

"The Earthly Kingdom of Jesus Christ"

Part 41

Revelation 21

➤ **The Kingdom in the Eternal State**

Introduction: It has been a few weeks since we were in our study of the Kingdom. The last time we were together I stopped before we completed the notes and therefore, I want to pick up where we stopped. We were starting to look at the Kingdom in the eternal state. Revelation 20 describes tells us briefly of the 1000-year reign of Jesus Christ.

Notice Revelation 20:1-10

There will be two groups resurrected at the end of the tribulation.

1. **The Old Testament Saints,**
2. **The tribulation saints who died during the tribulation. This will be a large group.**

Revelation 7:9-14

⁹ After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

¹⁰ And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

¹¹ And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

¹² Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

¹³ And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

¹⁴ And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

These two groups will enter the Kingdom with glorified bodies. The surviving saints of the tribulation will enter with natural bodies.

Matthew 25:31-34

³¹ *When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:*

³² *And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:*

³³ *And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.*

³⁴ *Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

Following the 1000-year Kingdom Satan will be loosed for a season to gather those who rejected Jesus Christ in the Kingdom.

Notice Revelation 20:7-10

Then there will be a very important event which is the Great White Throne Judgment. This will be the judgment of ALL the UNSAVED. From Cain to those who die in the battle of Gog and Magog after the earthly Kingdom. Prior to this judgment the earth will be destroyed. This now brings us to the eternal state.

➤ **The Eternal State and The New Earth.**

Notice Revelation 21:1

There are those who do not believe this is a new creation. They believe that this earth will be renovated and the Kingdom will continue here. But I believe Revelation 21 tells us that that this will be a new earth created from nothing just as the first earth was.

Notice Revelation 21:1-4

Notice the words "passed away" in verse 1 and in verse 4. They are the same Word and have the same meaning. So, let us consider the words "passed away" in verse 4. In the eternal state will God eliminate all tears, all death, all sorrow, all crying, and all pain? The answer is "YES." They will all pass away in the sense that none of these will ever exist again. Then when we see the same words in verse 1 that tell us the first heaven and the first earth has passed away should we not understand it to mean that this earth will be destroyed? Peter backs this up with his writing.

2 Peter 3:10-13

¹⁰ *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

¹¹ *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,*

¹² *Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*

¹³ *Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*

When we read Revelation 21, we can see that the new earth will be much different than what this earth is like.

a. **No more sea.**

Notice Revelation 21:1

b. **No more curse.**

Notice Revelation 21:4 and 22:3

c. **No more sun and moon.**

Notice Revelation 21:23 and 22:5

➤ **The Eternal Kingdom.**

On this new earth will be where the Kingdom will be transferred to after this earth is destroyed.

2 Samuel 3:12-13

¹² *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.*

¹³ *He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.*

Daniel 7:13-14

¹³ I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

¹⁴ And there was given him 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.

Let us notice what Paul wrote concerning the eternal state.

1 Corinthians 15:21-28

²¹ For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

²³ But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

²⁴ Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

²⁵ For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

²⁶ The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

²⁷ For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

²⁸ And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

Conclusion:

In the eternal state the universal kingdom of God and the earthly Kingdom of Jesus Christ will all be one.

Revelation 22:3

³ And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

Today God is on His throne and Jesus is seated beside Him serving as our Great High Priest. When Jesus sets up the Kingdom on earth He will sit on His throne and rule. When

the Kingdom is transferred to the eternal state the throne of God the Father and God the Son will merge into one throne over all the earth.

Notice the words of McClain:

"As we passed from chapter 20 into chapter 21 of the Apocalypse, therefore, we stand at the junction point between two worlds and between two kingdoms. It is the end of the "first" or "natural" order of things, and the beginning of the final order of things. Here also the mediatorial Kingdom of our Lord ends, not by abolition, but by its mergence into the Universal Kingdom of God. Thus, it is perpetuated forever, no longer as a separate entity, but in the indissoluble union with the original Kingdom of God from which it sprang. What will happen is briefly described in St. Paul's classic passage on the subject: "Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power... And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all" (1 Cor. 15:24, 28). This does not mean the end of our Lord's regal activity, but rather that from here onward in the unity of the Godhead He reigns with the Father as eternal Son. There are no longer two thrones, one His Messianic Throne and the other the Father's Throne, as our Lord indicated in Revelation 3:21. In the final Kingdom there is but one throne, and it is "the throne of God and of the Lamb."

Why have the Kingdom on this earth when eventually it will be in the eternal state? Because the Kingdom MUST exist here where it was lost first in order for God to be victorious.