

Maranatha
The Coming of Jesus Christ & His 1000 Year Reign
Revelation 20:1-7

I. JESUS CHRIST IS COMING BACK TO REIGN ON THIS EARTH FOR A PERIOD OF ONE THOUSAND YEARS.

Zechariah 14:9. The **FACT** stated.

Revelation 20:1-7. The **TIME** element stated.

Looking at Zechariah 14:9 it states: "The Lord **SHALL** be King...." When we apply this text to the future, the first objection we hear is that such an understanding "robs Christ of His present position as King of Kings." We reply: The Eternal Kingship of Jesus Christ is unquestioned and unquestionable. He has always been King. But His Sovereign reign over this earth and all creation as Lord and King is one thing, and His Reign **ON** earth as the son of David is quite another. If we are charged with robbing Christ, then the Prophet must also be charged, and more, the Holy Spirit who inspired the Prophet must bear the weight of the charge. For the text plainly states, "The Lord **SHALL BE** King...." Now, if there is no future aspect to His Kingship, and only the Eternal ever-prevailing Kingship is implied, then the verse so it seems to me, should read; "The Lord **IS** king over all the earth." In the context of Zechariah 14:9 and in the sense in which Zechariah writes, "the Lord **SHALL** be King over all the earth", Christ has never taken that position yet, so we conclude it must be in the future. It is after His feet touches and divides the Mount of Olives that He is declared to be King (Zechariah :4,5).

To suggest that this text was fulfilled by the First Coming of Christ, is to say that before that event, He who inhabited Eternity, was not King. We believe He has always been King, but a time will come when He will be King in a way He has not been before. It is my conviction that there can be no great appreciation for the literal realities of the 2nd Advent prophecies without heart-felt appreciation for 1st Advent historical realities. Believing that a literal first Coming was in fulfillment of the Old Testament Scriptures makes it imperative to believe in a literal Second Coming to fulfill verses in the same Scriptures. This Coming Reign of Christ must have to do with **THIS** earth, not a new one, for the Mount of Olives is still a part of this earth. It is not a question as to what is written but rather, what do we do with what is written? As to the second text: What do you do with Revelation 20:1-7? If you ask me that question, my reply will be, "I believe it". No longer can we avoid the issue. It is not a matter of interpretation. We either believe what is written or we do not believe it. On the basis of Revelation 20, and as we shall see also in other Scriptures, we have made the statement "Jesus Christ is Coming Back and will Reign on this earth as King for 1000 Years."

That statement is positively **RIGHT** or positively **WRONG!** There can be no middle ground. This is a doctrine we may accept or we may reject but we cannot ignore it or say it is not in the Bible. I would suggest that if no one had ever suggested that the thousand

years do not mean a thousand years, everyone, anyone who had read these verses for the first time, without any prompting or persuasion from anyone else, would believe that the verses mean what they say. That is why I repeat; our problem at this point is unbelief.

11. JESUS CHRIST IS COMING BACK IN FLESH TO SIT ON THE THRONE OF HIS EARTHLY FATHER, DAVID.

1. Psalm 132:11 cf Acts 2:22-31 (cf mean compare)

The words of Peter in Acts 2 are the Holy Spirit's commentary on at least two portions in the Psalms. In Acts 2:26,27 he quotes from Psalm 16:8-11. Then in Acts 2:30, he has reference to Psalm 132:11. Peter says in Acts 2:30 "therefore being a prophet and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him (Psalm.132:11 and other Scriptures)that of the fruit of his loins according to the flesh (not spirit) He would raise up Christ to sit on his throne he (David) seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ..." We ask: what did David see? Was it not that a seed, a son, who would come out of the fruit of his body would be resurrected to sit on his throne? In no sense can this be spiritualized away. David had a throne on earth. It was not in Heaven. David had a throne at Jerusalem. The place is specific. It cannot be identified with any other place. And the Holy Spirit interpreting the Old Testament states plainly that a resurrected man will return and a resurrected man will sit on David's throne. These facts make Jesus to be the One and only One who qualifies to fulfill the promise made to David. And David saw all this when he wrote the psalms!

Jeremiah 23:5 states that a Branch, a seed of David will arise, who shall reign as King in the earth. When Jeremiah wrote, David the King of Israel had already appeared, had served his generation and had fallen asleep. All who heard Jeremiah would know that this prophecy had to do with a descendent of Israel's great King David. And if He was to be out of the seed of David according to the flesh, He would be a King by natural birth and right.

The New Testament teaches that this **BRANCH** is none other than Jesus Christ. Repeatedly He is identified as being the seed of David according to the flesh. See Matthew:1:1. and Romans 1:3. In Luke 1: 26-33, the Spirit of God is careful to point out that Mary "was of the house of David" (Luke 1:27) And that her son would be given the throne of His father David(verse 32) The **FIRST FACT** that we learn about Jesus in the New Testament (Matthew 1:1) is that Jesus Christ is the Son of David. Now it should be evident to everyone, that David is only the father of Jesus in the flesh.

Returning to Luke 1:32 Gabriel's message is: "The Lord God shall give unto him the throne of His father David" (Luke 1:33). He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever and His kingship will never end, thus there will never be a further need of a seed of David. No other will be produced for no other will ever be needed. We note it does not say He will reign on **THIS** earth forever; for His reign on this earth is for a limited time, but His kingdom will be forever and He will be Israel's King forever!

In Jeremiah 33:17 (in a context speaking of a Branch of David-vs15) we read: "David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel." The implication being that One who is permanent shall occupy David's throne. Surely the verses in Luke 1:30-33 link the prophecy of Jeremiah 23:5 with Jesus Christ. He is the Branch of David who as King, shall reign in the earth. The same earth where his earthly father reigned. On the same throne His father David sat. And when this Righteous Branch reigns, "he shall prosper and execute judgment and justice in the earth". Thus Jeremiah plainly foretells a reign on this earth by David's greater son, Jesus Christ. If the text does not mean that, then what does it mean? To make it a "spiritual" reign does violence to the context and its connection with David. Many times have I thrilled when comparing 2 Chronicles 6:10 with 1 Chronicles 29:23. "Solomon sat on the throne of his father David," which of course was the throne of Israel. Surely we believe that to be a historical event. But in 1 Chronicles 29:23 we read: "Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as King instead of David his father." This can only mean one thing. **THAT THRONE**--an earthly one, eventually belongs to David's Greater Son, who is the Lord Jesus Christ. Solomon sat on the throne of Jesus. The throne of Israel is referred to as the throne of David in Jeremiah 29:16 and Jeremiah 36:30. That David is promised by a covenant to have a perpetual seed upon his throne is stated in Jeremiah 33:21.

111. JESUS CHRIST IS COMING BACK IN FLESH, TO RESTORE THE KINGDOM TO ISRAEL.

1.Micah 4:8 cf Acts 1:6-7

In Acts 1:6,7, the disciples did not ask IF the Lord would restore the kingdom to Israel. They were ,on the basis of Old Testament Scriptures, convinced that He would. Their question had not to do with the **FACT** of the kingdom's restoration, but it had to do with the **TIME** of the restoration.: "Wilt thou at **THIS TIME** restore the kingdom to Israel?" His reply is straight forward. "It is not for you to know the time...". He did not say, "there is no such thing". Nor did He say "there shall be no such time". He simply stated **THE TIME** has not and will not be revealed.

I found it interesting to read that Floyd Hamilton, a leading a-millennialist wrote in his book, *The Basis of the Millennial faith* on page 35, "we must frankly admit that a literal interpretation of Old Testament prophecies gives us just such a picture of an earthly reign of Messiah as the premillennialists pictures. That was the kind of Messianic Kingdom that the Jews of the time of Christ were looking for on the basis of literal interpretation of the Old Testament" (end quote)

Well has David Levi asked: "What can be more absurd than to explain the prophecies which foretell the calamities to befall the Jews, in a literal sense, and then those which bespeak of their future blessing in a mystic, spiritual sense"?

We do not interpret prophecies now fulfilled, we BELIEVE THEM. Why not do the same with the prophecies not yet fulfilled? So often John 18:35 is used by foes of an

earthly kingdom as proof positive of their position. But here our Lord is clearly stating that His Kingdom, His authority, was not after the manner of earth but from above. Not of this world's system if it was then His servants would fight as does the world. But His kingdom is not of this system. The word world is "cosmos". Which means 'world system or way of doing things'.

Isaiah 9:6,7 There is no question as to who this prophecy concerns. All believe and accept that the "child born" the "son given" are references to Jesus Christ in His first Coming. The first part of this prophecy has been literally fulfilled. As some one has said: "The child born" refers to the birth of Christ, the **CRADLE**. "The son given" refers to the death of Christ, the **CROSS**. But the same text declares that this Person will take the government upon His shoulder, upon the throne of David, and thereby establish his kingdom. Dr. Scofield has written : "The throne of David is a phrase as definite historically as the "throne of the Caesar's" and as little admits of spiritualizing." This passage in Isaiah is clear. He who was born in Bethlehem(Micah 5:2); He who died on the cross(Psalm 22), is the **SAME ONE** who will set up government when He occupies the throne of David, a throne that is historically identifiable. Can we believe these facts? David's throne was literal. David's throne was in this world. David's throne had to do with Israel, he was Israel's king. . David's throne was located at Jerusalem. 5. David's throne has never been located in Heaven. Revelation 3:21 Jesus is now seated on His Heavenly Fathers throne, not his earthly fathers. Therefore we conclude: For Jesus to sit on David's throne, the Kingdom must be restored to Israel. Thus we believe, these verses in Isaiah plainly teach that one day Jesus Christ will reign as King on this earth as King of Israel.

Micah 5:2

Of the One to be born in Bethlehem, the prophet writes: "out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel". When we come to the New Testament, we repeat, the first fact we are told about Jesus Christ is that He is the son of David. Therefore, by natural birth He was born a King of Israel. It is true He was born a Saviour.(Luke 2:11), but how soon we forget the many times He is named, "**KING OF THE JEWS**". See: Matt. 2:2,27:11, 27:29, 27:37, 27:42. Mark 15:2,15:9,15:18,15:16, 15:32. Luke 1:32-33, 23:3, 23:38. John 1:49, 4:22,18:33, 19:3,19-22 etc

These facts are observable to all.

1. You cannot say there is no connection between Jesus and the Jews.
2. You cannot disconnect the Bible from the Jew. The Bible is a Jewish book primarily about a man who was born in Judea in the village of Bethlehem to one day become King of Israel in Israel.
3. Remember, the Jews are not hated because they were Christ killers, they are hated because they were Christ givers!

4.Daniel 7:27.

"And the kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom UNDER the whole Heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and all dominions shall serve Him". The saints of the Most High are

none other than the Jews. It is to them the King will yet say : Matthew25:34 "Come ye blessed of my father inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world". It is interesting to observe the difference between the saved Jews and the Church. The Church was chosen before the foundation of the earth,Eph.1:4, because Her inheritance is not on earth but in Heaven. (1 Peter1:3-5). Israel has an inheritance on earth and it has been prepared for her **FROM** earth's foundation. Only when the King returns and takes the possession of the earth will creation see God's original purpose for this earth. Rev. 5:10 will be the triumphant song of the Jewish saints of the Most High, who will ,one day share in this promised kingdom and reign on the earth.

1V JESUS CHRIST IS COMING BACK TO SIT ON DAVID'S THRONE IN ZION WHICH IS JERUSALEM.

Jeremiah 3:17

This verse is a further commentary on what we have already pointed out. The throne of the Lord will be located at earthly Jerusalem. Isaiah 24:23 identifies the place where the Lord will reign as Mt. Zion in Jerusalem. Accepting the fact that the **LORD** is Jehovah Jesus, the verse could read, "and Jesus **SHALL** reign in Mount Zion in Jerusalem. We are aware of the fact that there are those who equate "Zion" and "Jerusalem" with the Church and thereby give the text a spiritualized meaning. However, we are positive that when the Prophets Jeremiah and Isaiah penned the words "Zion" and "Jerusalem" these words did not mean "the Church" to them. And certainly the Nation of Israel would not accept such. Never have they made the mistake of making "Zion" or "Jerusalem" to be the Church. Israel and the Prophets already knew from the writings of Moses, as well as the records of David and Solomon, that Jerusalem was **THE PLACE** the Lord had chosen. **THE PLACE** where the Lord would put His name. And we feel sure that the Spirit of God intended that we understand that the Lord, one day, will reign on Mount Zion in Jerusalem.

Isa.24:23 and compare, Deut 12:5,11,13,18,21,26. 1 Kings 11:36

Micah 4:7-8 (b)

The **LORD** (Jehovah) shall reign. The **LORD** shall reign over the gathered remnant of Israel (vs 6-7) The **LORD** shall reign in Mount Zion. Verse 8 " ... the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem". Again the language is very plain and positive. When the Lord returns He will return to Jerusalem. And when He returns the promised Kingdom shall come to the gathered remnant, whom He shall have made a strong nation. (verse 7)

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Zechariah 2:10-13

Zechariah 6:12-13 cf Psalm 110:1-4

Notice the words of Zech:6:13 "He shall be a priest upon His throne" During the days of earthly Kings out of the loins of David, they could not occupy the dual office of King and

Priest. (Uzziah was made an example of when he tried to usurp the priests office 2 Chronicles. 26) During those days the priesthood was only for the tribe of Levi. But Jesus is not of Levi. He is born into the tribe of Judah. Not being a Levi, he is not a priest after the order of Aaron, but He is a priest after the order of Melchisedec (Hebrews 5:10) Melchisedec was the first King-Priest of Salem, or Jerusalem. (Genesis 14) And in order for Jesus to occupy the throne, He must be a king. And in order to sit on a throne, which we shall see is to be located in the Temple, He must be a priest. Thus as the true Melchisedec, He will sit on His throne in the temple in Jerusalem. Not until then, will we fully understand the doctrine of the Priesthood of Melchisedec.

See Zech. 8:3; Zech. 14:16-21; Joel 3:17,21 and Ezek. 48:35. When all of these Scriptures are fulfilled, Jesus will have returned to Jerusalem.

V. JESUS CHRIST IS COMING BACK TO TAKE DOMINION OVER ALL THE EARTH.

Psalms 72:1,8; Zech. 9:9,10; Zech. 14:9; Isa. 32:1

If there is any difficulty in identifying the King who will have dominion from sea to sea unto the ends of the earth in Psalm 72, there certainly should be no difficulty in the identity of the King in Zechariah 9:9,10. We must agree that these verses are about Jesus Christ. HE shall be King over **ALL** the earth (Zechariah 14:9). Then Isaiah 32:1 says: "**BEHOLD** a King **SHALL** reign in righteousness". He did not write the King **IS** reigning, but rather **SHALL** reign. And we must conclude, anything recorded in the New Testament connected with the First Coming, did not see any of these Scriptures fulfilled. Thus it will take His Second Coming to fulfill them. He must come to take the Dominion that belongs to Him! This is the significance of the **LAMB** taking the Scroll in the Book of Revelation. The scroll of ownership of this earth belongs to Jesus Christ.

Micah 5:4

Read the last line of the verse. "For now shall **HE** be great unto the ends of the earth". Well may we ask, of whom are these words spoken? Verse 1. The Judge of Israel who will be smitten. Verse 2 The One who will be born in Bethlehem to be ruler in Israel. Verse 3 He will be great. Not when He is born; not when He is smitten, but after a period of time when the remnant of His brethren return unto the children of Israel. Verse 4 **WHEN He** shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, for **NOW** shall He be great unto the ends of the earth. The two aspects of the Life of Christ are not only foreseen in these verses but are illustrated in the lives of David and Solomon.

David was a man of sorrows and suffering.

Solomon was the King in all his glory whose fame spread abroad to all kingdoms.

Daniel 2:35

In his dream Nebuchadnezzar saw a stone smite the image and then, that stone became a great mountain that filled the whole earth. It totally ruined the image which was symbolic of world governments. The Mountain took the place of the image. In verse 44, the explanation of the Stone becoming a Mountain is given. "In the days of these Kings shall

the God of Heaven **SET UP A KINGDOM** which shall never be destroyed.”. If language means anything, then this kingdom must be set-up on earth. That is when " the Kingdom will come Gods' will, will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. This also is when Revelation 11:15 will be fulfilled. When the Kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ. It is then that Jesus will **SHOW** Himself to be King. 1 Timothy 6:16.

Daniel 7:14,17 cf. Psalm 72:11

Men have built kingdoms and men have destroyed kingdoms but this kingdom men will not build, therefore they will never destroy. it. Psalm 72:11 is specific. "Yea, **ALL** kings shall fall down before Him. **ALL** nations shall serve Him". I am sure ,this verse is not now being fulfilled on earth. And the verse certainly has nothing to do with Heaven. This is an earthly scene. If Queen Elizabeth 11 is still our Queen when this day comes, I am sure she will gladly bow down. If Prince Charles has become King, He too will bow down for **ALL** Dominions will serve Him.

V1 JESUS CHRIST'S GLORY WILL THEN FILL THE EARTH.

Singing choruses out of context seems to be the order of the day. How often we sing;"The earth is full of His glory". Not so! Not as intended by Scripture. True the Heavens declare the glory of God. The firmament showeth His handiwork, as does all creation. But the earth is filled with the evidence of the curse. Romans 8:22 describes present conditions. "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now". That has not changed since Paul wrote Romans. Read your newspapers. Listen to your radios. This earth is more like Sodom every day. The cry of Sodom is great because her sin is very grievous. On May 20,1992, the United Church announced plans to ordain the first declared practicing homosexual. And the cry became louder. All this will change when the King comes!

Ezekiel 43:2-7

Notice Ezekiel 43:1 Remember, when Ezekiel wrote his book, he was a captive in Babylon.(Ezekiel.1:1) While he was in Babylon ,the city of Jerusalem was smitten. (Ezekiel 33::21-22) The wall of the city and the temple were destroyed.(2 Chronicles. 36). Now in Ezek.40:2, "In visions of God he is brought to the land of Israel. In Ezekiel 41:1 he is brought to the Temple, when there was no temple. In Ezekiel 43:1, he was brought to the gate looking east. In Chapter 44:1 when he saw this gate it was shut. Although he does not specifically refer to a wall, the very fact of a gate implies a wall. The wonder of all this is, Ezekiel saw a wall, when there was no wall. He saw a gate shut, when there was no gate. He saw a temple, when there was no temple. And one day I realized the wall and gate that Ezekiel saw in his vision, are those that can be seen today. I have seen both. And they are literal. So I expect that what Ezekiel saw in his vision will all be fulfilled literally.

Ezekiel 43:2 He saw the glory of the God of Israel come from the east (the mount of Olives) and HIS voice was mighty and the earth shined with HIS glory. Matthew 25:31

says "The son of man is coming in His glory". Matthew. 24:31 "He will come with power and great glory". Luke 9:26 Tells about the day when Christ will come in His glory. Luke 9:27 Jesus promised that some would not die till they saw the Kingdom. Luke 9:28 Reveals that Christ was talking about his transfiguration. Luke 9:32 When that took place, Peter ,James and John SAW his glory. 2 Peter 1:16. Peter says: "we are not talking fables when we talk about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ for we were eye witnesses of his majesty", and he explains in verse 18,he is talking about the transfiguration. So what is this? The transfiguration is but a preview a pre-shadowing of the Second Coming of Christ in all His glory. When those who have died as Moses, will be there, and those who will be translated, like Elijah, will also be there.

Now going back to Ezekiel 43 not only does the passage foretell the Second Coming, it reveals the great purpose of the temple at Jerusalem Ezekiel 43:4 "And the glory of the Lord came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east". (The repetition by the Spirit, should say to us don't miss this point!). Ezekiel 43:5 "The glory comes into the house, the temple. Ezekiel 43:7 The Lord says " the place of my throne and the place of the soles of my feet where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever". When one speaks of the soles of the feet it sounds literal to me. So the picture is plain. When the Lord returns in His glory, the earth will be full of His glory. This is when He returns to Jerusalem to sit on the throne located in the temple ,as the King-Priest.

Note also Psalm.97:1,2,6; Numbers 14:21; Isaiah 11:9; Isaiah 40:5; Isaiah 66:18-19 Habakkuk 2:14; Psalm. 102:13-16; Psalm 72:1-3;7-11,17-20; Psalm. 96:1-13, Psalm 98 Psalm 99.

V11 **CONCLUDE**

Someone asked R.A Torrey "why cannot the Jews see that their own Old Testament Scriptures predict a suffering Messiah, who should make atonement for sin by his death, and that Jesus is the Messiah? It is so plain. The answer is simple; "because they do not wish to." And I asked the person who asked me this question another question; "Why do not Christians today see that there are other predictions in the Old Testament just as plain and far more of them, that the Messiah is coming as an all conquering King to rule the nations with a rod of iron, that Jesus the true Messiah, is coming again? The answer is just as simple...because they do not wish to."

Could it be that there are those who just do not want to believe what the Bible teaches about the Millennium? "We may not see how it can be true, but we should believe it just because God says it" R.A. Torrey.

It is our conviction that the return of Christ to reign on this earth is one of the plain teachings of the Scriptures. Unbelief is the only reason for the rejection of this doctrine.