

7A. THE DISPENSATION OF THE KINGDOM, OR MILLENNIUM

The name is derived from the Latin mille (thousand) and anni (years). In Rev. 20: 1-5, the expression 1000 yrs, is used six times. The Greek term for 1000 is chilia, therefore a belief in the millennium has been called chiliasm.

1b. The beginning: the Second Coming (Matt. 24; Rev. 19)

2b. The Scripture:

All passages on the future kingdom in the O.T. and N.T. Major Scriptures include: Ps. 72; Isa. 2:1-5; 9:6-7; 11; Jer. 33:14-17; Dan. 2:44-45; 7:9-14; 8:27-28; Hos. 3:4-5; Zech. 14:9; Lk 1:31-33; Rev. 19-20.

3b. The state of man:

1c. Universal salvation:

1d. All those who enter the kingdom will be saved people:

1e. The Jews: 1/3 of the nation shall be saved, Zech. 13:8ff

2e. The Gentiles: The goat Gentiles will be removed, the sheep Gentiles will remain on earth to enter the kingdom, Matt. 25:31-46.

2d. The Spirit of the Lord will be poured upon all flesh; Joel 2:28-32; Isa. 66:19-23.

3d. The majority of the earth's teeming multitudes shall know the Lord during these 1000 yrs.; Isa. 11:9; Ps. 98:2,3; Zeph. 3:9

2c. Unquestioning obedience to the King: Ps. 66:3

3 Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

3c. Unprecedented justice and righteousness:

1d. Impartial: Ps. 72; Isa. 11:4; Isa. 32:1, 14-20

2d. Immediate: Mt. 13:41 the angels are sent out to gather the evil-doers

Isa:65:24 "it shall come to pass before they call and while they are yet speaking, I will hear"

4c. Unusual longevity: Is. 65:20 "the child shall die 100 yrs. old"

4b. The human responsibility: To obey the King.

1c. An absolute rulership, with rod of Iron: Isa 11:3-5; Rev. 19:15; Ps. 2:9



- 2c. A theocratic rulership: rule of God.
- 3c. A worshipful rulership: sacrificial system and priesthood; Is. 66:21-23; Ez. 40-48.
- 4c. An unopposed rulership: Satan will be bound: Rev. 20:3,7.

5b. Human failure:

- 1c. Outward sin: Isa. 65:20; Zech. 14:14-16; Matt. 13:41
- 2c. A climactic rebellion at the close of the kingdom. Man follows Satan when he is released: Rev. 20:7-9.



6b. Divine judgment:

- 1c. The rebels are destroyed by fire: Rev. 20:9
- 2c. The earth and the heavens are also destroyed by fire: Rev. 20:11; 21:1; II Pet. 3:6,12

7b. Divine grace:

- 1c. The fulfillment of the covenant.

Premillennarians are the only ones who allow time for the fulfillment of the covenants.

- 1d. The Palestinian covenant: Deut. 28-30

The enjoyment of the land has yet to be fulfilled.

- 2d. The Davidic covenant: 2 Sam. 7:4-17

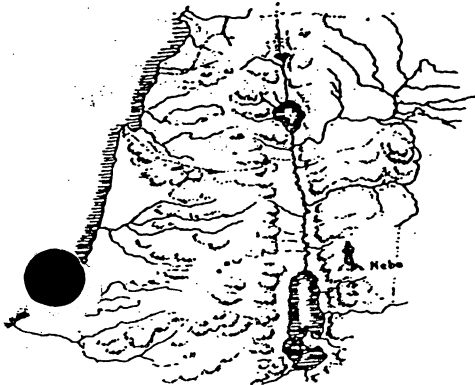
- 1e. To David was promised the following:

- 1f. A house and family forever: vv. 11, 16
- 2f. A throne forever, v. 13
- 3f. A kingdom forever, v. 16



- 2e. It produces significant changes:

- 1f. Judah and Ephraim will be reunited and be made the head of the nations: Ez. 37; Rom. 11:26; Deut. 38:13.
- 2f. Commemorative sacrifices and feasts will be observed: Ez. 44-46.
- 3f. Universal peace will reign: Zech 14; Mic. 4:3; Is. 2:4; Hos. 2:18; Ps. 46:9
- 4f. Idolatry will be uprooted: Is. 2:18; Zech. 14:9, Mal. 1:11
- 5f. The twelve tribes will inherit the land from Egypt to the Euphrates (Gen. 15:18), divided into parallel sections (Ez. 48).
- 6f. Christ will reign: Jer. 23:5; Rev. 11:15; 19:6
- 7f. The center of government in the Millennium will be the earthly Jerusalem, nine square miles, 36 miles in circumference: Ez. 45:6



8f. Israel will be regathered: Is. 11:11-12; Jer. 30:1-11; Ez. 39: 25-29

3d. The New Covenant: Jer. 31:31 ff.

- 1e. Abundance of salvation: Is. 12
- 2e. Abundance of revelation: Jer. 31:33 ff.
- 3e. Forgiveness of sin: Jer. 31:34

2c. Fruition of nature:

1d. The curse is lifted: Is. 35:1, 6, 7; cf. 41:17-20

- 1e. From nature: Is. 55:12-13; Rom. 8:22 ff.
- 2e. From animals: Is. 65:25 (except for the serpent)

2d. Physical changes:

- 1e. Jerusalem exalted: Jer. 14:10
- 2e. A cleavage of the Mt. of Olives: Zech. 14:4
- 3e. A River of living water: Zech. 14:8; Ez. 47:1 ff; Joel 3:18; Ps. 65:9-10; Ps. 46:4

This is where the song "Joy to the World" fits in:

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King. . .

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns,
Let men their songs employ. . .

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove. . ."



8b. The end of the dispensation:

1c. The destruction of the earth and the heavens by fire: Rev. 20:11; 21:1

2c. The beginning of the eternal state:

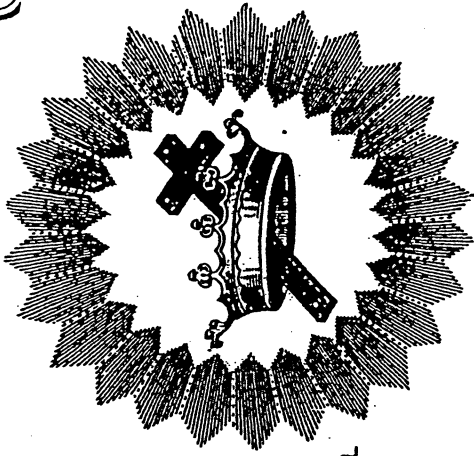
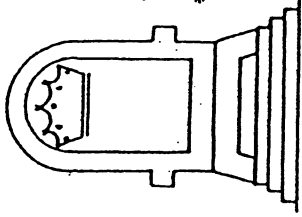
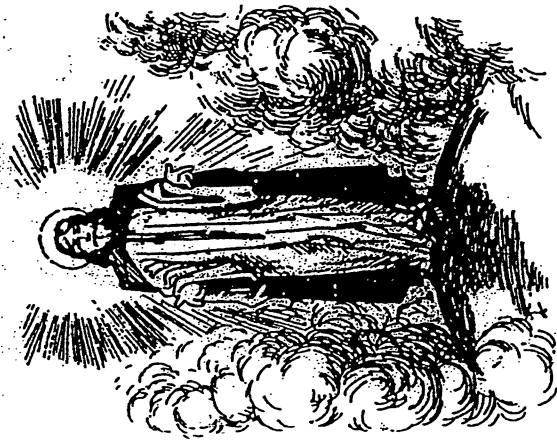
SUMMARY:

1. The dispensation of the Kingdom is different from preceding dispensations in that it is the final form of moral testing.
2. The advantages of this dispensation:
 - a) Perfect government.
 - b) Presence of Christ.
 - c) Universal knowledge of of God and terms of salvation.
 - d) Satan bound.

3. The dispensation of the Kingdom is climactic in many respects, revealing grace, law, kingdom and government.
4. The Kingdom dispensation brings to consummation every possible test of man. In each dispensation man failed most miserably, yet God manifested His grace abundantly.



THE DISPENSATION OF THE KINGDOM



- 1. THE BEGINNING:
- 2. RELATED SCRIPTURE:
- 3. STATE OF MAN:
- 4. HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY:
- 5. HUMAN FAILURE:
- 6. DIVINE JUDGMENT:
- 7. DIVINE GRACE: