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Answering The Religious Errors Of Our Family, Friends, and Neighbors
“Jesus Will Come Back To Earth, Set Up His Kingdom, And Reign 1000
Years!”
Lesson 32

INTRO:

- A. The religious teaching that Jesus will do this is called Premillennialism;
 - 1. Briefly stated, this doctrine teaches:
 - a. Christ will return to this earth.
 - b. He will set up His kingdom.
 - c. He will reign in Jerusalem on David’s throne for 1000 years.
 - 2. This states the general theory, though there are many many variations.
- B. Many believe and teach this doctrine/theory.
 - 1. Denominations that teach some of the many forms of Premillennialism:
 - a. Baptists
 - b. Pentecostals
 - c. 7th Day Adventists
 - d. Jehovah Witnesses
 - e. Mormons
 - f. Many Mega Churches (TBN network)
 - 1) Billy Graham, John Hagee, John McArthur, T.D. Jakes, Jesse Duplantis, etc.
- C. Such teaching is based to a great extent on Revelation 20:1-10.
 - a. This is the only place in the Bible that mentions a one thousand year reign.

I. DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH “Jesus Will Come Back To Earth, Set Up His Kingdom, And Reign 1000 Years”?

- A. There is no mention in the Scriptures that Christ will set foot upon the earth at His second coming but, instead, just the opposite.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 *“Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to **meet the Lord in the air**. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”*

 - 1. Why should Christ come and set His foot upon this earth again when His work here is complete/finished? **John 17:4** *“I have glorified You on the earth. **I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.**”*
 - a. **John 19:30** *“So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **‘It is finished!’** And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.”*
- B. The Scriptures teach that Christ has already established His kingdom.
 - 1. When He was here on this earth it was *“at hand”*. **Matthew 4:17** *“From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, **‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’**”*
 - a. He made promise that those of that present generation would not die till the kingdom had come. **Mark 9:1** *“And He said to them, **‘Assuredly, I say to you that **there are some*****

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standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.” (“And Jesus was saying to them, ‘Truly I say to you, **there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.**” NASB)

- 1) If the kingdom has not yet been set up, there must be some pretty old people still alive on this earth!
 - 2) There are only two conclusions which can be drawn:
 - (1) Jesus knew what He was talking about or (2) He did not know what He was talking about!
 - a) Which one do you believe?
2. Christians in the first century were In the kingdom.
- a. The Christians who made up the church in Colosse were in the kingdom. **Colossians 1:13** “*He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,*”
 - b. The members of the seven churches of Asia along with John himself was “*in the kingdom*”. **Revelation 1:9** “*I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.*”
 - 1) How could they have been “**IN**” the kingdom if it had not already been established?
3. Jesus received the kingdom when He ascended into Heaven. **Acts 1:9** “*Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.*”
- a. Daniel prophesied 600 years earlier what would take place after Jesus ascended back into Heaven. **Daniel 7:13-14** “*I was watching in the night visions, And behold, **One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.***”

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- b. Daniel had earlier prophesied **WHEN** the kingdom would be established as he interpreted the dream of Nebuchadnezzar’s image. **Daniel 2:44** “*And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.*”
- 1) The image Daniel interpreted represented four kingdoms:
 - a) Head of gold - Babylonian
 - b) Chest/arms of silver - Medes/Persian
 - c) Waist/thighs of brass - Grecian
 - d) Legs of iron, Feet mixed with iron/clay - Roman
 - 2) Daniel’s prophecy pinpointed the “*fourth kingdom*” (verse 40) - the Roman Empire was the world power in the days of Christ and His apostles.

II. MUCH HAS BEEN READ “INTO” REVELATION 20 THAT JUST SIMPLY IS NOT THERE!

- A. Take the time and read for yourself Revelation 20:1-10.
- B. Revelation 20 says nothing about:
 1. Christ setting up a kingdom.
 2. Christ reigning on earth a thousand years. (Does not mention the “*reign of Christ*” but instead the “*reign of souls with Christ*”.
 3. A rapture.
 4. A bodily resurrection.
 5. All Christians reigning.
 6. Second coming of Christ.
 7. Throne of David or any other throne on earth.
 8. Jerusalem or Palestine.
 9. Us.
- C. It’s truly amazing how a theory can imagine all this coming out of those 10 verses when in all truthfulness it is not at all mentioned.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Jesus is reigning now and has been since He made the statement in **Matthew 28:18** “*And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**”* (What does that leave out - ALL POWER - Heaven -Earth?)
- B. When Christ returns, He will not **SET up** the kingdom; He will “**DELIVER up the kingdom**” to the Father. **1 Corinthians 15:24** “*Then cometh the end, when he*

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*shall have **delivered up the kingdom to God**, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.” (KJV).*

1. The NASV says: “*then comes the end, **when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father**, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.*”
- C. Jesus will come again, the second time, but not to set foot here on earth but to receive those in the air who are already citizens in His kingdom of which He is King of kings and Lord of lords. **1 Timothy 6:15** “*...He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,*”