

The Kingdom

PROPHESIED

DANIEL 2:31-45
Matthew 16:18

ISAIAH 2:2-4
John 18:36
Luke 17:20-21
Ephesians 6:12

II SAMUEL 7:12-13
Acts 2:25-31

JOEL 2:28-32
Acts 2:16-21

BEFORE

A spiritual Kingdom yet to come. It would come with power, during the lifetime of the disciples then with Jesus.

John - Matthew 3:2
Jesus - Matthew 4:17
Pray - Matthew 6:9-10
Preach - Matthew 10:7
Keys - Matthew 16:18
Power - Mark 9:1
"Seek" - Luke 12:31
Joseph - Luke 23:50f
Apostles - Acts 1:6-8

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AFTER

No longer is it said to be at hand. It is now here! Many are in it. Jesus is now King.

Revelation 1:9
Hebrews 12:28
Colossians 1:13
I Timothy 6:15
Acts 2:29-36

-----The Throne of David - Christ's-----

There are 333 specific details in the O.T. fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

COMING PLANNED

Isaiah 53
Acts 2:22-36
Acts 13:25-30
John 12:27

PSALM 22 FULFILLED
in His resurrection, ascension and Priesthood.

Acts 2:29-32
Acts 13:26-37
Ephesians 1:15-23
Hebrews 1:1-5, 5:1-6

WORK - SPIRITUAL
Hebrews 9:21-28

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Jeremiah 22:28-30
Matthew 1:11-14
II Corinthians 5:16
John 17:11

The Coming King

- The Prophets From Samuel - Acts 3:24
II Samuel 7:12-16 is the promise.
Acts 2:29-36 is the fulfillment.
Acts 13:23, Hebrews 1:5.
 - King on Holy Hill of Zion - Psalm 2
The fulfillment is in Acts 4:24-30 and other passages.
 - The "Branch" - Zechariah 6:12-13
Jesus is the branch - Isaiah 11:1-3, Romans 15:12.
"Will build the temple," Ephesians 2:19-20.
"Shall sit on his throne," Acts 2:34, Hebrews 1:1-13.
"Shall rule on his throne," I Corinthians 15:20-26, Acts 2:29-36,
Hebrews 10:12-13.
 - "Priest on his throne," Hebrews 4:14--8:4.
- ## Psalm 110
- Tabernacle of David - Amos 9:11-12
Acts 15:14-18 and others tell of this.
 - The Sure Blessings of David - Isaiah 55:3
Acts 13:32-38 states the fulfillment.
 - The Key of David - Isaiah 22:22, 9:6-7
In Christ now, Revelation 3:7.
 - Throne Over the House of Jacob - Isaiah 22:20-22
Fulfilled, Luke 1:31-33, Revelation 3:7
 - A new covenant - Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 8:6-12

When Christ Comes

Present World

In the hour

ALL in the graves are raised

The last day

ALL will be judged

NO kingdom established nor reign on earth

- 1 All in the graves are raised in the same hour. John 5:28-29
General resurrection. I Thessalonians 4:15-17
The last day, the end, when Christ comes. I Corinthians, 15:23-24
- 2 Resurrection at the last day. John 6:39-40--44--54
- 3 Judgment will be at the last day. John 12:48
Christ will judge when He comes . Matthew 25:31-33, II Timothy 4:1
The wicked will be punished when He comes. II Thessalonians 1:6-10
- 4 We will meet Him in the air. I Thessalonians 4:17
Then He will deliver the kingdom to the Father. I Corinthians 15:24
Presently reigning till the end. I Corinthians 15:25, Acts 2:30-34, Colossians 1:13, Revelation 1:9

1. All good and bad in graves raised the same hour.
2. Resurrection is at the last day.
3. Therefore, ALL will be raised at the last day.

1. Judgment will be at the last day.
2. Judgment will be when Christ comes.
3. Therefore, Christ will come at the last day.

1. Christ comes at the last day.
2. Resurrection will be at the last day.
3. Therefore, when Christ comes, all will be raised.

1. When Christ comes, all will be resurrected.
2. At last day when Christ comes, all will be judged.
3. Therefore, when Christ comes, all will be raised for the judgment.

Matthew 24:3-44

Jesus answers two questions:

a ***When will the destruction of the temple occur?*** Answer: It would be within the period of that generation. The signs He mentions would warn them.

b ***What are the signs of His second coming and the end of the world?*** Answer: There are no signs.

Church From *ekklesia*, *ek*, out of, *klesis*, to call. Hence a calling out of, a gathering, an assembly of people.
 Acts 19:32--39--41 7:38 20:28

DARKNESS OUT OF <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>	LIGHT INTO <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>
No mercy In sin Satan	Mercy Remission of sins God
John 3:19 Ephesians 5:11	I John 1:5-7

I Peter 2:9-10

Acts 26:16-18

Colossians 1:13

- CHURCH** _____ | II Thess. 2:14
 Mark 16:15-16
 Matthew 16:18, Acts 2:47, I Corinthians 1:2

- BODY** _____ | I Cor. 12:13
 Galatians 3:27
 Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:4, Colossians 1:18

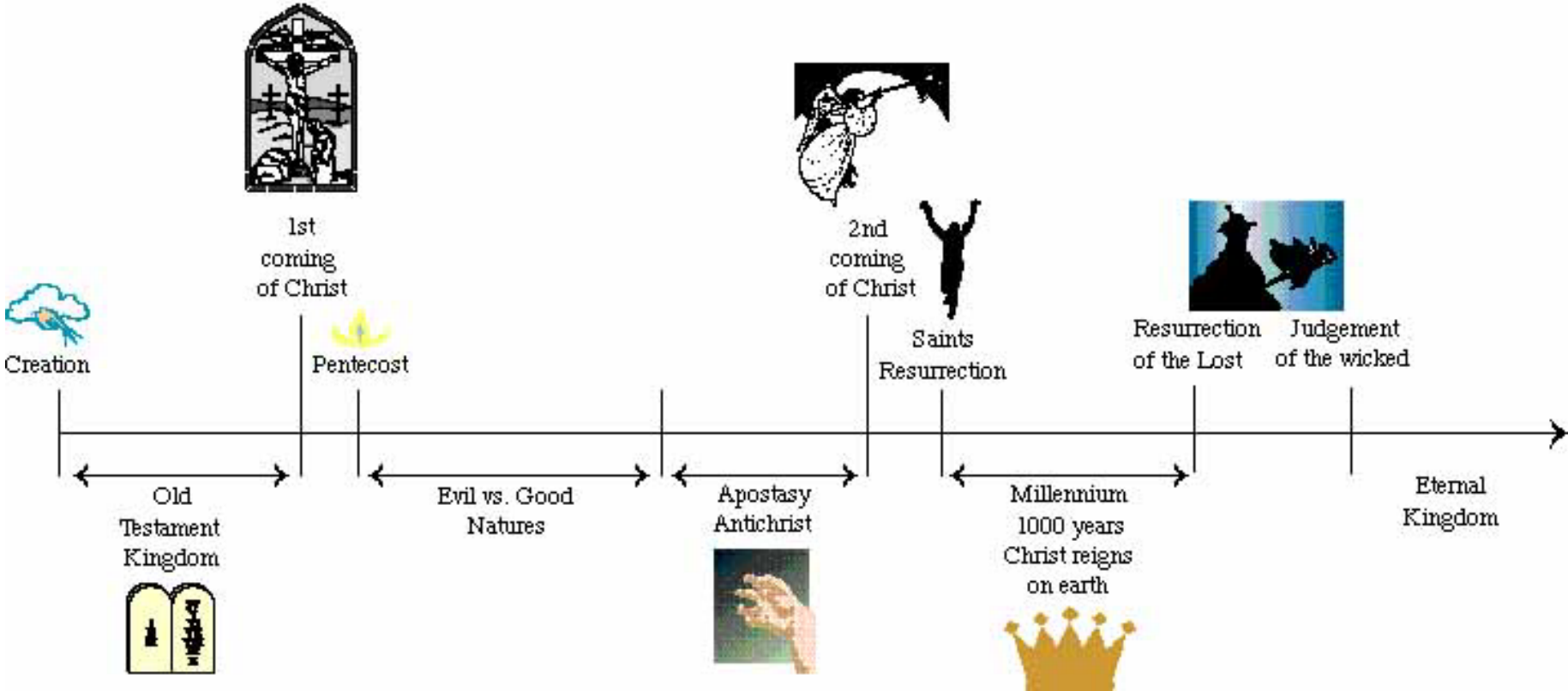
- BRIDE** _____ | Romans 6:1-7
 Ephesians 5:22-32, Romans 7:1-4

- HOUSE** _____ | I Peter 4:17-18
 I Timothy 3:15, Hebrews 3:6

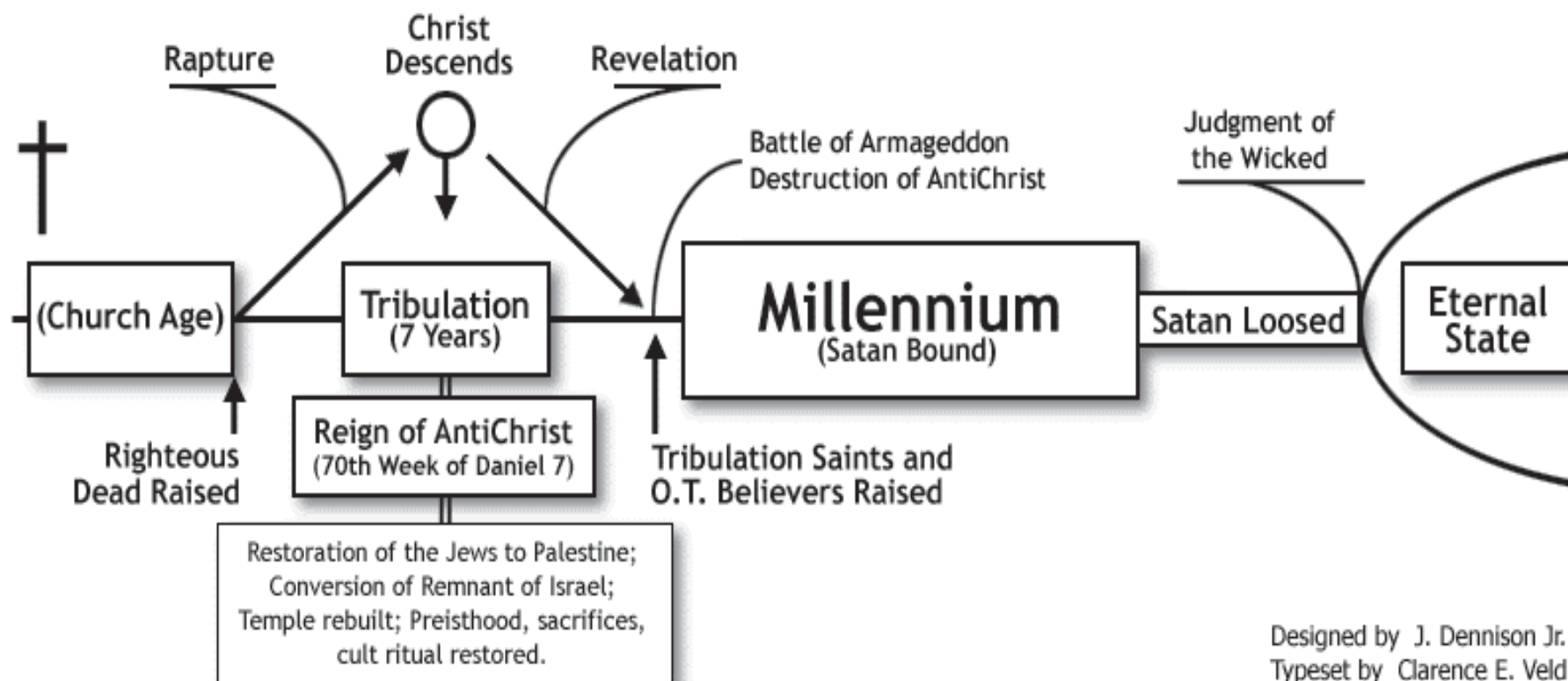
- TEMPLE** _____ | Ephesians 2:11f
 Ephesians 2:11-22. I Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:19
 II Corinthians 6:16

- KINGDOM** _____ | John 3:5
 Titus 3:3-5
 Ephesians 5:25f
 Mark 9:1, Colossians 1:13, Hebrews 12:28
 Revelation 1:9, Matthew 3:2, 4:17

Classical Premillennialism



Dispensational Premillennialism



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Introducing Our Subject

Millennialism insists that Christ will literally rule the earth for a definite period of 1,000 years, which is the meaning of the word, *millenium*. It will be a joyous time when people bow before the King. At the end of that period comes the judgment. There are numerous events that surround this period and there are different forms.

Premillennialism - Christ will return before the start of the 1,000 years.

Dispensationalism is a particular form of premillennialism originating with one J.N. Darby. It divides Bible history into different periods, dispensations, other than and more than the natural divisions.

Postmillennialism - Christ will return following the 1,000 year period. That period will be ushered in by the preaching of the gospel which has widespread acceptance and a period of peace. Many of the early restoration preachers believed this. Witness Alexander Campbell's journal, "Millennial Harbinger."

Amillennialism - means there will be no millennium as such. The stated figure in Revelation 20 is figurative, not literal. The kingdom has already been established, Christ has ruled over it since Pentecost and all that awaits is His second coming, the resurrection of all mankind and judgment.

Eschatology - is from *eschatos*, Greek for "last." It refers to a study of the last days, hence, millennialism in some form. Another name for it is *chiliasm*, also meaning "last."

There are other divergent views. Jehovah's Witnesses have had, in the past, the kingdom established in 1914. The Millerite movement predicted the return of Christ and the end in 1843. From this group came the 7th Day Adventists. Anglo-Israelism was mildly popular for a time. There are disagreements within premillennialism, such as the question of the return of Christ prompting a resurrection of only the righteous while the wicked will be raised to judgment seven years later. The period of seven years is known as the "rapture" for the saints and will pass somewhere out in space with Christ. During the same time, the "tribulation" is going on for those left on earth, the great battle of Armageddon.

Hal Lindsey and the “Late Great Planet Earth”

The Late Great Planet Earth was written in 1970, claiming to describe world situations since May 14, 1948 when the State of Israel was established. Lindsey was formerly a tugboat captain in New Orleans. He attended Dallas Theological Seminary. Under dispensational instructors there, he took his theories from selected passages that have been used by every false prophet for centuries before. Lindsey was able to gain such attention that he has spoken on an impending third world war (as in Armageddon) to U.S. military intelligence committees, the American Air War College (an Air force strategic training center), the U.S. State Department and the Pentagon. Lindsey expected and presented that the end would occur very shortly after the appearance of his book; events were already at work to that end. His book was so popular that it was made into a movie with Orson Welles as the narrator.

The downfall of Communism in Russia and eastern Europe was death to Lindsey’s book. Here is an extract of the conclusion of his book:

Keep your eyes on the middle East. If this is the time that we believe it is, this area will become a constant source of tension for all the world. The fear of another World War will be almost completely centered in the troubles of this area. It will become so severe that only Christ or the Antichrist can solve it. Of course the world will choose the Antichrist.

Israel will become fantastically wealthy and influential in the future. Keep your eyes upon the development of riches in the Dead Sea.

The United States will not hold its present position of leadership in the western world; financially, the future leader will be Western Europe. Internal political chaos caused by student rebellions and Communist subversion will begin to erode the economy of our nation. Lack of moral principle by citizens and leaders will so weaken law and order that a state of anarchy will finally result. The military capability of the United States, though it is at present the most powerful in the world, has already been neutralized because no one has the courage to use it decisively. When the economy collapses, so will the military.

As the United States loses power, Western Europe will be forced to unite and become the standard bearer of the western world. Look for the emergence of a “United States of Europe” composed of ten inner member nations. The Common Market is laying the groundwork for this coalition on earth. It will stop the communist take-over of the world and will for a short while control both Russia and Red China through the personal genius of the Antichrist who will become ruler of the European confederacy.

Look for the present sociological problems such as crime, riots, lack of employment, poverty, illiteracy, mental illness, illegitimacy, etc., to increase as the population explosion begins to multiply in the late '70s. Look for the beginning of the widest spread famines in the history of the world.

Look for drug addiction to further permeate the U.S. and other free-world countries. Drug addicts will run for high political office and win through support of the young adults.

Look for drugs and forms of religion to be merged together. There will be a great general increase of belief in extrasensory phenomena, which will not be related to the true God, but to Satan.”

Several facts must be kept in mind:

1. 35 years have passed since the book appeared. Most of what Lindsey predicted did not happen. The decline of communism and rise of Muslim power has drastically changed the political and social picture.
2. Some of the things that he came close to in predicting were things that others were saying who could put together events current at the time. Joseph Smith predicted the trouble between North and South that brought the Civil War. But, such predictions were widespread in any newspaper of the time. Many were predicting the same. Ellen G. White of Adventism did the same thing.
3. Lindsey relied on the same passages and arguments that have been used for centuries to establish the second coming, end of the world, Armageddon, a thousand year reign within the immediate time of the forcaster. They all failed.

The Five Main Doctrines of Premillennialism

1 - FULFILLED PROPHECY

1 - The land promise to Abraham.

- a. Premillennialism insists the land promise has not been fulfilled but will be in the coming kingdom.
- b. The promise. Genesis 12:7, 13:15, 15:18.
- c. God fulfilled His promise.
 - (a) To the extent of the land promise. I Kings 4:21, II Chronicles 9:26.
 - (b) Stated fulfillment. Nehemiah 9:7-8, I Kings 8:49-58.

2 - The Messiah promised to sit on David's throne.

- a. They insist on a literal throne yet to come.
 - (a) Prophecy stated. II Samuel 7:12-17, Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 1:32-33.
 - (b) For response to this argument, see chart.

2 - THE REJECTION OF JESUS BY THE JEWS

"It is held that the Old Testament prophets predicted the re-establishment of David's kingdom and that Christ himself intended to bring this about. It is alleged, however, that because the Jews refused his person and work, he postponed the establishment of his kingdom until the time of his return. Meanwhile, it is argued, the Lord gathered together 'the church' as a kind of interim measure." Wycliffe Dictionary of Theology, p. 352.

1 - Was it actually the plan of God for Jesus to be accepted as king by the Jews during His time on earth?

Isaiah 53:1-3 and John 12:37-38

Psalms 118:22 and Acts 4:8-12

Matthew 21:33-46 and specifically verse 42.

See John 12:27. Jesus was the lamb slain from the foundation of the world, Revelation 13:8.

3 - THE IMPERFECTION OF THE CHURCH

It is said that the church was not in the plan of God but when the Jews rejected and crucified Jesus a substitute plan had to be initiated. The church was a last minute substitute, something to fill the gap, until the Jews would accept Christ and then he could establish His kingdom.

- 1 - The church was in God's plan from the beginning, Ephesians 3:10-11.
 - a. The death of Christ was established from the beginning - Genesis 3:15, Psalm 22, Isaiah 53, I Peter 1:19-20.
 - b. Just so, it was God's plan to establish the church, Acts 20:28.
 - c. Note Isaiah 2:1-4.
- 2 - There is a difference between the kingdom and the church.
 - a. Jesus makes no such distinction, Matthew 16:18. Jesus gave Peter the keys to the kingdom as He built His church.
 - b. Came in the first century, Mark 9:1, Acts 1:8 2:4--47.

4. ONLY SAINTS ARE RAISED IN THE RAPTURE.

The "rapture" is supposed to appear at a "first" second coming of Jesus to take all saints up with Him into the universe, somewhere. While this is going on, the Great Tribulation takes place on earth. At the end of that seven years, He returns again for beginning of His kingdom.

1 - However, John 5:28, Acts 24:15.

5. TO BE A REIGN OF CHRIST FOR 1000 YEARS ON THIS EARTH.

1 - This is claimed to come from Revelation 20:1ff.

2 - Nowhere does it say Jesus will return to earth to ever set foot on it again, John 17:11.

a. I Thessalonians 4:17. We are to meet Him in the air to ever be with Him.

b. Note II Peter 3:1-14.

c. Time of the end specified, I Corinthians 15:23-24.