

## Will Jesus Reign a Thousand Years?

Most of the world generally termed as “Christian” fosters some belief in the doctrine known as “Premillennialism.” This is basically a doctrine that teaches that Christ will return to this earth to reign on David’s throne for a thousand year period. Upon the completion of this reign, “eternity” will begin.

There are many aspects that could be discussed here, but we will examine only one here. One of the major tenets of this doctrine is that the kingdom and the church are two separate entities. Premillennialists believe that God never intended to establish the church; rather, He intended to establish the early reign in the first century. However, because of Jewish rejection, He established the church and will establish the premillennial kingdom at a future date. This belief is easily refuted when one examines the New Testament. First, we see that the church and the kingdom are referenced together as the same institution in Matthew 16:18-19. That the kingdom was established in the first is also plainly shown in Scripture (Acts 2:47; Col. 1:13).

Finally, it must be seen that nowhere in Scripture is said that Jesus will return to the earth. He is reigning over the kingdom at this time. When He returns, we meet him in the air (1 Thes. 4:17). He is reigning now, and will do so until God determines the time for His return. May we be those who are prepared for that coming and help others to see that truth as well as the truth of what it takes to be prepared for such a coming.

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Sermons:

A.M. “Will Jesus Reign a Thousand Years?”

P.M. – Devotional service (I will be in FW at our graduation)

Sermon Outline: “Will Jesus Reign a Thousand Years?”

I. The Land Promises to Israel

- A. Foundation for Premillennialism: Land Promise to Abraham
- B. Is it still applicable?

II. Has the promised kingdom been established?

- A. Messianic prophecies fulfilled
- B. Jesus said it would be in the lifetime of His audience

III. What does the Bible say about the Second Coming?

IV. Some obvious scriptural problems with this doctrine:

- A. Jesus cannot reign in Jerusalem
- B. A favorite passage (Rev. 20:1-7) is filled with problems