



Major Bible Themes

52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE
SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED

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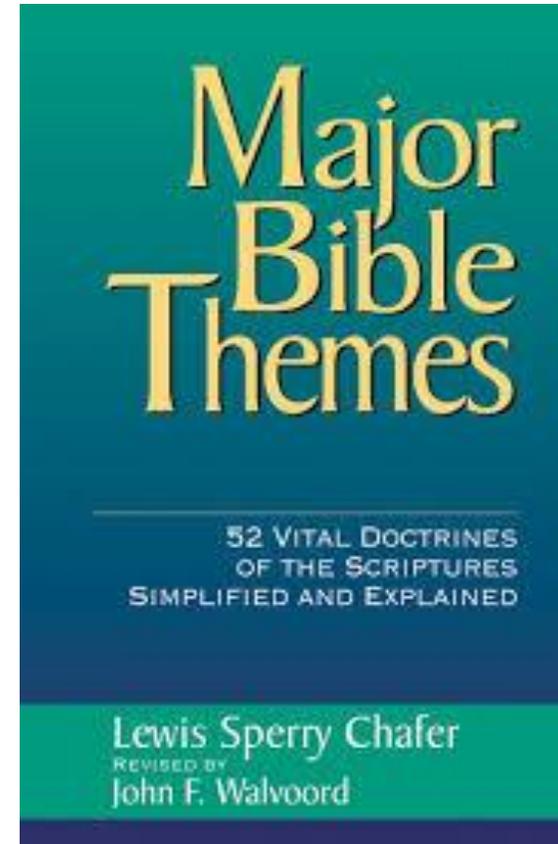
Chapter Forty-Nine

The Millennial Kingdom

Step # One

Chapter Forty-Nine The Millennial Kingdom

Find the Outline



Chapter Forty-Nine

The Millennial Kingdom

1. **Concept** of the Kingdom of God
2. Millennial Kingdom- **rule of God on Earth**
3. **Christ as King** of Kings in the Millennium
4. **Major Features** of the Government of the Millennium
5. **Special place of Israel** in the Millennium
6. **Spiritual Blessings** of the Millennium

Chapter Forty-Nine The Millennial Kingdom

Understand It



1. Concept of the Kingdom of God

In the Scriptures the kingdom of God refers to the sphere of God's rule in the universe. Because God has always been sovereign and omnipotent, there is a sense in which the kingdom of God is eternal.

The universal rule of God was challenged, however, in eternity past by Satan and the angelic beings who joined him in rebellion against God. 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. 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.

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Mediatorial Rule

Adam was given dominion over the earth as God's chosen Mediatorial Ruler. Adam and Eve, however, in disobedience, handed the Kingdom to Satan. Throughout history God worked through various mediatorial rulers to cause man to restore the kingdom to God. Some of these were the Patriarchs, the Judges, and the Kings. Only in the Millennial Kingdom when the final mediator reigns will the Kingdom be restored.

Scripture also bears testimony to a spiritual government, in which God rules in the hearts of men. 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.

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In the gospel of Matthew further distinction is made in the use of the terms "the kingdom of heaven" and "the kingdom of God." 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." 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

Understand It



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); but the kingdom in its millennial form will be fulfilled after the second coming of Christ and is not a mystery.

Views of the Millennial Kingdom

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. It is called premillennial because the coming of Christ is before the millennial kingdom.

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A second view known as **amillennialism** denies there will be a literal millennial kingdom on earth. 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. 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.

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A third view is the **postmillennial** one. 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. 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.

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.

Understand It



2. Millennial Kingdom- **rule of God on Earth**

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

In Psalm 2, where the rebellion of the nation against God is recorded, the Son of God is instructed, "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (v. 8). That this is not a spiritual rule but an actual political rule is brought out in the next verse, "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel" (v. 9).

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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.

Frequently in the passage, the earth is mentioned, and God's dealings with the nations in recovering Israel from all over the earth are described.

Other verses either state or imply that the kingdom will be on earth. 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. Any reasonable fulfillment would require a literal kingdom on earth following Christ's second advent.

Understand It



3. Christ as King of Kings in the Millennium

Many Old and New Testament passages combine their testimony that Christ will be the supreme ruler over the earth. Christ, as David's son, will sit upon the throne of David. When Christ was born He came as a King, as announced by the Angel Gabriel to Mary. As a King He was rejected. When He was crucified He died as the King of the Jews. In His second advent He is described as "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS"

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

Understand It



4. 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.

A. Rule of Christ will be over the entire earth, far beyond the boundaries of any previous earthly kingdom or the kingdom of David himself.. According to 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." The same thought is mentioned in Daniel 2:44; 4:34; 7:27. The universality of the rule of Christ in the earth is also mentioned in Psalm 72:8; Micah 4:1-2; Zechariah 9:10.

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B. The government of Christ will be one of absolute authority and power. Christ will rule "with a rod of iron". All who oppose Him will be punished by destruction (. 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.

C. The government of Christ in the Millennium will be one of righteousness and peace. These unusual characteristics of the kingdom are made possible by the introductory judgments of Israel and the Gentiles and by the fact that Satan is bound and rendered inoperative. The only source of evil in the world will be the sin nature of men still in their human flesh.

Understand It



The Millennium will begin with all adults converted in Christ. 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. Open sin will be punished and no one will be allowed to rebel against the King in the millennial kingdom.

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5. **Special place of Israel** in the Millennium

During the period of the millennial kingdom, Israel will enjoy a place of privilege and special blessing. 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. It will be the time of Israel's re gathering, reestablishment as a nation, and renewal of the Davidic kingdom. At long last Israel will possess the land permanently and in its entirety.

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

Understand It



6. **Spiritual Blessings** of the Millennium

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. This, of course, is due to the fact that Satan is bound, open sin is judged, and universal knowledge of the Lord is realized. According to Isaiah 11:9, "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."

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

It will be a period of righteousness and universal peace. The spiritual conditions will also make possible unusual joy and blessing for the people of God.

Understand It



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

As a center for worship, a millennial temple is described in Ezekiel 40 - 46. In this temple sacrifices are offered which differ somewhat from the Mosaic sacrifices. Interpreters have differed as to whether they should be taken literally or should be explained in some other way. There is no solid reason for not accepting both the temple and the sacrificial system as literal prophecy.

Understand It



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

The abundant spiritual blessings will also issue in important social and economic advances over any previous period. The fact that all will have justice and that the meek will be protected will assure equity in social and economic matters.

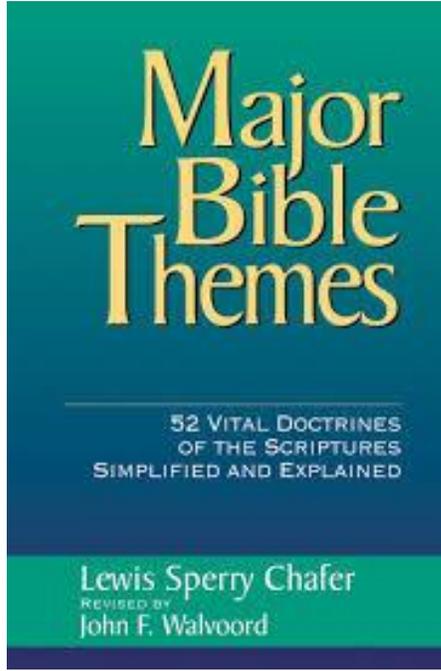
The earth itself will have the curse upon its productivity lifted and there will be abundant rainfall

Understand It



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 great valley will extend to the east of Jerusalem, where the Mount of Olives now stands. Another unusual feature of the period is that Jerusalem will be exalted above the surrounding territory. 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.

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teach about The
Millennial
Kingdom

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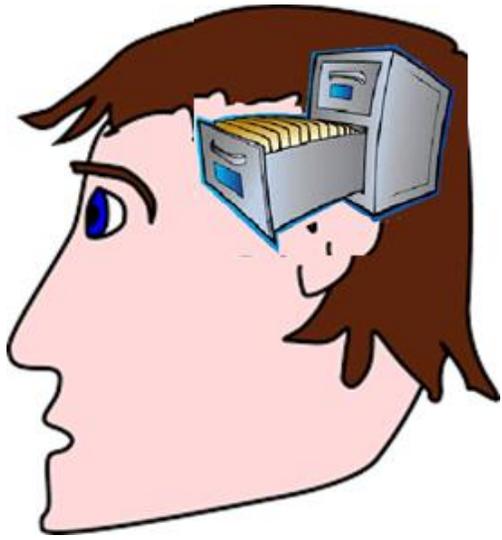
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Memorize it



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Write it Down



Underline Main Words...



Step # Two

Read the Section and look up the passages



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The Millennial Kingdom

1. **Concept** of the Kingdom of God

God is in control of His Kingdom

Dan. 4:34-35 *"I blessed the most High, and I praised and honored him that lives forever, whose **dominion is an everlasting** dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the in habitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and **he doeth according to his will** in the army of heaven, and among the in habitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?"*

Romans 13:1 *"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers, For there is **no power but of God**: the powers that be are ordained of God."*

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

Read: Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43, 47-50).

John 3:5 *"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot **enter into the kingdom of God.**"*

2. Millennial Kingdom- **rule of God on Earth**

God's rule given to Christ over the Rebellious nations

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"

Psalm 2:9"Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel"

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 slay the wicked."

The kingdom will be on earth

Isa 42:4 *He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set **judgment in the earth:** and the isles shall wait for his law.*

Jer 23:3-5 *And I will gather the remnant of my flock **out of all countries** whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD. 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.***

3. **Christ as King** of Kings in the Millennium

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

2Sa 7:12-16 *And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will **set up thy seed after thee**, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will **establish his kingdom**. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. And thine house and **thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.***

Psa 89:35-36 *Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will **not lie unto David**. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.*

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

Luke 1:32-33 *He shall be great, and shall be called the **Son of the Highest**: and the Lord God shall give unto him the **throne of his father David**: And **he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever**; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*

As a King He was rejected

Mar 15:12-13 *And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the **King of the Jews**? And they cried out again, **Crucify him**.*

When He was crucified He died as the King of the Jews

Mat 27:37 *And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

In His second advent He is described as "KING OF KINGS,
AND LORD OF LORDS"

Rev 19:16 *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

Read these passages in Isaiah (Isa. 2:1-4; 9:6-7; 11:1-10; 16:5; 24:23; 32:1; 40:1-11; 42:1-4; 52:7-15; 55:4;

Zec 14:16-17 *And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the **nations which came against Jerusalem** shall even go up from year to year to **worship the King, the LORD of hosts**, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.*

David will be resurrected and rule as a prince under Christ who is a King not a prince

Eze 34:23-24 *And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. And I the LORD will be their God, and **my servant David a prince** among them; I the LORD have spoken it.*

4. Major Features of the Government of the Millennium

A. Rule of Christ will be over the entire earth

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."

The same thought is mentioned in Daniel

Dan 2:44-45 *And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the **kingdom shall not be left to other people,** but it shall break in pieces and **consume all these kingdoms,** and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold...*

The universality of the rule of Christ in the earth

Psa 72:7-9 *In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. He shall have **dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.** They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.*

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

Christ will rule "with a rod of iron"

Psa 2:7-9 *I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. **Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.***

All who oppose Him will be punished by destruction

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Isa 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 slay the wicked.***

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

Psa 72:7-8 *In his days shall the **righteous flourish; and abundance of peace** so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.*

Punishment in the Kingdom (Isa. 65:17-20; Zech. 14:16-19).

Isa 65:20 *There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the **child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.***

Zec 14:16-19 *And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that **whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.** And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith **the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.** This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.*

5. **Special place of Israel** in the Millennium

In the millennial kingdom the Israelites will be regathered and restored to their ancient land

Jer 30:3 *For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to **return to the land** that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.*

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

Jer 3:18 *In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.*

Israel will be the subjects of the revived Davidic kingdom

Jer 23:5-8 *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**. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and **they shall dwell in their own land**.*

Israel as the wife of Jehovah

Hos 2:18-20 *And in that day will I **make a covenant** for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. And I will **betroth thee unto me for ever**; yea, I will **betroth thee** unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. I will even **betroth thee unto me in faithfulness**: and thou shalt know the LORD.*

Israel will be in the privileged place above Gentile believers

Isa 14:1-2 *For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the **house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids**: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and **they shall rule over their oppressors.***

Israel will be spiritually revived

Eze 36:25-28 *Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A **new heart** also will I give you, and a **new spirit** will I put within you: and I will **take away the stony heart** out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my **Spirit within you**, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.*

Gentiles will have abundant blessings

Isa 2:2-4 *And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and **all nations shall flow unto it.** And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and **let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,** to the house of the God of Jacob; and **he will teach us** of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall **they learn war any more.***

6. **Spiritual Blessings** of the Millennium

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 neighbor, 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."*

It will be a period of righteousness

Psa 72:6-8 *He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth. In his days shall the **righteous flourish;** and abundance of **peace** so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.*

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

Isa 61:4-7 *And they shall **build the old wastes**, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall **repair the waste cities**, the desolations of many generations. And **strangers shall stand and feed your flocks**, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But ye shall be named the **Priests of the LORD**: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall **eat the riches of the Gentiles**, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: **everlasting joy shall be unto them.***

The indwelling power and presence of the Spirit in believers in the Millennium

Isa 32:15 *Until the **spirit be poured upon us** from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.*

Joe 2:28-29 *And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh**; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will **I pour out my spirit.***

There will be abundant rainfall

Isa 30:23 *Then **shall he give the rain of thy seed**, that thou shalt sow the ground withal; and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous: in that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures.*

A great valley will extend to the east of Jerusalem, where the Mount of Olives now stands (Zech. 14:4).

Zec 14:4 *And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the **mount of Olives shall cleave** in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.*

The earth itself will have the curse upon its productivity lifted

Isa 35:1-10 *The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the **desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.** It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing...Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the **lame man leap** as an hart, and the **tongue of the dumb** sing: for in the **wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.** And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. **And an highway shall be there,** and a way, and it shall be called *The way of holiness*; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. **No lion shall be there,** nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

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

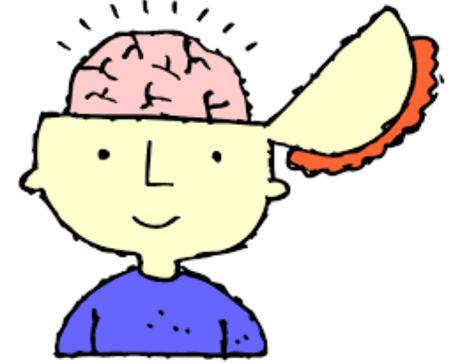
Zec 14:10 *All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of **Jerusalem**: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.*

Step # Three

Memorize one Passage per section

Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words and the meaning



Read out loud 5 times what you are trying to memorize



Write the verse on paper or put the verse into you phone



Step # Four Take the Test at the end of the chapter

1. What in general is the meaning of the kingdom of God?

In the Scriptures the kingdom of God refers to the sphere of God's rule in the universe.

2. In what sense is the kingdom of God eternal and universal?

Because God has always been sovereign and omnipotent, there is a sense in which the kingdom of God is eternal.

3. How did the entrance of sin introduce the concept of a theocratic kingdom?

The entrance of sin into the world introduced the divine program to demonstrate God's sovereignty in human history. 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.

4. How did Adam's fall result in God committing to certain men the right to rule?

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5. How was the kingdom of Israel a special demonstration of the theocratic principle?

In the Old Testament, a major demonstration of the theocratic kingdom was in the kingdom of Israel beginning with Saul, David, and Solomon.

6. In what sense is the rule of God in the heart different from His theocratic kingdom?

Scripture also bears testimony to a spiritual government, in which God rules in the hearts of men. 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. The theocratic Kingdom is an enforced rule through the Law and the God appointed rulers. Theocratic kingdom is now in mystery form but is present in the hearts of men.

7. What distinctions do some make between the terms "kingdom of heaven" and "kingdom of God"?

In the gospel of Matthew further distinction is made in the use of the terms "the kingdom of heaven" and "the kingdom of God." 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." 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

8. What important distinctions should be made between the present form of the kingdom and the future form of the kingdom in the Millennium?

The Millennial Kingdom this is not a spiritual rule but an actual political rule is brought out in this verse, "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel" (Ps. 2: 9) The present Kingdom is not of this world but only in the hearts of men.

9. What is meant by the premillennial interpretation of Scripture?

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. It is called premillennial because the coming of Christ is before the millennial kingdom.

10. What is meant by the amillennial interpretation of Scripture?

A second view known as **amillennialism** denies there will be a literal millennial kingdom on earth. 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. 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.

11. What is meant by the postmillennial interpretation of Scripture?

A third view is the **postmillennial** one. 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. 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.

12. What is the principle of interpretation involved in these differing views?

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.

13. What does Psalm 2 contribute to the idea of a literal kingdom on earth?

In Psalm 2, where the rebellion of the nation against God is recorded, the Son of God is instructed, "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (v. 8). That this is not a spiritual rule but an actual political rule is brought out in the next verse, "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel" (v. 9).

14. What is revealed in Isaiah 11 concerning the earthly kingdom?

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. Frequently in the passage, the earth is mentioned, and God's dealings with the nations in recovering Israel from all over the earth are described.

15. Why is it unreasonable to make the word "earth" represent heaven in these passages?

Many verses either state or imply that the kingdom will be on earth. 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. Any reasonable fulfillment would require a literal kingdom on earth following Christ's second advent.

16. What does the Old Testament reveal about Christ as the supreme ruler over the earth as David's son?

Many Old and New Testament passages combine their testimony that Christ will be the supreme ruler over the earth. Christ, as David's son, will sit upon the throne of David. When Christ was born He came as a King, as announced by the Angel Gabriel to Mary. As a King He was rejected. When He was crucified He died as the King of the Jews. In His second advent He is described as "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS"

17. What Scripture supports the concept that David will be resurrected and rule as a prince under Christ in the millennial kingdom, and how does this require a future kingdom on earth?

David will be resurrected and rule as a prince under Christ who is a King not a prince

Eze 34:23-24 *And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. And I the LORD will be their God, and **my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it.***

18. Support from Scripture the fact that Christ will rule over the entire earth, far beyond the boundaries of the Davidic kingdom in the Old Testament.

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."

19. What evidence may be offered that the government of Christ will be one of absolute authority and power

Psa 2:7-9 *I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. **Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.***

20. What evidence is found in Scripture that the kingdom on earth will be one of universal righteousness and peace?

Psa 72:7-8 *In his days shall the **righteous flourish; and abundance of peace** so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.*

21. How do the judgments on Israel, the Gentiles, and Satan at the beginning of the Millennium prepare the way for a righteous kingdom?

Only Saved People will occupy the Millennial Kingdom

22. What special place is given to Israel in the millennial kingdom, and what will be the characteristics of blessings conferred upon her?

During the period of the millennial kingdom, Israel will enjoy a place of privilege and special blessing. 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. It will be the time of Israel's re-gathering, reestablishment as a nation, and renewal of the Davidic kingdom. At long last Israel will possess the land permanently and in its entirety.

23. What special blessing will be given to the Gentiles in the millennial kingdom?

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

24. What evidence is there of unusual spiritual blessing in the millennial kingdom for all

The glory of the kingdom both for Israel and for the Gentiles will far exceed any thing that the world has experienced before. No death, healing for disease, peace, righteousness, direct access to Christ in Worship.

25. What ministry of the Spirit will be found in the Millennium?

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

26. What is taught concerning a millennial temple and a system of sacrifices in the Millennium?

As a center for worship, a millennial temple is described in Ezekiel 40 - 46. In this temple sacrifices are offered which differ somewhat from the Mosaic sacrifices. Some of the sweet savor offerings and some of the non-sweet savor offerings will be made as well as some of the feasts.

27. In view of the fact that Christ died on the cross, how can such sacrifices be explained?

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

28. What important social and economic advances will be observed in the Millennium?

The abundant spiritual blessings will also issue in important social and economic advances over any previous period. The fact that all will have justice and that the meek will be protected will assure equity in social and economic matters.

The earth itself will have the curse upon its productivity lifted and there will be abundant rainfall

29. How will the productivity of the earth be changed in the Millennium?

The earth itself will have the curse upon its productivity lifted and there will be abundant rainfall and increased sun light

30. What important changes in the topography of the earth will occur in the Millennium?

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 great valley will extend to the east of Jerusalem, where the Mount of Olives now stands. Another unusual feature of the period is that Jerusalem will be exalted above the surrounding territory. 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.

31. Summarize the unusual blessings which will characterize the millennial kingdom.

The abundant spiritual blessings will also issue in important social and economic advances over any previous period. The fact that all will have justice and that the meek will be protected will assure equity in social and economic matters.

The earth itself will have the curse upon its productivity lifted and there will be abundant rainfall and increased Sunlight. The trees along the river coming out of the throne bring healing. Changes will occur in the animal kingdom. Christ will physically reign in Jerusalem and worship will be direct. There will be saints with glorified bodies to converse with. Satan will be locked in the abyss.