

Briefing Document: His Kingdom Will Come, Lesson 3

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Executive Summary

This document synthesizes key teachings on the Millennial Kingdom, drawing primarily from an analysis of Daniel chapter 7 and supporting scriptures. The central theme is the future establishment of Christ's literal, earthly kingdom, which stands in stark contrast to the transient and flawed kingdoms of man. The coronation of Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords inaugurates this new era.

The kingdom is defined by several core characteristics. First, it is a realm of **Absolute Authority**, where Christ rules as an absolute monarch, a "pure dictatorship" in which all powers serve and obey Him. Second, it is a kingdom of **Glory and Honor**, where Christ not only commands obedience but also receives the willing honor and affection of His subjects. Third, the **Extent** of the kingdom is literal and earthly, a tangible government that follows the succession of Gentile world powers described in Daniel, culminating in a 1,000-year reign before the creation of the new heaven and earth. Fourth, its **Scope** is universal, encompassing all peoples, nations, and languages. This rule extends over the entire natural world, reversing the curse on creation, causing deserts to bloom and animals to live in harmony.

Finally, the kingdom is established for **the Saints**. This group is defined inclusively as the "holy ones" from all ages: angels, redeemed Old Testament believers, the Apostles, Tribulation martyrs, and all church-age believers who have been redeemed through faith in Christ. While the kingdom's ultimate duration is eternal, its initial phase is a literal 1,000-year reign on earth.

The Coronation of the King

The central event precipitating the Millennial Kingdom is the coronation of its ruler, Jesus Christ. Daniel's vision in chapter 7 focuses on this transfer of power, identifying the "who" of the kingdom as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This celestial ceremony is described as a great and glorious event where God the Father gives the kingdom to His Son.

This coronation is echoed in the book of Revelation, where the sounding of the seventh angel prompts a proclamation in heaven:

"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" (Revelation 11:15)

The response to this event is one of immense celebration and worship. The 24 elders, seated on their thrones, fall on their faces to worship God, acknowledging His assumption of great power and the arrival of the time for judgment and reward. Revelation 11:16-19 describes the scene:

“And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: ‘We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.’ Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.”

This scene marks the formal installment of Christ as the supreme ruler, setting the stage for the establishment of His earthly kingdom.

The Character of the Millennial Kingdom

The kingdom established by Christ will be fundamentally different from the limited, weak, and inglorious kingdoms of men. Its character is defined by a series of divine attributes that ensure its perfection and permanence.

Absolute Authority

The first defining characteristic is Christ's absolute ruling authority. Daniel 7:14 states, *"Then to Him was given dominion..."* The Aramaic word for dominion, *shan*,^[1] signifies one who possesses ruling authority. This authority is not democratic or subject to the will of the people; it is described as a "pure dictatorship" and an "absolute monarchy."

- **Total Obedience:** Daniel 7:27 reinforces this, stating, *"...All dominions shall serve and obey Him."* This encompasses every person and every power structure.
- **Supreme Reign:** The futility of earthly opposition is detailed in Psalm 2, where the kings of the earth plot against the Lord, only for God to laugh at them in derision before declaring, *"Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion"* (Psalm 2:6).
- **Christ's Proclamation:** Jesus Himself confirms this transfer of power in Matthew 28:18, stating, *"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."*
- **The King's Title:** Revelation 19:16 identifies the rider on the white horse with the name written on His robe and thigh: *"KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."*

Glory and Honor

Beyond commanding physical obedience, Christ's rule will also command the hearts and minds of His subjects. Daniel 7:14 continues, stating that Christ was given "dominion and glory." The Aramaic term for glory is *yakad*,^[2] which means honor.

- **Control of Thought:** While authority controls what people do, glory and honor control what they think and feel. Unlike human dictators who rule without the honor of their people, the hearts of men in Christ's kingdom will honor Him.
- **Demand for Affection:** Jesus will demand not only obedience but also affection. Psalm 2:11-12 instructs, *"Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry..."* This signifies a relationship based on reverent love, not just submission.
- **Divine Potentate:** 1 Timothy 6:15-16 describes Christ as *"the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light... to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen."*
- **Vindication of Christ:** This establishment of honor is presented as the long-awaited vindication for a Savior who was dishonored, abused, and rejected by the world. It is the fulfillment of the cries of the saints for justice.

The Extent of the Kingdom: A Literal Reality

The Millennial Kingdom is not merely a spiritual concept or an internal state within believers' hearts. The context of Daniel, which contrasts four literal Gentile empires with a succeeding fifth kingdom, demands that Christ's kingdom also be a literal, earthly, and governmental reality.

- **A Thousand-Year Reign:** Revelation 20:4 explicitly defines the initial duration of this earthly reign: *"And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."* This period precedes the creation of the "new heaven and a new earth" described in Revelation 21:1.
- **Reversal of the Curse:** During this thousand-year period, Christ will rule as the absolute monarch, Satan will be bound, and the effects of the curse on creation will be reversed. The world will experience a state of perfection akin to the Garden of Eden, unmarred by sin and rebellion.
- **Prophetic Description:** Psalm 72 provides a detailed picture of this earthly kingdom, describing a reign of justice, prosperity, and peace. The speaker specifically cites the NIV translation of this passage, which paints a vivid picture:
 - **Justice for All:** *"May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice... May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor"* (Psalm 72:2, 4).

◦ **Dominion Over Earth:** *"May he rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth... May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him"* (Psalm 72:8, 11).

◦ **Unprecedented Prosperity:** *"May grain abound throughout the land; on the tops of the hills may it sway... May his name endure forever... and may the whole earth be filled with his glory"* (Psalm 72:16, 17, 19).

The Scope of the Kingdom: Universal Dominion

Christ's dominion will be all-encompassing, extending over every aspect of existence.

• **Over Humanity:** Daniel 7:14 states that *"all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him."* Rebels will exist, as people will still be born into sin, but they will be dealt with swiftly and decisively. Christ will rule with a "rod of iron," as described in Psalm 2:9, dashing His enemies to pieces.

• **Over Nature:** The scope extends beyond humanity to the entire created order. The curse will be reversed.

◦ **Animal Kingdom:** Psalm 8:7-8 speaks of dominion over *"all sheep and oxen—even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea."* Lions and lambs will lie together, and children will play safely with snakes.

◦ **Plant Kingdom:** The earth itself will flourish. Deserts will "blossom like a rose," crops will grow everywhere, and rivers will run in the desert.

◦ **All of Creation:** Hosea 2:18 states God will make a covenant *"with the beasts of the field, with the birds of the air, and with the creeping things of the ground."* Every part of creation will be subject to Christ's perfect rule.

The Inhabitants of the Kingdom: The Saints

The kingdom is established especially for a group identified in Daniel as "the saints of the Most High" (Daniel 7:18, 27). The term "saints" is understood as "holy ones" and includes a wide array of redeemed beings from all eras.

• **Angels:** Holy angels who remained faithful to God will inhabit the kingdom.

• **Old Testament Believers:** The term "saints" is used frequently in the Old Testament to refer to God's redeemed people (e.g., 1 Samuel 2:9, Psalm 34:9, Psalm 116:15). These god-fearing, redeemed Jews of all ages will be present.

• **The Apostles:** The Apostles will hold special positions of authority, as stated in Matthew 19:28, where Jesus promises they will sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

- **Tribulation Saints:** Those who are martyred for their faith during the Tribulation are explicitly mentioned in Revelation as reigning with Christ.
- **Church-Age Believers:** All who have been redeemed by faith in Jesus Christ are included. Paul addresses the believers in Corinth as those "called to be saints" (1 Corinthians 1:2).

In essence, every person who has been redeemed by the blood of Christ, been blessed by the gospel, and received the righteousness of Christ through faith will inhabit the kingdom.

Audience Q&A Summary

- **On the Fate of Rebels:** A question was raised about what happens to rebels born during the Millennial Kingdom. The answer provided clarifies that they are not immediately sent to hell. They will be forced to honor Christ and will not be permitted to be disobedient or bring Him dishonor. However, they are still born into sin and must make a choice to serve the Lord. There will be a final judgment for those who come out of the kingdom who do not make it to heaven.
- **On the Role of the Apostles:** It was confirmed that, as per scripture, the apostles will rule with Christ over the twelve tribes of Israel.

Glossary of Terms

Term	Phonetic Pronunciation	Definition
<i>Shan</i>	/shawN/	An Aramaic word meaning "ruling authority."
<i>Yakad</i>	/yah-KAHD/	An Aramaic word meaning "honor" or "glory."

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