

Kingdom Come

2) The Restoration of all Things

**The Second Coming of Christ will be the time
of the restoration of all things**

*'...Jesus Christ, who was preached to you
before, whom heaven must receive until the
times of restoration of all things, which God
has spoken by the mouth of all His holy
prophets since the world began'*

(Acts 3:20-21)

**If we want to know how it will end, we just
need to see how it began**

**In the beginning God created us in His image,
and crowned us with glory and honour**

'Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'"

(Gen.1:26-28)

Glory (the moral image of God)

Glory is imparted at Justification

'For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory'

(2 Cor.3:9)

Glory is being revealed through Sanctification

***'But we all, with unveiled face,
beholding as in a mirror the glory of the
Lord, are being transformed into the
same image from glory to glory, just
as by the Spirit of the Lord'***

(2 Cor.3:18)

Glory will be manifested at Glorification

**We 'rejoice in hope of the glory of God'
(Rom.5:2)**

When God glorifies His Son at the Second Coming, we will be glorified together with Him

- ✓ **We will shine with God's glory, 'And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man' (1 Cor.15:49)**
- ✓ **This will not be self-absorbed but reflected, 'Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!' (Matt.13:43)**

'Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is'

(1 John 3:1-2)

**The whole of creation is longing for
our manifestation as sons of God**

***'For the earnest expectation of the
creation eagerly waits for the
revealing of the sons of God'***
(Rom.8:19)

Honour

- ✓ **Revelation 21&22 is a mirror of Genesis 1-3. One corresponds with the other. The two ends of the expanse of time...**
- ✓ **In the beginning God...in the end God**
- ✓ **Fall, bringing sickness, pain, sorrow, crying, death...no more sickness, pain, sorrow, crying, death**
- ✓ **Heaven and earth...new heavens and new earth**
- ✓ **Adam and Eve...The Lamb and the Bride**

**In His first coming He came to seek and save
In His second coming He will rule and reign
for 1000 years**

- ✓ **The kingdom is, 'already, but not yet'**
- ✓ **And we will reign with Him. We will be co-regents with Jesus over all of His creation on earth**
- ✓ ***'And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth"' (Rev.5:10)***

1) Is the term '1000 years' figurative or literal, and (2) are those 1000 years past, present, or future?

Amillennialists believe:

- ✓ There is no literal 1000 year reign of Christ; the number is only figurative of a long time. Only mentioned in Rev.20**
- ✓ The Church is now in the Millennium. Christ reigns from heaven. Satan was bound at Calvary**
- ✓ The church, the kingdom of God, Israel are all synonymous terms. Replacement theology**

Postmillennialists believe:

- ✓ **The world will gradually be conquered by the gospel, and usher in the 1000 year reign of righteousness, then Christ will return**
- ✓ **Yet the world is not getting better, but worse. The end of the age will be anti-Christ, anti-Christianity and anti-God**

Preterists believe:

- ✓ **Full Preterists believe all prophecy, including Revelation, was fulfilled in AD 70, i.e. the Great Tribulation, 2nd Coming, the resurrection of believers, the Great White Throne Judgment, and we are now in the new heavens and earth**□
- ✓ **The Book of Revelation was written in around A.D. 95. Great tribulation, cosmic upheavals in 1st century?**
- ✓ **None of the church fathers during the first 3 centuries AD mentioned the 2nd Coming as having occurred. There are no early church writings that teach Jesus returned physically or spiritually in the 1st century**

Pre-millennialists believe:

- ✓ **The coming of our Lord Jesus Christ will be followed by His millennial reign on earth**
- ✓ **The world is getting worse, not better, '*But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived*' (2 Tim.3:13)**
- ✓ **Today is the day of grace. The gospel is to be preached to the nations**
- ✓ **This was universally believed by the church leaders, unopposed, for first 200 years after Apostolic times. Not until the mid-3rd century, was any other view believed**

'There will be a certain millennium after the resurrection of the dead, when Christ will reign bodily (personally) upon this very earth.'

(Papias a disciple of the Apostle John)

'I, and as many as are orthodox Christians, do acknowledge that there shall be a resurrection of the body, and a residence of a thousand years in Jerusalem rebuilt, adorned, and enlarged, as the prophets Ezekiel, Isaiah, and others do unanimously attest. ... Moreover, a certain man among us, whose name was John, one of the apostles of Christ, in a revelation made to him, did prophesy that the faithful believers in Christ shall live a thousand years in the New Jerusalem, and after that shall be the general resurrection and judgment.'

(Justin Martyr)

'In whatever number of days the world was created, in the same number of thousands of years it will come to its consummation. God, on the sixth day, finished the works that He made; and God rested on the seventh day from all His works. This is a history of the past and a prophecy of the future, for "the day of the Lord is as a thousand years."'

(Irenaeus, a disciple of Polycarp and pupil of John)

'We also confess that a kingdom is promised us on earth, after the resurrection; for it will be for a thousand years'

(Tertullian)

The coming kingdom of God on earth is mentioned in Scripture more than most other subjects!

'And the Lord shall be King over all the earth'
(Zech.14:9)

'...His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth'
(Zech.9:10)

'Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him'
(Psa.72:11)

**His kingdom will not be established
gradually, but suddenly**

***'You watched while a stone was cut out
without hands, which struck the image on
its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in
pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze,
the silver, and the gold were crushed
together, and became like chaff from the
summer threshing floors; the wind carried
them away so that no trace of them was
found. And the stone that struck the image
became a great mountain and filled the
whole earth'***

(Dan.2:34-35)

'Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"'

(Rev.11:15)

'Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father'

(Phil.2:9-11)

**Satan will be bound for 1000 years
and the earth will be filled with the
glory of the LORD**

***'For the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of the glory of the
Lord, as the waters cover the sea'
(Hab.2:14)***

There will be global peace

***'They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war anymore'***

(Isa.2:4)

***'They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy
mountain, for the earth shall be full of the
knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover
the sea'***

(Isa.11:9)

We will have resurrected bodies

'Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed – in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed'
(1 Cor.15:51-52)

'... our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself'
(Phil.3:20-21)

'But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies' (1 Cor.15:35-36)

Question: 'How can a decomposed body be restored to life? What about bodies that have been burned to ashes, eaten by animal or marine life, etc.?'

Answer: 'A seed cannot live unless it dies; if the seed remains a seed that is the end of it.' Disorganization is not an objection to resurrection. It is the necessary condition of reorganization

1) Retention. There will be similarities between the present body and the body we will receive at the resurrection

In the life to come we will be who we are now – only with glorified bodies. *'Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have'* (Lk.24:39)

Jesus walked on earth, He appeared to others, He bore the nail prints in His body still, He ate food, He continued the relationships He had before His death

2) Change. If you sow a seed you don't grow a seed, but the body of that seed, 'And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other grain. But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body' (1 Cor.15:37-38)

A seed bears no resemblance to the plant it will produce, likewise our resurrected body. 'The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body' (1 Cor.15:42-44)

Some of the changes included in our glorified body:

***The effects of the curse will be negated**

****'For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality'* (1 Cor.15:53)**

***We will possess supernatural capabilities**

***Jesus appeared and disappeared supernaturally**

***He experienced supernatural travel**

Half the world's population will survive the Great Tribulation and the Day of the LORD. These are referred to as 'the nations' during the Millennium

These will have children during the Millennial reign

Their bodies will be mortal, but longevity will increase to that of the pre-flood days

If someone with a mortal body dies at the age of 100, it would be the same as someone today dying in their youth

'No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old...'

(Isa.65:19-20)

**The nations will go up to Jerusalem to
worship the Lord,
and anti-semitism will be reversed**

***'Many peoples and strong nations
shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in
Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord.'***
***"Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'In those days
ten men from every language of the nations
shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man,
saying, "Let us go with you, for we have
heard that God is with you." ' "***

(Zech.8:22-23)

Jesus will reign over all the earth

'Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths"

(Isa.2:2-3)

'Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested'

(Rev.15:4)

And we will reign with Him

***'If we endure, we shall also reign with Him'
(2 Tim.2:12)***

'And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations' (Rev.2:26)

'Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown' (Rev.3:11)

***'To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne'
(Rev.3:21)***