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THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF JESUS CHRIST—PART ONE

- **OUTLINE**

- A. As foretold

1. By David and the Psalm writers (47:7-8; 93:1; 96:10; 97:1; 98:8-9; 99:1; 103:19; 145:13; 146:10)
2. By Isaiah (9:6-7; 24:23; 32:1; 52:7)
3. By Micah (4:7; 5:2)
4. By Joel (3:20-21)
5. By Daniel (2:44; 4:3, 17, 32; 7:14, 18, 22, 27)
6. By Jeremiah (23:5-6)
7. By Gabriel (Luke 1:32-33)
8. By Christ himself (Matt. 8:11; 13:43; 25:34; 26:29)
9. By James, the half-brother of Christ (Acts 15:15-17)
10. By Peter (Acts 3:19-21)
11. By Paul (Rom. 8:16-23; 15:11-12)

- B. As fulfilled – *“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. 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”* (Rev. 20:4, 6).

- **ANALYSIS**

What will the Millennium mean to Jesus Christ?

- A. It will totally vindicate His sufferings!

1. The grief He once endured (Psa. 22:1, 2, 6-8, 14-18; Isa. 53:1-9; Phil. 2:5-8).
2. The glory He will enjoy (Psa. 24:7-10; Isa. 9:6, 7; Phil. 2:9-11).

- B. It will fulfill His two-fold earthly ministry!

1. He once came as the Lamb of God (John 1:29).
2. He will come as the Lion of Judah (Rev. 5:5).

- C. It will complete His three-fold assignment from the Father!

1. That of a prophet (Deut. 18:18).
2. That of a priest (Psa. 110:4).

3. That of a king (Rev. 19:16).

D. It will finalize the account concerning Him!

1. The Old Testament records the *preparation* for the life of Jesus.

That we might be aware of His coming (Luke 24:27; John 5:39).

That we might be assured by His coming (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11).

2. The Gospels record the *manifestation* of the life of Christ.

The fact of His birth (Luke 2:1-20).

The fact of His death (Matt. 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19).

The fact of His resurrection (Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20).

The fact of His ascension (Matt. 16:19; Luke 24:51).

3. The book of Acts records the *propagation* of the life of Jesus.

a. The origin of the early church (Acts 2:1-13).

b. The obedience of the early church

- Its message (Acts 5:42)

- Its ministers— Serving in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, led by Peter, James the half-brother of Christ, John the apostle, Philip the evangelist, and Stephen (Acts 1-12).

- Its missionaries— Serving throughout the known world, led by Paul, Barnabas, Timothy, Titus, and Silas (Acts 13-28).

4. The Epistles record the *interpretation* of the life of Jesus.

a. The reason for His birth (1 Tim. 1:15; Heb. 10:4-7).

b. The reason for His death (Rom. 4:25a; 5:8, 9; Heb. 2:14, 15).

c. The reason for His resurrection (Rom. 4:25b; 1 Cor. 15:20).

d. The reason for His ascension (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 4:14-16; 9:24).

5. The book of Revelation records the *coronation* of King Jesus.

This glorious event is referred to no less than five times in scripture's final book:

"Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!' And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God" (Rev. 11:15).

"Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down" (Rev. 12:10).

They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! (Rev. 15:3)

"These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful" (Rev. 17:14).

"Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:11, 16).

It should be observed that this passage speaks of many crowns!

Matthew Bridges' beautiful hymn, *Crown Him With Many Crowns*, celebrates this great future event in a majestic musical format:

*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side —
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

*Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne,
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.*