

Loris First Baptist Church
“52 Vital Doctrines of The Bible”

Doctrine #49 – The Millennial Kingdom

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The Concept of the Kingdom of God

1. In general, in Scripture the kingdom of God refers to the sphere of God’s rule in the universe.
 - a. Because God has always been sovereign and omnipotent, there is a sense in which the kingdom of God is eternal.
 - b. Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon who was humbled by God, bore testimony to this when he said,

Daniel 4:34-35 *“At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified Him who lives forever. HIS DOMNION IS AN ETERNAL DOMNION; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: “What have you done?””*

2. The universal rule of God was challenged, however, in eternity past by Satan and the angelic beings who joined him in rebellion against God.
 - a. Although God demonstrated His sovereignty by judging the rebels, the entrance of sin into the world introduced the divine program to demonstrate God’s sovereignty in human history.
 - b. This involves the concept of a theocratic kingdom, that is, a kingdom in which God is the ultimate Ruler even though He works through His creatures.
 - 1) Adam, when he was created, was given dominion over the earth.

Genesis 1:26-28 *“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and LET THEM RULE OVER the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’ So God created man in His Own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and SUBDUE IT. RULE OVER the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.’”*

- 2) Adam and Eve, however, in disobedience to God partook of the forbidden fruit.

3. In his fall into sin Adam lost the right to rule, and thereafter the sovereignty of God insofar as it was committed to men was delegated to certain chosen people whom God allowed or chose to be rulers.
 - a. Accordingly, throughout history some men have been permitted to rule.
 - b. Daniel, for instance, reminded Belshazzar of this when referring to the fact that God chastened Nebuchadnezzar:

Daniel 5:21 *"...until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and SETS OVER THEM ANYONE HE WISHES."*

4. In the Old Testament, a major demonstration of the theocratic kingdom was in the kingdom of Israel beginning with Saul, David, and Solomon.
 - a. Gentile rulers as well, in the sovereign purpose of God, were permitted a sphere of political rule.
 - b. This general concept of government under God's permission and direction is mentioned in the New Testament.

Romans 13:1 *"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: THE POWER THAT BE ARE ORDAINED OF GOD."*

5. In addition to the sovereignty of God manifested in political governments and their rulers, Scripture also bears testimony to a spiritual government, in which God rules in the hearts of men.
 - a. This has been true ever since the beginning of the human race, and the spiritual kingdom includes all who are willingly subject to God, whether men or angels. Paul referred to this spiritual concept of the kingdom when he wrote,

Romans 14:17 *"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."*

- b. In the gospel of Matthew further distinction is made in the use of the terms "the kingdom of heaven" and "the kingdom of God."
 - 1) Many interpreters regard these expressions as synonymous, as Matthew frequently uses the term "kingdom of heaven" in similar verses where the other gospels use the term "kingdom of God."
 - 2) While the terms themselves are very similar, their usage seems to indicate that the kingdom of heaven is a wider term than the kingdom of God, including the sphere of profession—as in the parable of the wheat and the tares, where the kingdom of heaven apparently includes the tares, and in the parable of the dragnet, where the kingdom of heaven seems to include the good and the bad fish (refer to: Matt. 13:24-30,36-43, 47-50).

- 3) The kingdom of God, on the other hand, is not considered a sphere of “profession” but a sphere of “reality” as illustrated when Christ told Nicodemus,

John 3:5 “I tell you the truth, NO ONE CAN ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD unless he is born of water and the Spirit.”

- 4) Most expositors, however, prefer the view that there is no essential difference in the two kingdoms.
6. A more important distinction, however, lies in the contrast between the kingdom in the present age and the kingdom in the Millennium.
- a. The kingdom in the present age has its major features declared to be “mysteries,” that is, revelations not given in the Old Testament (cf. Matt. 13).
 - b. The kingdom “to come”, on the other hand, is the kingdom in its millennial form which will be fulfilled after the second coming of Christ and is NOT a “mystery”.
7. There is also involved the distinction between the kingdom which is unseen—the rule of God in the hearts of believers in the present age—and the visible and glorious kingdom which all will see in the earth after the Second Coming.
- a. This distinction is quite important and essential to contrasting the present age as a sphere of divine rule with what will exist in the millennial kingdom.
 - b. Three major interpretations have been advanced in relating the kingdom concept to the millennial kingdom.
 - 1) The “premillennial” view interprets Scripture as teaching that the second coming of Christ will occur first and be followed by a thousand-year reign of Christ on earth before the eternal state of the new heaven and the new earth is brought in.

NOTE: It is called “premillennial” because the coming of Christ is “before” the millennial kingdom.

- 2) A second view known as “amillennialism” denies there will be a literal millennial kingdom on earth.
 - a) Generally speaking, this view holds that Christ will return in His second coming and immediately usher in the new heaven and the new earth with no intervening thousand-year reign.
 - b) This view interprets many passages in the Old and New Testaments that refer to the millennial kingdom as being fulfilled in a “nonliteral” way, either in the present experience of the church on earth or the experience of the church in heaven.

3) A third view is the “postmillennial” one.

a) This interpretation believes that the Gospel, in the present age, will ultimately triumph in the world and bring in a golden period when to some extent the righteousness and peace prophesied for the millennial kingdom will be fulfilled.

b) It is called “postmillennial” because it views the second coming of Christ as the “climax” of this golden age, as the end of the millennium.

1)) Postmillennialism of the conservative sort often pictures a literal thousand years in which Christ reigns supreme in the hearts of men.

2)) The more liberal type is similar to views of evolution and contemplates gradually advancing progress in the world culminating in a golden age.

NOTE: Because the entire trend of history in the twentieth century has given little ground for believing that the cause of God will be advanced in the world by human means, most interpreters today are either “amillennial” or “premillennial”.

8. While many arguments are advanced for and against the concept of a literal Millennium, the solution is determined by the extent to which the prophecies of Scripture are interpreted literally.

9. In this discussion it will be assumed that prophecy should be interpreted in the same literal sense as any other theme of divine revelation.

1. Accordingly, many predictions of the Old Testament as well as the classic chapter of Revelation 20 in the New Testament are interpreted to mean “literally” what they state—that a literal thousand-year reign of Christ will take place in the earth after His second coming and before the new heaven and the new earth are created.

2. For detailed arguments presenting the various views on the Millennium, see Walvoord’s *The Millennial Kingdom*, which is a detailed discussion of this question.

The Millennial Kingdom, a Rule of God on Earth

1. In contrast with the “amillennial” view, which regards the kingdom of God as primarily a spiritual rule in the hearts of men, many passages support the conclusion that the kingdom is a “literal” kingdom on the earth in which Christ will actually be the supreme political ruler as well as the spiritual leader and object of worship.

a. This concept is presented extensively in both the Old and New Testaments.

b. In Psalm 2, where the rebellion of the nation against God is recorded, the Son of God is instructed,

Psalm 2:8 *“Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.”*

1) That this is not a spiritual rule but an actual political rule is brought out in the next verse,

Psalm 2:9 *“Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”*

2) This certainly could not refer to the church or to a spiritual rule in heaven, but rather pictures an absolute monarch who will put down wicked men and bring them into subjection.

c. Another major passage emphasizing the earthly character of the kingdom is Isaiah 11, where Jesus Christ, as a descendant of David, is described as bringing righteous judgment on the earth and punishing the wicked.

Isaiah 11:4 *“...BUT WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL HE JUDGE THE POOR, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall HE SHALL SLAY THE WICKED.”*

2. Frequently in the passage, the *earth* is mentioned (as in Isaiah 11:9), and God’s dealings with the nations in recovering Israel from all over the earth are described.

Isaiah 11:9 *“They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for THE EARTH will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”*

a. Almost innumerable other verses either state or imply that the kingdom will be “on earth”.

Isaiah 42:4 *“He will not falter or be discouraged till He establishes justice ON EARTH.”*

Jeremiah 23:3-6 *“I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of ALL THE COUNTRIES where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,’ declares the Lord. ‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right IN THE LAND. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.’”*

NOTE: See also lengthy passages such as Daniel 2:35-45 and Zechariah 14:1-9!

3. The description of the rule of Christ on earth in the millennial kingdom in these passages certainly does not describe the present age nor does it describe heaven.

4. Any reasonable fulfillment would require a literal kingdom on earth following Christ’s second advent.

Christ as King of Kings in the Millennium

1. Many Old and New Testament passages combine their testimony that Christ will be the supreme ruler over the earth.

a. Christ, as David's son, will sit upon the throne of David.

2 Samuel 7:8, 16-17 "Now then, tell my servant DAVID, '...Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before Me; YOUR THRONE WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOREVER.' Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation."

Psalms 89:35-37 "Once for all, I have sworn by My holiness—and I will not lie to DAVID—that his line will continue forever and HIS THRONE ENDURE BEFORE ME LIKE THE SUN..."

Isaiah 11:10 "In that day THE ROOT OF JESSE will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and HIS PLACE OF REST WILL BE GLORIOUS."

Jeremiah 33:19-21 "The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: 'This is what the Lord says: 'If you can break My covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night no longer come at their appointed time, then My covenant with DAVID My servant—and My covenant with the Levites who are priests ministering before Me—can be broken and DAVID WILL NO LONGER HAVE A DESCENDANT TO REIGN ON HIS THRONE.'"

b. When Christ was born on earth He came as a King, as announced by the Angel Gabriel to Mary.

Luke 1:32-33 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; HIS KINGDOM WILL NEVER END."

c. As a King He was rejected on earth.

Mark 15:12-13 "What shall I do, then, with the one you call THE KING OF THE JEWS?' Pilate asked them. 'CRUCIFY HIM!' they shouted."

Luke 19:14 "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'WE DON'T WANT THIS MAN TO BE OUR KING.'"

d. When He was crucified on earth He died as the King of the Jews.

Matthew 27:37 "Above His head they placed the written charge against Him: this is Jesus, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

e. In His return to the earth He is described as "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS".

Revelation 19:16 "On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

2. Literally hundreds of verses in the Old Testament either state or imply that Christ will reign on earth.

Isaiah 2:1-4 *“This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple WILL BE ESTABLISHED AS CHIEF AMONGST THE MOUNTAINS; it will be raised above the hills, and ALL NATIONS will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in his paths. The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord FROM JERUSALEM. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.”*

Isaiah 9:6-7 *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and THE GOVERNMENT will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. HE WILL REIGN ON DAVID’S THRONE and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.”*

Isaiah 16:5 *“In love a throne will be established; in faithfulness a man will sit on it— ONE FROM THE HOUSE OF DAVID— one who in judging seeks justice and speeds the cause of righteousness.”*

Isaiah 24:23 *“The moon will be abashed, the sun ashamed; for the Lord Almighty WILL REIGN ON MOUNT ZION AND IN JERUSALEM, and before its elders, gloriously.”*

Isaiah 32:1 *“See, A KING WILL REIGN IN RIGHTEOUSNESS and rulers will rule with justice.”*

Isaiah 42:1-4 *“Here is My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on Him and HE WILL BRING JUSTICE TO THE NATIONS. He will not shout or cry out, or raise His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out. In faithfulness He will bring forth justice; He will not falter or be discouraged till HE ESTABLISHES JUSTICE ON THE EARTH. In His law the islands will put their hope.”*

Isaiah 55:4 *“See, I have made Him a witness to the peoples, A LEADER AND COMMANDERS OF THE PEOPLES.”*

Daniel 2:44 *“IN THE TIME OF THOSE KINGS, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. IT WILL CRUSH ALL THOSE KINGDOMS and bring them to an end, BUT IT ITSELF WILL ENDURE FOREVER.”*

Daniel 7:27 *“Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms UNDER THE WHOLE HEAVEN will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and ALL RULERS WILL WORSHIP HIM AND OBEY HIM.”*

Micah 4:1-2 *“In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. MANY NATIONS will come and say, ‘Come, LET US GO UP TO THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in His paths.’ The law will go out FROM ZION, the word of the Lord FROM JERUSALEM.”*

Micah 5:2-5 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for Me One who will be RULER OVER ISRAEL, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. He will stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to THE ENDS OF THE EARTH. And He will be their peace...”

Zechariah 9:9 “Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of ZION! Shout, Daughter of JERUSALEM! See, YOUR KING COMES TO YOU, righteous and having salvation, gentle and RIDING ON A DONKEY, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

Zechariah 14:16-17 “Then the survivors from ALL THE NATIONS THAT HAVE ATTACKED JERUSALEM will go up year after year to worship the King, the Lord Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. IF ANY PEOPLES OF THE EARTH do not go up to JERUSALEM to worship the King, the Lord Almighty, THEY WILL HAVE NO RAIN.”

3. One of the features of the millennial kingdom is that David will be resurrected and rule as a prince under Christ.

Jeremiah 30:9 “Instead, they will serve the Lord their God AND DAVID THEIR KING, whom I will raise up for them.”

Jeremiah 33:15-17 “In those days and at that time I will make A RIGHTEOUS BRANCH WILL SPROUT FROM DAVID’S LINE; He will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. For this is what the LORD says: ‘David will never fail to have a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, nor will the priests, who are Levites, ever fail to have a man to stand before me continually to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings and to present sacrifices.’”

Ezekiel 34:23-24 “I will place over them one shepherd, MY SERVANT DAVID, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the Lord will be their God, AND MY SERVANT DAVID WILL BE PRINCE AMONG THEM. I the LORD have spoken.”

Ezekiel 37:24-25 “MY SERVANT DAVID WILL BE KING OVER THEM, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow My laws and be careful to keep My decrees. They will live in the land I gave to My servant Jacob, the land where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children’s children will live there forever, and DAVID MY SERVANT WILL BE THEIR PRINCE FOREVER.”

Hosea 3:5 “Afterward the Israelites will return and seek THE LORD their God and DAVID THEIR KING. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.”

4. This situation certainly does not exist in the church today and requires the second coming of Christ and the resurrection of the Old Testament saints before the prophecy can be fulfilled.

Major Features of the Government of the Millennium

As Scripture bearing on the future kingdom on earth brings out, there are at least three important aspects of Christ's rule in His millennial kingdom.

1. *Many passages testify to the fact that the rule of Christ will be over the entire earth, far beyond the boundaries of any previous earthly kingdom or the kingdom of David himself.*
 - a. In establishing this worldwide government, God fulfilled His purpose that man should rule the earth.
 - b. Although Adam was disqualified, Christ as the Last Adam is able to fulfill this goal as mentioned by the Psalmist.

Psalm 2:6-9 *"I have installed MY KING ON ZION, MY HOLY HILL. I will proclaim the decree of the Lord: He said to me, 'You are MY SON; today I have become your Father. Ask of Me, and I WILL MAKE THE NATIONS YOUR INHERITANCE, THE ENDS OF THE EARTH YOUR POSSESSION. You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."*

- c. Jesus Christ, as God "incarnate" (i.e. "in the flesh"), called Himself the Son of Man; which allowed Him, as the perfect man, to regain control of ownership of the earth as a "man" that the first "man", Adam, lost through sin.

Daniel 7:14 *"(the Son of Man) was given...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 7:27 *"Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be HANDED OVER TO THE SAINTS, the people of THE MOST HIGH. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and ALL RULERS WILL WORSHIP AND OBEY HIM."*

- d. The universality of the rule of Christ in the earth is also mentioned in the Old Testament.

Psalm 72:8 *"HE WILL RULE from sea to sea and from the River TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."*

Micah 4:1-2 *"In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. MANY NATIONS will come and say, 'Come, LET US GO UP TO THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in His paths.' The law will go out FROM ZION, the word of the Lord FROM JERUSALEM."*

Zechariah 9:10 *"I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. HIS RULE will extend from sea to sea and from the River TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."*

2. *The government of Christ will be one of absolute authority and power.*

a. Christ will rule “with a rod of iron”.

Psalm 2:9 “*You will RULE THEM WITH AN IRON SCEPTER; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.*”

Revelation 19:15 “*Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. ‘HE WILL RULE THEM WITH AN IRON SCEPTER.’”*

b. All who oppose Him will be punished by destruction.

Psalm 2:9 “*You will rule them with an iron scepter; YOU WILL DASH THEM TO PIECES LIKE POTTERY.”*

Psalm 72:9-11 “*The desert tribes will bow before Him and HIS ENEMIES WILL LICK THE DUST. The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to Him; the kings of Sheba and Seba will present Him gifts. All kings will bow down to Him and all nations will serve Him.*”

Isaiah 11:4 “*He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth; with the breath of His lips HE WILL SLAY THE WICKED.”*

c. Such an absolute rule does not characterize the rule of Christ over His church or over the world in the present age and could be fulfilled only if Christ had a literal reign on earth following His second advent.

3. *The government of Christ in the Millennium will be one of righteousness and peace.*

a. This is brought out in such classic passages as Isaiah 11 and Psalm 72.

b. These unusual characteristics of the kingdom are made possible by the introductory judgments of Israel and the Gentiles (discussed in Doctrine #48) and by the fact that Satan is bound and rendered inoperative.

c. The only source of evil in the world will be the sin nature of men still in their human flesh.

d. The separation of the tares from the wheat (Matt. 13:24-30) and the separation of the good from the bad fish (Matt. 13:47-50) are preparatory for the kingdom rule of Christ.

1) The Millennium will begin with all mortal adults as true believers in Christ.

2) Children who are born in the Millennium will be subject to the righteous rule of Christ and be punished even to the point of physical death if they rebel against the King.

Isaiah 65:20 “*Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; HE WHO FAILS TO REACH A HUNDRED WILL BE CONSIDERED ACCURSED.”*

Zechariah 14:16-19 “Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the Lord Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. If any of the peoples of the earth DO NOT GO UP to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord Almighty, THEY WILL HAVE NO RAIN. If the Egyptian people DO NOT GO UP and take part, THEY WILL HAVE NO RAIN. The Lord will bring on them the plague he inflicts on the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. THIS WILL BE THE PUNISHMENT of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.”

4. Open sin will be punished and no one will be allowed to rebel against the King in the millennial kingdom.

The Special Place of Israel in the Millennial Kingdom

1. During the period of the millennial kingdom, Israel will enjoy a place of privilege and special blessing.
2. In contrast with the present church age, where Jew and Gentile are on the same plane and have the same privileges, the people of Israel in the Millennium will inherit the Promised Land and will be the special objects of God’s favor.
 - a. It will be the time of Israel’s regathering, reestablishment as a nation, and renewal of the Davidic kingdom.
 - b. At long last Israel will possess the land permanently and in its entirety.
3. Many passages bear on this subject.
 - a. In the millennial kingdom the Israelites will be regathered and restored to their ancient land.

Jeremiah 30:3 “‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I WILL BRING MY PEOPLE ISRAEL AND JUDAH AND RESTORE THEM TO THE LAND I gave their forefathers to possess,’ says the LORD.”

Jeremiah 31:8-9 “See, I WILL BRING THEM FROM the land of the north and GATHER THEM FROM the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return. They will come with weeping; they will pray as I BRING THEM BACK. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am ISRAEL’S FATHER, and Ephraim is My firstborn son.”

Ezekiel 39:25-29 “Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I WILL NOW BRING JACOB BACK FROM CAPTIVITY and will have compassion on ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, and I will be zealous for My holy name. They will forget their shame and all the unfaithfulness they showed toward Me when they lived in safety in their land with no one to make them afraid. WHEN I HAVE BROUGHT THEM BACK from the nations and have gathered them from the countries of their enemies, I will show myself holy through them in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord their God, for though I sent them into exile among the nations, I WILL GATHER THEM TO THEIR OWN LAND, not leaving any behind. I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit ON THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, declares the Sovereign Lord.”

Amos 9:11-15 “*In that day I will RESTORE DAVID’S FALLEN TENT. I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be, so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name,’ declares the LORD, who will do these things. ‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills. I WILL BRING BACK MY EXILED PEOPLE ISRAEL; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. I WILL PLANT ISRAEL IN THEIR OWN LAND, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,’ says the LORD your God.”*

b. Having been brought back to the land, Israel will be the subjects of the revived Davidic kingdom.

Isaiah 9:6-7 “*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. HE WILL REIGN ON DAVID’S THRONE AND OVER HIS KINGDOM, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.”*

Isaiah 33:17 “*YOUR EYES WILL SEE THE KING IN HIS BEAUTY and view a land that stretches afar.”*

Jeremiah 23:5 “*‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will raise up TO DAVID a righteous Branch, A KING WHO WILL REIGN WISELY and do what is just and right in the land.’”*

c. The divided kingdoms of Israel and Judah will once again be united.

Jeremiah 3:18 “*In those days THE HOUSE OF JUDAH WILL JOIN THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, and together they will come from a northern land to the land I gave your forefathers as an inheritance.”*

Jeremiah 33:14 “*‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND THE HOUSE OF JUDAH.’”*

Ezekiel 20:40 “*For on my holy mountain, the high mountain of Israel, declares the Sovereign LORD, there in the land THE ENTIRE HOUSE OF ISRAEL will serve me, and there I will accept them.”*

Ezekiel 37:19-22 “*This is what the Sovereign LORD says: ‘I am going to take the stick of Joseph—which is in Ephraim’s hand—and of the Israelite tribes associated with him, and join it to Judah’s stick, making them a single stick of wood, and THEY WILL BECOME ONE IN MY HAND.’ Hold before their eyes the sticks you have written on and say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and THEY WILL NEVER AGAIN BE TWO NATIONS OR BE DIVIDED INTO TWO KINGDOMS.’”*

Ezekiel 39:25 “*Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will now bring Jacob back from captivity and will have compassion on ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, and I will be zealous for My holy name.”*

Hosea 1:11 “*THE PEOPLE OF JUDAH AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WILL BE REUNITED, and they will appoint one leader and will come up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel.”*

d. Israel as the wife of Jehovah.

Isaiah 62:2-5 *“The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord’s hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; FOR THE LORD WILL TAKE DELIGHT IN YOU, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, SO WILL YOUR GOD REJOICE OVER YOU.”*

Hosea 2:14-23 *“Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her. There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There she will sing as in the days of her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt. ‘In that day,’ declares the Lord, ‘YOU WILL CALL ME MY HUSBAND; you will no longer call me my master...I WILL BETROTH YOU TO ME FOREVER; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, IN LOVE AND COMPASSION. I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the Lord...I will plant her for myself in the land; I WILL SHOW MY LOVE to the one I called ‘Not my loved one.’ I will say to those called ‘Not my people,’ ‘You are my people’; and they will say, ‘You are my God.’”*

e. Israel will be in the privileged place above Gentile believers.

Isaiah 14:1-2 *“The Lord will have compassion on Jacob; once again he will choose Israel and will settle them in their own land. Aliens will join them and unite with the house of Jacob. Nations will take them and bring them to their own place. And the house of Israel will possess the nations as menservants and maidservants in the Lord’s land. THEY WILL MAKE CAPTIVES OF THEIR CAPTORS AND RULE OVER THEIR OPPRESSORS.”*

Isaiah 49:22-23 *“This is what the Sovereign Lord says: ‘See, I will beckon to THE GENTILES, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders. Kings will be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. THEY WILL BOW DOWN BEFORE YOU WITH THEIR FACES TO THE GROUND; they will lick the dust at your feet. Then you will know that I am the Lord; those who hope in Me will not be disappointed.’”*

Isaiah 60:14-17 *“THE SONS OF YOUR OPPRESSORS WILL COME BOWING DOWN BEFORE YOU; all who despise you will BOW DOWN AT YOUR FEET and will call you the City of the Lord, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.”*

Isaiah 61:6-7 *“And you will be called priests of the Lord, you will be named ministers of our God. YOU WILL FEED ON THE WEALTH OF THE NATIONS, and in their riches you will boast. Instead of their shame My people will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace they will rejoice in their inheritance; and so they will inherit A DOUBLE PORTION IN OUR LAND, and everlasting joy will be theirs.”*

f. Many passages also speak of the fact that Israel will be spiritually revived.

Isaiah 2:3 *“Many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. HE WILL TEACH US HIS WAYS, SO THAT WE MAY WALK IN HIS PATHS.’ The law will go out from Zion, THE WORD OF THE LORD FROM JERUSALEM.”*

Isaiah 44:22-24 “I HAVE SWEEPED AWAY OUR OFFENSES like a cloud, YOUR SINS like the morning mist. RETURN TO ME, for I have redeemed you.’ Sing for joy, O heavens, for the Lord has done this; shout aloud, O earth beneath. Burst into song, you mountains, you forests and all your trees, for the LORD has redeemed Jacob, he displays his glory in Israel.

Isaiah 45:17 “BUT ISRAEL WILL BE SAVED BY THE LORD WITH EVERLASTING SALVATION; you will never be put to shame or disgraced, to ages everlasting.”

Jeremiah 50:20 “‘In those days, at that time,’ declares the LORD, ‘search will be made for Israel’s guilt, but there will be none, and for the sins of Judah, but none will be found, FOR I WILL FORGIVE THE REMNANT THAT I SPARE.’”

Ezekiel 36:25-27 “I will sprinkle clean water on you, AND YOU WILL BE CLEAN; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART AND PUT A NEW SPIRIT IN YOU; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. AND I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT IN YOU AND MOVE YOU to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”

Zechariah 13:8-9 “‘In the whole land,’ declares the LORD, ‘two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it. THIS THIRD I WILL BRING INTO A FIRE; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. THEY WILL CALL ON MY NAME and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people,’ and they will say, ‘THE LORD IS OUR GOD.’”

g. Many other passages give additional information concerning the blessed estate of Israel, their spiritual revival, and their enjoyment of fellowship with their God.

4. Although the Gentiles will not have title to the Promised Land, they too will have abundant blessings, as brought out in many Old Testament passages.

Isaiah 19:24-25 “In that day Israel will be the third, ALONG WITH EGYPT AND ASSYRIA, a blessing on the earth. The Lord Almighty WILL BLESS THEM, saying, ‘BLESSED BE EGYPT MY PEOPLE, ASSYRIA MY HANDIWORK, and Israel My inheritance.”

Isaiah 49:6 “...I WILL ALSO MAKE YOU A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, that You may bring My salvation to the ends of the earth.”

Isaiah 49:22 “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: ‘See, I WILL BECKON TO THE GENTILES, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders.’”

Isaiah 60:1-3 “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and His glory appears over you. NATIONS WILL COME TO YOUR LIGHT, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”

Isaiah 62:2 “THE NATIONS WILL SEE YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, and all kings Your glory; You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow.”

Jeremiah 3:17 “At that time they will call Jerusalem The Throne of the Lord, AND ALL NATIONS WILL GATHER IN JERUSALEM TO HONOR THE NAME OF THE LORD. No longer will they follow the stubbornness of their evil hearts.”

Jeremiah 16:19 “O LORD, My strength and My fortress, My refuge in time of distress, TO YOU THE NATIONS WILL COME FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH AND SAY, ‘Our fathers possessed nothing but false gods, worthless idols that did them no good.’”

5. The glory of the kingdom both for Israel and for the Gentiles will far exceed anything that the world has experienced before.

Spiritual Blessings in the Millennium

1. Although the Millennium is correctly described as the political rule of Christ on earth, the characteristics of the kingdom will provide a context for abundant spiritual life such as no previous dispensation has made possible.

NOTE: This, of course, is due to the fact that Satan is bound, open sin is judged, and universal knowledge of the Lord is realized.

Isaiah 11:9 “the earth shall be FULL OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD, as the waters cover the sea.”

2. Many promises are given of inward spiritual blessing as provided in the new covenant.

Jeremiah 31:33-34 “But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

- a. It will be a period of righteousness.

Psalms 72:7 “IN HIS DAYS THE RIGHTEOUS WILL FLOURISH; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.”

Isaiah 11:3-5 “and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what He sees with His eyes, or decide by what He hears with His ears; but WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS He will judge the needy, with justice He will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth; with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL BE HIS BELT and faithfulness the sash around His waist.”

b. It will be a period of universal peace.

Isaiah 2:4 “*He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation WILL NOT take up sword against nation, NOR WILL THEY TRAIN FOR WAR ANYMORE.”*

c. The spiritual conditions will also make possible unusual joy and blessing for the people of God.

Isaiah 12:3-4 “*WITH JOY you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say: ‘Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted.’”*

Isaiah 61:3 “*and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty INSTEAD OF ashes, THE OIL OF GLADNESS INSTEAD OF MOURNING, and a garment of praise INSTEAD OF a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor.”*

Isaiah 61:7 “*Instead of their shame my people will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace THEY WILL REJOICE IN THEIR INHERITANCE; and so they will inherit a double portion in their land, and EVERLASTING JOY WILL BE THEIRS.”*

3. Although there is no evidence that the Spirit of God will baptize believers into a spiritual unity such as is true in the church today, there nevertheless will be the indwelling power and presence of the Spirit in believers in the Millennium.

Isaiah 32:15 “*TILL THE SPIRIT IS POURED UPON US FROM ON HIGH, and the desert becomes a fertile field, and the fertile field seems like a forest.”*

Isaiah 44:3 “*For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON YOUR OFFSPRING, and My blessing on your descendants.”*

Ezekiel 39:29 “*I will no longer hide my face from them, for I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, declares the Sovereign Lord.”*

Joel 2:28-29 “*And afterward, I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL PEOPLE. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT IN THOSE DAYS.”*

4. Because of the unusual situation, there will undoubtedly be greater spiritual blessing in the world as a whole in the Millennium than in any previous dispensation.

5. As a center for worship, a millennial temple is described in Ezekiel 40—46.

a. In this temple sacrifices are offered which differ somewhat from the Mosaic sacrifices.

- 1) Interpreters have differed as to whether they should be taken literally or should be explained in some other way.
 - 2) There is no solid reason for not accepting both the temple and the sacrificial system as literal prophecy.
- b. Although the death of Christ has brought to an end the Mosaic law and its system of sacrifices, the sacrifices mentioned by Ezekiel seem to be memorial in character, looking back to the cross even as the Old Testament sacrifices looked forward to the cross.
- 1) In the Millennium, with its unusual spiritual blessings, the terribleness of sin and the necessity of the sacrifice of Christ may be more difficult to comprehend than in any previous dispensation.
 - 2) Accordingly, the sacrificial system seems to be introduced as a reminder of the necessity of the one sacrifice of Christ which alone can take away sin.
- c. If the Old Testament sacrifices were suitable anticipation of the death of Christ, a similar means could be employed in the Millennium in the sense of a memorial.
6. In any case, there is clear evidence that the Millennium will be a time of unusual spiritual blessing and a period in which righteousness, joy, and peace will characterize the earth.
7. The abundant spiritual blessings will also issue in important social and economic advances over any previous period.
- a. The fact that all will have justice and that the meek will be protected will assure equity in social and economic matters.
 - 1) Probably the majority of men will know the Lord.
 - 2) The earth itself will have the curse upon its productivity lifted.

Isaiah 35:1-2 *“THE DESERT AND PARCHED LAND WILL BE GLAD; THE WILDERNESS WILL REJOICE AND BLOSSOM. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.”*

Romans 8:18-22 *“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. THE CREATION waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. FOR THE CREATION WAS SUBJECTED TO FRUSTRATION, not by its own choice, but by the will of the One who subjected it, in hope that THE CREATION ITSELF WILL BE LIBERATED FROM ITS BONDAGE TO DECAY and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that THE WHOLE CREATION has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth RIGHT UP TO THE PRESENT TIME.”*

3) There will be abundant rainfall on the earth.

Isaiah 30:23 *"HE WILL ALSO SEND YOU RAIN for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows."*

Isaiah 35:7 *"The burning sand WILL BECOME A POOL, THE THIRSTY GROUND BUBBLING SPRINGS. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow."*

b. In general, there will be prosperity, health, and both physical and spiritual blessings such as the world has never known.

8. The millennial situation will also include important changes in the earth, some of them brought about by the great catastrophes of the Great Tribulation and others related to the second coming of Christ.

a. A great valley will extend to the east of Jerusalem, where the Mount of Olives now stands.

Zechariah 14:4 *"On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and THE MOUNT OF OLIVES WILL BE SPLIT IN TWO FROM EAST TO WEST, FORMING A GREAT VALLEY, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south."*

b. Another unusual feature of the period is that Jerusalem will be exalted above the surrounding territory.

Zechariah 14:10 *"The whole land, from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become like the Arabah. BUT JERUSALEM WILL BE RAISED UP AND REMAIN IN ITS PLACE, from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the royal winepresses."*

c. As a whole, the Promised Land will once again be the garden spot of the world, the center of God's kingdom in the earth, and the place of unusual blessing.

9. In many respects, the millennial kingdom will be the golden age, the climax of earth's history, and the fulfillment of God's purpose to establish His Son as the supreme ruler over the universe.

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“52 Vital Doctrines of The Bible”

Doctrine #49 – The Millennial Kingdom

1. Read Pages 1-18 from the Doctrine#49 Study Guide by next Wednesday.
2. Answer the following Questions about “The Millennial Kingdom” as you read:

a. The Concept of the Kingdom of God

- 1) In “general”, in Scripture “the kingdom of God” refers to what? (page 1, top)

- 2) In what sense has “the kingdom of God” been “eternal”? (page 1, top; see Daniel 4:34-35)

- 3) When was the universal rule of God challenged and who was involved in this rebellion? (page 1, middle)

- 4) What occurred that ultimately introduced the divine program to demonstrate God’s sovereignty in human history? (page 1, middle-bottom)

- 5) What is the name for the “concept” of a kingdom in which God is the ultimate Ruler even though He works through His creatures? (page 1, bottom)

- 6) True or False. The first human that God gave “dominion” (i.e. “rule” and “leadership”) over the earth was Adam. (page 1, bottom; see Genesis 1:26-28)

- 7) According to Daniel 5:21, because Adam sinned and lost the right to rule, who does the Most High God now make sovereign over the kingdoms of men?

- 8) What “kingdom” in the Old Testament is a major demonstration of the “theocratic kingdom”?
(page 2, top)
- 9) According to Romans 13:1, there is ALL governmental power in the world is “ordained” and “empowered” by whom?
- 10) In addition to the sovereignty of God manifested in political governments and their rulers on the earth, Scripture also bears testimony to a “spiritual government” in which God also “rules” where?
(page 2, middle; Romans 14:17)
- 11) What are the differences between the terms “the kingdom of heaven” and “the kingdom of God” as they appear to be revealed in the Gospels? (page 2, bottom – page 3, top; Matthew 13:24-50; John 3:5)
- 12) True or False. It is NOT unusual or Scripturally inept to consider the “kingdom of Heaven” and the “kingdom of God” to be synonymous terms. (page 3, top)
- 13) The kingdom in the “present age” has its major features declared to be “mysteries”. What does this mean?
(page 3, top-middle; see Matthew 13:11-17)
- 14) True or False. One of the “mysteries” Scripture of the present age is the “kingdom to come” called the Millennial Kingdom which will begin when Christ returns to rule over the entire world.
(page 3, top-middle)

- 15) What is the distinction between the kingdom which is currently “unseen” and the future “visible” kingdom which are both revealed in Scripture? (page 3, middle)

- 16) What are the names of the “three” major interpretations contrasting the present age as a sphere of divine rule with what will exist in the millennial kingdom? (page 3, middle-bottom – page 4, top-middle)

- 17) Which of the three major interpretations of God’s ultimate reign over all the earth includes Christ’s Second Coming and His “physical” thousand year reign over the earth before the eternal state of the new heaven and the new earth is brought in? (page 3, bottom)

- 18) Which of the three major interpretations of God’s ultimate reign over all the earth includes the belief that the Gospel will ultimately triumph in the world and bring in a golden period where righteousness and peace with reign over the earth in fulfillment of the prophesied “millennial kingdom”? (page 4, top)

- 19) “Premillennialism” is based on interpreting what is revealed in Scripture in what manner? (page 4, middle)

b. The Millennial Kingdom, a Rule of God on Earth

- 1) What is the basic view of “amillennialists” in regards to the kingdom of God? (page 4, bottom)

- 2) As proof that the kingdom of God will ultimately be a “physical kingdom” on the earth in which Christ, as a descendant of David, will physically rule over the nations is provided in verses of Scripture like Jeremiah 23:3-6. According to Jeremiah, the “righteous Branch of David” (i.e. “Christ”) will be a King who will reign and do what is right and just “where”? (page 5, bottom)

c. Christ as King of Kings in the Millennium

- 1) Another proof that Christ's future rule over the earth will be "physical" and "literal", as revealed in Scripture, is that He will "sit" upon what (that was originally ON the earth)?
(page 6, top; see also 2Samuel 7:8, 16-17)

- 2) According to the title given Him by Pontius Pilate, Jesus Christ died as "whom"? (Matthew 27:37)

- 3) According to Revelation 19:16, what name will be written on Christ's robe and thigh when He returns TO THE EARTH?

- 4) True or False. There are literally hundreds of O.T. verses which state or imply that Christ will "physically" reign on this earth in the future. (page 7)

- 5) According to Isaiah 24:23, from where will Jesus Christ ("the Lord Almighty") reign over the earth?

- 6) According to Micah 4:1-2, for what reason do the Gentile nations want to "physically" go up to the "mountain of the Lord"?

- 7) Where will Gentile nations have to "physically" go year after year to worship "the King" (i.e. "Christ") or they will suffer curses in their own lands? (see Zechariah 14:16-17)

- 8) Who will actually rule over the nation of Israel as a "prince" under Christ as a feature of the millennial kingdom to come? (page 8, middle; Jeremiah 30:9, 33:15-17; Ezekiel 34:23-24, 37:24-25; Hosea 3:5)

d. Major Features of the Government of the Millennium

- 1) As Scripture bearing on the future kingdom on earth brings out, what are at least “three” important aspects of Christ’s rule in His millennial kingdom? (see pages 9 and 10)

- 2) In establishing Christ’s worldwide government during His Millennial reign over the earth, what purpose of God will be fulfilled? (page 9, top; see Genesis 1:26-28)

- 3) According to Psalm 2:6-9, where did God install “His Son” as “KING” and what did He give “His Son” as His inheritance?

- 4) What is something “significant” about Jesus Christ calling Himself the “Son of Man” in reference to His future rule over the earth? (page 9, middle; Daniel 7:14, 27)

- 5) True or False. Christ’s area of reign when He returns will be over the land of Israel.
(page 9, bottom; Psalm 72:8; Micah 4:1-2; Zechariah 9:10)

- 6) When Christ does return to rule over the earth, the Scripture says He will rule with “a rod of iron”. What does this mean for those who “oppose” His rule over them? (page 10, top; Psalm 2:9; Isaiah 11:4)

- 7) What is the “only” source of evil in the world during the Millennial Reign of Christ? (page 10, bottom)

- 8) True or False. Rebellion and open sin will be “punished” during Christ’s millennial reign. (page 11, top)

e. The Special Place of Israel in the Millennial Kingdom

- 1) During the millennial kingdom, who will enjoy a place of privilege and special blessing? (page 11, top)

- 2) The Millennial reign of Christ will be a time of Israel's "what" three things? (page 11, middle)

- 3) During the Millennial Kingdom, where will the Israelites be regathered and restored "to"?
(page 11, bottom; Jeremiah 30:3, 31:8-9; Ezekiel 39:25-29; Amos 9:11-15)

- 4) According to many Scriptures, what is going to happen during the Millennial Kingdom to the divided kingdoms of Israel and Judah? (page 12, middle; Jeremiah 3:18, 33:14; Ezekiel 20:40, 37:19-22)

- 5) According to Isaiah 62:2-5 and Hosea 2:14-23, the Millennial Kingdom will reveal Israel "metaphorically" as being "what" as a description of just how "lovingly" God will treat His chosen people? (page 13, top)

- 6) True or False. During the Millennial Reign of Christ on the earth, both Jews and Gentile believers will be treated exactly the same and will experience the same "privileges" as God's people.
(page 13, middle; see Isaiah 14:1-2, 49:22-23, 60:14-17, 61:6-7)

- 7) True or False. The Millennial Reign of Christ will be a time of real "spiritual revival" throughout the people and land of Israel. (page 13, bottom; Isaiah 2:3, 44:22-24, 45:17; Jer 50:20)

- 8) True or False. All "saved" Gentiles during the Millennial Reign of Christ will have the privilege of living in the land of Israel and receiving the same privileges as the "saved" Jews.
(page 14, middle)

- 9) According to Jeremiah 16:19, what is something all the Gentile “nations” will admit when they are gathered to Jerusalem to honor the name of the Lord? (page 15, top; see also Jeremiah 3:17)

f. Spiritual Blessings in the Millennium

- 1) What are some of the Scriptural reasons that the “Millennium” will be a period of abundant spiritual life such as no previous dispensation has made possible? (page 15, top-middle; Isaiah 11:9)
- 2) According to Jeremiah 31:33-34, the Lord will be sending out many “teachers” throughout His kingdom during His Millennial Reign so that everyone can eventually get to “know Him”?
- 3) According to Psalm 72:7, what is something that will “flourish” during the Millennial Kingdom?
- 4) What will the “spiritual condition” of the Millennial Kingdom make possible for the people of God? (page 16, top; Isaiah 12:3-4, 61:3, 7)
- 5) True or False. Because of the uniqueness of the Millennial Kingdom, there will be no indwelling power nor presence of the Holy Spirit necessary in the believers during that time. (page 16, middle-bottom; Isaiah 32:15, 44:3; Ezekiel 39:29; Joel 2:28-29)
- 6) True or False. During the Millennial Kingdom, there will be a temple in Jerusalem and the Israelites will be offering up animal sacrifices to the Lord throughout Christ’s thousand year reign. (page 16, bottom; Ezekiel 36-40)

- 7) Although the death of Christ was a fulfillment of the symbolism the Mosaic law was pointing to, the sacrifices mentioned by Ezekiel seem to be “memorial in character” to accomplish what? (page 17, top)

- 8) The sacrificial system described in the book of Ezekiel (chapters 36-40) seem to be introduced as a reminder of “what”? (page 17, top)

- 9) What will be “lifted” from the “earth” at the start of the Millennial Reign of Christ which will have a huge effect on all of the land, plants, and animals in the world at that time?
(page 17, bottom; Isaiah 35:1-2; Romans 8:18-22)

- 10) According to verses like Isaiah 30:23 and Isaiah 35:7, what is something there will be plenty of during the Millennial Reign of Christ?

- 11) What “city” on the earth will be “exalted” above all other cities in the world during the Millennium?
(page 18, top; Zechariah 14:10)

- 12) As a whole, what will the Promised Land (i.e. “physical land of Israel”) be like during the Millennium?
(page 18, top-middle)

- 13) The “millennial kingdom” will be a golden age, the climax of earth’s history, and the fulfillment of what?
(page 18, middle)