking about:

Take a Bible - the inerrant word of GOD. The book that we used to learn from, and at one time, we fed our souls, hearts and minds from.

Just take all the pages out of that Bible. Take them out of the binding and separate them into individual pages. Now get some tape and after you memorize a few passages, take the tape and tape the individual pages of the Bible to the outside of your clothing. Make sure you do it nice and neatly, because you wouldn't want anyone to think you are anything other than a true believer.

Now, walk around town and act as if no one on the face of the earth could possibly be a bigger or better Christian than you. Make sure that while dressed in this robe of piety that you do a few things that make you feel

good. Make sure that while doing those things, you sing a Christian song and act in a pious manner.

Now, LIE.

Make sure that when you come in contact with people who do not have their Bible pages on their robe of righteousness as neatly as you do, that you present them with the virtues of all that is you and the life that you are living for Christ.

My, what an impact you are having on the lives of others; and even more specifically those to whom you are speaking at the time.

Make sure that every other word out of your mouth is Christ, love, heavenly, awesome, and Jesus.

But be careful now. Don't chain yourself too closely to the actual act of living a Godly life. While you are in fact putting on the show, make sure that behind the scenes footage, the life you are actually living, is nothing that could ever be considered close to true Biblical life. Make sure that you continue to gossip. Make sure that you are creating division in the church. Make sure that you lie about others. Make sure that you try to manipulate others in order to get your own way. Make sure that even though you say you are pure and of a pure heart, that you remain nothing of the sort (behind the scenes of course). When you are outside the view of the church, just 'let it all hang out'. That's it... just relax... enjoy the life you have crafted in this world.

NOW, what is the lifestyle of the true Christian in comparison?

The 'True Christian' does not wear the words of scripture on the outside of their garments. When the 'True Christian' gets into the Word of GOD - the Word gets inside of them: heart, mind, soul and body. It is the never



“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”
 – Rev 22:12

ending source of fuel that keeps the fire of their soul lit. It is as if they have taken the Bible and gingerly removed the pages and eaten them verse by loving verse. They have ingested the words of God in such a manner, that the words seep from their very pores. You hear comments from their lips daily like "forgive me Lord", "Father, help me", "What would You have me to do here Father?", and others like them. You would not see it, but in the background things would be happening too. The 'True Christian' would be feeding the hungry. They would be encouraging the sad at heart. They would be clothing the cold. They would be praying in solitude and in groups. They would be loving others - not only in their hearts, but in their actions. There would be no gossip, no lies, no show, no act, no *self*.

Their lives would whisper of the things that are pleasing unto GOD.

There would be no difference in public and behind the scenes living.

There would be no religion.

There would be no *Churchianity*.

Remaining would only be Godly living in a Godly fashion; A life only trying to please God, and a life thankful just for the opportunity to worship HIM, to praise HIM, and to be with HIM.

Friends... it is far too close to the return of the Lord, to be so worried about the show.

- Barbara Bledsoe

Why a Pre-Millennial Return of Christ?

The Differing Theories

Before I go into why I believe that a Premillennial return of Christ is the most correct, doctrinally based interpretation of scripture I feel it fair to at least present the other views of the millennial timing held by other people. There are 3 main views for the timing of the rapture.

Let me define each theory for you:

Premillennial View:

Christ will Reign immediately after the Second Coming (future reign).

Christ will rule personally for one thousand years over a literal, physical, earthly kingdom with Satan bound and the curse of the fall removed.

Postmillennial View:

Christ will reign between the First and Second Coming, but arriving in degrees (present reign)

Christ rules in the hearts of believers as the church brings in the kingdom by the triumph of the gospel in this world (spiritual reign). They claim a progressive improvement of conditions on earth as the end draws near, culminating in a golden age in which the world is completely Christianized. As a note during this present age they claim satan was bound at Christ's first coming.

Amillennial View

Christ will reign between the First and Second Comings (present reign)

Christ rules over a spiritual kingdom in the hearts of believers on earth and over the souls of the redeemed in heaven (spiritual reign). They claim a parallel development of both good (God's kingdom) and evil (satan's kingdom) during this present age, but they claim satan was bound at Christ's first coming.

What is the Millennium?

The thousand-year period mentioned in connection with the description of Christ's coming to reign with His saints over the earth (Rev 19:11-16; 20:1-9). Many Old Testament passages refer to the millennium (Isa 11:4; Jer 3:17; Zech 14:9).

These and many other Old Testament passages are often taken to refer only to the thousand-year period itself. However, it is often difficult in these passages to see a clear dividing line between the earthly period of the millennium and the eternal state of new heavens and earth. Therefore, it is best to let one's teaching about the millennium be drawn specifically from the words in Rev 20. The other great promises to Israel, while they have a temporary fulfillment in the thousand years, still await the fullness of the new heavens and new earth and the unhindered

“At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the LORD, and all the nations shall be gathered to it...”
 Jeremiah 3:17

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presence of Israel's king and the church's husband-Jesus Christ our Lord.

During that thousand-year period, Satan will be bound in the bottomless pit so he will not deceive the nations until his short period of release (Rev 20:3,7-8). The faithful martyrs who have died for the cause of Christ will be resurrected before the millennium. They will rule with Christ and will be priests of God and Christ (Rev 5:10; 20:4). The unbelieving dead will wait for the second resurrection (Rev 20:5). After the thousand years, Satan will be released and will resume his work of deceit (Rev 20:7-8).

The most important aspect of the millennium is the reign of Christ. Peter taught that Christ now rules from the right hand of God (Acts 2:33-36). That rule will last until His enemies are made His footstool (Ps 110:1). The apostle Paul also understood Christ to be presently reigning in a period designed to bring all of God's enemies underfoot (1 Cor 15:25-27). Thus the impact of Christ's present rule over the earth from God's right hand must not be seen as unrelated to His future reign during the millennium.

The position that holds to an actual thousand year period in the future is known as the premillennial view. This interpretation does not diminish the power of Christ's present rule from heaven or limit that rule to the church only. That position sees the need for a thousand-year place in history for an earthly fulfillment of Israel's promises of land and blessing. It stresses that the one thousand years in Rev 20 are actual years and are not symbolic.

Why do I feel the Premillennial View is the best?

I would like to caveat this answer. It is not my goal to make you agree with me, but rather to challenge you to prayerfully consider God's Word on the topics at hand so that you will develop your own conclusion based on His Word. I fully believe in the promises laid forth in the Bible of a literal and physical earthly reign of Christ. I also believe that the Bible should be interpreted as such...literally...unless that is not possible. Take note though that where symbolism is used, that symbolism is usually defined plainly elsewhere in the Bible thus maintaining for me a literal interpretation.

A book I recently read lays out six key points to support a Premillennial view and even had an acronym to make it easy to remember:

- P** - Promises of God
- R** - Resurrection in Revelation 20:4-6
- E** - Earliest View
- M** - Most Natural Reading of Revelation 20:1-6
- I** - Imprisonment of Satan
- L** - Literal One Thousand Years in Revelation 20:1-6

P - Promises of God.

The premillennial view is the only view that allows for a literal fulfillment of God's covenants with Abraham and David.

God promised Abraham the following things (Gen 12:1-3 and 15:18)

1. That God would bless Abraham personally and that the whole world would be blessed by him
2. That God would give Abraham many descendants
3. That God would give Abraham and his descendants a specified plot of land forever and the boundaries are laid out in Gen 15:18.

The first two have been literally fulfilled. Abraham had many descendants and the world has been blessed via the Jewish Scriptures and the Jewish Savior. So, if the first two were literally fulfilled it is logical to conclude the third will be fulfilled literally also. Furthermore since the third promise is yet to be fulfilled, it must still be yet to be fulfilled in the future.

Next the Davidic Covenant. 2 Sam 7:12-16 tells us that God promised David that one of his descendants would sit on the throne and reign over his kingdom forever. Although the promise was not that the rule would be uninterrupted, but rather that David's line would maintain the right to rule forever. This promise was applied to Jesus when he was born (Luke 1:32-33). Premillennialists maintain that Christ must literally sit on David's throne on earth for this to be fulfilled.

Furthermore, in Matt 19:28 Jesus promised the disciples that in His kingdom they would sit on 12 thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel. Acts 1:3 tells that Jesus taught his disciples for 40 days about the kingdom. Apparently He had been teaching about the future restored kingdom for Israel and they wanted to know when it would occur. In Acts 1:6-7 He told them not to be concerned about the timing. IF they were mistaken in understanding about the restored kingdom would it not be logical to conclude he would have corrected them at that point?



Christ on David's Throne

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Just before the ascension Christ confirmed that the kingdom would be restored to Israel. Therefore a future, millennial kingdom of Christ is the only possibility mentioned in Scripture when the Davidic covenant could be literally and completely fulfilled.

R - Resurrection in Revelation 20:1-6

In Revelation 19:11-19 John writes about his vision of the second coming of Jesus back to earth. In Revelation 20:1-6, the next section following the condemnation of the beast and false prophet and binding them for 1000 years, John discusses the resurrection of the dead after Christ has returned. Revelation 20:4 states "and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years". This millennial reign begins after Christ's return and after the resurrection of the righteous dead.

Some will argue that verse refers to a spiritual resurrection or conversion, HOWEVER, the Greek word used in Rev 20:5 referring to the resurrected people in v.4 is *anastasis*. The Greek word *anastasis* is used 41 times in the New Testament and each time it refers to a bodily resurrection.

Since the resurrection and reign follow the second coming in Rev 19:11-21 one can conclude that they will literally follow the Second Coming in reality too. To me this is a pretty strong argument for a future, literal, and physical reign of Christ for 1000 years.

E - Earliest View

For the first two centuries premillennialism was the view of the church. Papias, a companion of Polycarp, who was a disciple of John (who wrote Revelation) believed as much. All of the other noted second and third century Christian scholars taught a literal earthly millenium. Some of these teachers were Irenaus, Apollinarius, Tertullian, Victorinus, and Lactantius. Justin Martyr also followed this school of thought.

M - Most Natural Reading

I believe that the premillennial view provides the clearest and most natural reading of Rev 20:1-6. This is the only passage in the Bible to specifically mention a thousand year reign of Christ. It occurs following the Second Coming and the resurrection. It requires no special interpretation to understand what is written.

I - Imprisonment of Satan

As noted earlier, other views contend that satan was bound (Rev 20:1-3) at the First Coming of Christ and he remains bound right now. Pardon my sarcasm, but, yea, right! This contradicts not only the ongoing events

of the world around us, but how satan is pictured in the New Testament. Here are some examples:

- "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31, 14:30)
- "the god of this world" (2 Cor 4:4)
- hindering believers (1 Thess 2:18)
- "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph 2:2)
- "like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8)

By looking at some of the descriptions from the New Testament, viewing the condition of the world today it appears that satan is not even remotely bound, and if he is, he's bound by a mighty long chain.

Also look at the description of the binding and imprisonment of satan in Rev 20:1-3....nothing like that is even remotely related to the First Coming of Christ.

L - Literal One Thousand Years

The premillennial view is the only one that consistently interprets Bible prophecy literally, both from the Old and New Testament. The other views tend to spiritualize many prophecies away by applying them to the church which they often claim is spiritual Israel.

The Bible itself provides the correct method of interpretation for prophecy. All of the prophecies of Christ's first coming were fulfilled literally. It only makes sense to conclude the prophecies of His second coming will also be fulfilled literally. God doesn't change, why would He change what He means in His Word?

The thousand years is mentioned six times in Rev 20. Verses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. The implication of that is significant moreover all the other specific references to time in Revelation imply literal time i.e. "ten days" (Rev 2:10); and "forty two months" (Rev 11:2; 13:5). Otherwise it is noted as phrases like "a little while" (v6:11) or a "short time" (v12:12)

In sum due to the natural and literal interpretations of Revelation, premillennialism allows for the literal fulfillment of God's promises, it follows the Bible's sequence for the Second Coming and resurrection, it is the view of the early church, it provides for the most natural reading of Scripture, it is the only one that doesn't claim Satan is bound and provides for a literal view of Revelation, taking it for it's word.

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"Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years"
 – Rev 20:1-3

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Why Must There Be a Millennium

The millennium will serve at least four important functions in the eternal plan of God.

To Reward the Faithful: In the millennium the saints will be awarded positions of authority based on their faithfulness in life (Luke 19:16-19).

To Redeem Creation: The current earth is not the original one God created. If you recall, after the fall of Adam and Eve God pronounced 5 curses (Gen 3:14-19). The earth was the last one. That curse was described well in Romans 8:19-22. Isaiah 11:6-9; 35:1-7 and Ezek 47:8-12 paint some wonderful pictures of the redeemed earth of the millennial kingdom.

To Recognize the Promises of God: God made three unconditional and eternal covenants that will be fulfilled in the millennial kingdom. These are the covenants made with Abraham (Gen 12:1-3;15:18-21),

David (2 Sam 7:12-16; Ezek 37:22-25; Amos 9:11-15; Zeph 3:14-17) and the nation of Israel (Jer 31:31-34; Ezek 36:24-26).

To Reaffirm the Total Depravity of Man:

God's Word clearly teaches that man is sinful by nature and practice. After the thousand year reign satan will be loosed for a season and will be able to gather a rebel army who apparently never submitted to Christ in their hearts. This is most likely people born during the millennium? This will prove without a doubt that regardless of heredity, circumstances or environment that man is sinful apart from God's saving grace. But the rebellion is crushed and all who remain move into eternity.

-- J.R.Hall

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Dear Reader: You have no doubt noticed that the next article is very similar to the subject matter of the first. We list it here because the two articles are different enough from - and yet compliment each other very well. We also believe that the understanding of the Premillennial viewpoint is of the utmost importance when one studies Bible Prophecy.

"The Literal Millennium"

Introduction

The word Millennium is made up of two parts. It comes from the Latin: mille and annum. In case you haven't guessed it - mille means '1000' and annum means 'years'.

Primarily when one speaks of the 'Millennium' they are most likely speaking of the passage found in Revelation 20:1-7:

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again

until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, -- Revelation 20:1-7

However, the idea of the millennium is present throughout the bible. In the Old Testament there are several key places that describe the millennial reign of Christ on earth. I am not going to reiterate the verses here, but I encourage you to read these passages of scripture before we continue on in this talk: *Isaiah 11:1-10, Isaiah 35:1-10, Jeremiah 23:5-8, Joel 3:17-21, Zech 14:9-21.* We will look at a few more passages shortly.

The Different Views

Now there are three main interpretations to these passages and what the 'Millennium' actually references.

- 1) Premillennialism sees this as a literal 1,000 year period during which Jesus Christ, in fulfillment of numerous OT prophecies (eg. 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 2; Is. 11:6-12; 24:23; Hos. 3:4,5; Joel 3:9-

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"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb... And a little child shall lead them." - Isaiah 11:6

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21; Amos 9:8–15; Mic. 4:1–8; Zeph. 3:14–20; Zech. 14:1–11; Matt. 24:29–31,36–44), reigns on the earth.

- 2) Postmillennialism understands the reference to a 1,000 year period as only symbolic of a golden age of righteousness and spiritual prosperity. It will be ushered in by the spread of the gospel during the present church age and brought to completion when Christ returns. According to this view, references to Christ's reign on earth primarily describe His spiritual reign in the hearts of believers in the church.
- 3) Amillennialism understands the 1,000 years to be merely symbolic of a long period of time. This view interprets OT prophecies of a Millennium as being fulfilled spiritually now in the church (either on earth or in heaven) or as references to the eternal state.

As we have stated in other articles published by this ministry, we here at Berean Watchmen Ministries hold to the Premillennial view.

I personally believe that 'millennial' confusion exists in the modern church due in part to the fact that in Revelation 20:1-7 John states six times that the reign of Christ on earth after the second advent will be 1000 years. Whereas other places in scripture state that Christ's kingdom will last forever, such as:

And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.
-- Daniel 7:14

And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. -- Daniel 7:27

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. -- Revelation 11:15

This apparent inconsistency has led many to believe that the millennium of Revelation 20 must therefore not be literal. However, one can easily reconcile this apparent conflict with the understanding that both statements are true:

Christ will reign over his kingdom for 1000 years on this present earth for one thousand years,

AND

He will reign for ever afterwards.

The future Kingdom has two phases. Phase 1 is the millennial reign of Christ on earth for 1000 years (Revelation 20:1-6), and phase 2 is the eternal state of Revelation 22:5. Think of it, if you will, that the Millennium is simply the front porch of eternity.

More key reasons for us believing in the Premillennial view are:

- Using the same general principles of interpretation for both prophetic and non-prophetic passages leads most naturally to Premillennialism.
- The precedence of so many biblical prophecies have already been literally fulfilled, strongly suggests that future prophecies will likewise be fulfilled literally.
- Using the same literal, historical, grammatical principles of interpretation so as to determine the normal sense of language, one is left with the inescapable conclusion that Christ will return and reign in a real kingdom on earth for 1,000 years.
- There is nothing in the text to render the conclusion that "a thousand years" is symbolic. Never in Scripture when "year" is used with a number is its meaning not literal.
- Through our discussion and the literal reading of the passages above, it can be clearly seen that the descriptions are those of a literal 1000 year reign of Christ on this planet. To deny this fact would be to deny several different parts of scriptural prophecies, stretching 1000's of years.

We can see in all these passages contain a description of a literal kingdom and none of them, nor the surrounding text, suggests that this kingdom is to be 'allegorical-ized' (if there is such a word) out of a literal existence. Instead they contain a description of a time that has not yet happened on this earth. If it has not yet happened then one must assume this is a future event and it will one day come to pass in our future. We can assume this because God's word does not lie - the Word is truth - therefore the

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millennium, the times described in the passages above, can only be interpreted as a real and literal event.

David's Heir

Another facet in understanding Premillennialism is the understanding of Christ's claim to David's throne and the passages of scripture that support it. Before we start we need to take a look at one very important aspect when analyzing the following scriptures:

Christ was descended from the line of David (Matt 1:1-25; Luke 1:27; Rev. 5:5; Rev 22:16)

Once we have that in our understanding, we are ready to understand and examine the following:

"The LORD hath sworn in truth unto david; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne. If thy children will keep My covenant and My testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore" --Psalm 132:11-12

Who's throne?

DAVID'S

Was David's throne literal?

Yes it was. History assures us of that fact.

So is God referring to a literal or an allegorical throne?

Logical progression of the language indicates our only answer is: literal.

Where will this throne be located?

"For the LORD hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation....There will I make the HORN OF DAVID to bud: I have ordained a lamp for Mine anointed -- Psalm 132:13,17

David's throne will be located in Zion (Jerusalem), not in heaven. It is there in Zion, on earth, that an offspring of David will rule.

"Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the THRONE OF DAVID, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this" -- Isaiah 9:7

It says here that there will be peace under his rule (government) and it will be without end. Has there ever been peace under a descendant of David, who sat on David's throne? Again, history (both biblical and secular) attest to the fact that the answer is

'no'. And most definitely we know that there is no current king in Israel and therefore we know that David's rule has ended, and therefore no one in the past could have fulfilled Isaiah 9:7.

Is the throne itself literal or symbolic?

To answer this question we need to ask the question 'Well how do we get to it?' and search scriptures for the answer.

"Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the THRONE OF DAVID, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of JERUSALEM: and this city shall remain for ever" -- Jeremiah 17:25

Note the words, 'through the gates of this city'. We already know the city is Jerusalem from prior verses, so the passages would appear to be quite literal in interpretation. It would seem silly to mention the gates of a symbolic city, and people roaming around in a symbolic city with a symbolic gate, and Christ sitting on a symbolic throne.

There's more in Jeremiah 22.

"And say, Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the THRONE OF DAVID, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates: For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the THRONE OF DAVID, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people" -- Jeremiah 22:2,4.

"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His Name whereby he shall be called, The Lord Our Righteousness" -- Jeremiah 23:5-6

One king to reign and execute judgment and justice in the earth? Wow... that's quite a kingdom. Israel shall dwell safely and his name is the Lord Our Righteousness?

That has never before occurred in Israel's past.. so we must assume it speaks of a time in Israel's future.

Much like Jeremiah 23:5-6 indicated above, Jeremiah 33:16 continues with the concept.

"In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is



King of Kings

"David's throne will be located in Zion (Jerusalem), not in heaven. It is there in Zion, on earth, that an offspring of David will rule."

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*the name wherewith she shall be called,
The LORD our righteousness" -- Jeremiah
33:16*

Here we have Jerusalem mentioned directly.... literally and he that is called Lord our righteousness is there.

You can try to make this passage symbolic, but you cannot when it is read in context with the preceding verse.

"In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness IN THE LAND" -- Jeremiah 33:15.

In the land? Now that doesn't sound very symbolic to me. Actually it is quite literal in translation.

There is more...

"And DAVID My servant shall be KING over them; and they all shall have ONE SHEPHERD: they shall also walk in My judgments, and observe My statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell IN THE LAND that I have given unto Jacob My servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and My servant DAVID shall be their PRINCE for ever" -- Ezekiel 37:24-25

All have ONE SHEPHERD? Dwell IN THE LAND? My servant DAVID shall be their PRINCE forever?

This has never happened... it must be a future event. The offspring of David the future king/prince is only mentioned in a millennial, earthly, Jewish context.

There is further proof of this in Hosea.

"For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and DAVID their king; and shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days" -- Hosea 3:4-5

Is there a king in Israel today? We have to answer no, as there is a prime minister and a democracy. So this passage also must be referring to a future event. The fact that latter days is mentioned seems to line up with the context of Revelation and the other prophecies of the latter days.

Are we sure that Christ is this heir of David?

As I mentioned above, we can be assured that Christ is a descendant from the line of David from Matt 1:1-25; Luke 1:27; Rev. 5:5; Rev 22:16 and the following passage:

"Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch DAVID, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ TO SIT ON HIS THRONE; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in hell, neither His flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, UNTIL I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ" -- Acts 2:29-36

Contrary to what some may have us believe, this kingdom promised to David does not begin with Christ's ascension to the right hand of God in heaven. The key to this verse is in the word UNTIL.

Here we have Lord say unto the Lord, sit at my right hand... UNTIL I make thy foes thy footstool.

Then shall he rule the kingdom as LITERALLY defined in all of the previous verses.

I simply cannot see the interpretation of these passages any other way but literally. Scripture must align with scripture and all these passages do so perfectly when taken literally.

Conclusion

Christ is coming back to earth to rule for one thousand, literal years from David's Throne.

We have His word on it.

-- J.R. Hall



*"And DAVID my Servant shall be King over them; and they shall have ONE SHEPHERD"
-- Ezek 37:24*

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News Bites

Arab Leaders: Peace Initiative in Danger

By Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) —

Arab officials are warning they could withdraw their landmark offer of peace and full ties with Israel in exchange for a return of Arab lands, unless Israel explicitly accepts the initiative.

The warnings reflect increasing Arab impatience with the long-stalled peace process between Israel and the Palestinians. Peace negotiations have bogged down since they were re-launched at the US-sponsored Annapolis peace conference last November after a seven-year hiatus.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal, whose

country sponsored the Arab peace initiative, adopted by Arab nations in 2002, warned Thursday that "despair would force us to review these options," including withdrawing the proposal.

He accused Israel of "sabotaging" the initiative, which is now "facing grave danger."

The Arab plan offers Israel full recognition by the Arabs and peace, in return for complete withdrawal from the lands Israel captured in the 1967 Six Day War, as well as the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital. It also calls for Palestinian refugees' right of return to their homes in Israel

to be addressed. ...continued

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Editor's Note: *Israel continues to grace the pages of our news, and according to bible prophecy, will remain so until the time of Christ's second coming. God will defend Israel personally in the coming year, much like the miracles that she has been protected with since 1948 as we discussed in the last issue of this newsletter. Israel is clearly the number 1 sign that Christ's return is soon. Maranatha!*



"I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land." - Joel 3:2

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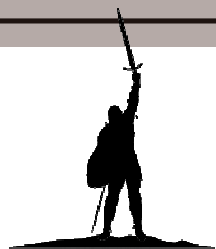
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*"...Now these [bereans] were more noble... in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so."
- Acts 17:10-11*

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Letter's from our Readers

Q: When we tried to raise awareness of false teachings, our pastor said it was wrong for one Christian to publically judge another. He actually said it was a sin.

Is it wrong to name names when dealing with False or corrupt doctrine in the church?

- D

A: Great care must be given when we expose what we believe to be false doctrine.

We must be sure that such correspondence is done out of Christian love and respect.

However, we need also to be fully aware that it is indeed our duty to address and weed out false doctrine from our midst.

Scripture says this:

"Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear". - 1 Timothy 5:20

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine." - 2 Timothy 4:2

"This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them

sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;" - Titus 1:13

"Open rebuke is better than secret love." - Proverbs 27:5

Many will say that we 'are not to judge others' due to the words of Matthew 7:1.

"Judge not, that ye be not judged."

However if we read on in the chapter we see that Matthew 7:1-5 is referring to hypocritical judgement. We cannot judge others if our sin is the same, and we shouldn't judge unless we are prepared to be judged by the same set of standards.

What are those standards?

"Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment." - John 7:24

Righteous judgement comes from utilizing the Holy Word as a baseline for our judgement.

Read 1 Corinthians 5 and see how Paul gave an example of righteous judgment.

To answer the charge, "Is it right to name names?"

I believe scriptural precedence attests to the answer – 'Yes'.

- Paul named and rebuked Peter publicly. - See Galatians 2:11-14
- Paul named Demas for loving the world. - See 2 Timothy 4:10
- Paul named Hymenaeus and Alexander. - See 1 Timothy 1:18-20
- Paul named Hymenaeus and Philetus. - See 2 Timothy 2:15-18
- Paul named Alexander the coppersmith. - See 2 Timothy 4:14-15
- John named Diotrephes. - See 3 John 9-10

For further discussion on this, we have an article titled "Exposing False Doctrine" on our website that speaks more to this issue and of the responsibilities a Christian has in this regard.

-- J.R. Hall

Upcoming Events...

Women's Journey of Faith – Sharing the Journey Seminar:

J.R. Hall will be presenting a breakout session on 'Understanding Biblical Prophecy' on March 1st, 2008 at this ladies event in Saskatoon, SK, Canada. For More information please go to:
<http://www.wjof.com/sharingthejourney.htm>

14th Annual Tulsa Prophecy Conference

Join J.R. Hall as he has the

privilege in speaking at the 14th annual Tulsa Prophecy Conference on April 2-4th, 2007 in Tulsa, OK. For more info, please go to:
<http://www.prophecywatch.com/Confer07.htm>

Discerning the Times in the Last Days Conference

May 2nd and 3rd and the Confederation Inn, Saskatoon, SK. Speakers will be Rob Lindsted, John Plantz, Dave Dunn and Warren Smith.

3rd Annual Saskatoon Prophecy Conference –

"What Every Christian Needs to Know about Israel"

Hosted at the Erindale Alliance Church on Oct. 17th – 19th, 2008. Speakers will be: Gary Fisher, Dr. Randall Price, Dr. David Hocking, Wilfred Hahn, and J.R. Hall.

Topics will cover such things as: *Biblical Archeological evidence, witnessing Effectively, Israel and Prophecy.*

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"Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture they do not understand, but the passages that bother me are those I do understand."

- Mark Twain

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