

Studies in the Millennial Kingdom

These notes of mine have time code references shown in brackets. They relate to Mike Bickle's MP3 audio files on his subject 'Studies in the Millennial kingdom'. You may also refer to his complete pdf session notes on the IHOP website.

The purpose of these notes, for each session, is to complement what Mike has already written. Many of the sentences written in my notes, are what Mike has actually said on the audio file.

Session 01. Introduction to the Millennial Kingdom

I. The Millennial Kingdom: Jesus' 1000 year reign on earth.

(1:25-3:05) This session is an overview of his Millennial reign. A lot of subjects with each looked at briefly before they are expanded upon in further sessions. Remember, as Mike Bickle says: ***'Just because many things said may be new to you because of your church background, does not mean it is not in the bible. Most of the church do not really read and study the bible! So don't go throwing it out with the baby's bath water, go and research what is said for yourself.'***

A. (3:05-5:48) This is the period of 1000 years where Jesus will rule in righteousness on this earth. This time frame is then followed by the eternal age. The cleansing by fire at the end of the 1000 years does not mean the earth is annihilated. The bottom line is, Heaven is coming down to the earth at the 2nd coming. Jesus will have the same physical supernatural body that he had post resurrection. We will have the same! The 1000 year reign is the preparation period for the Father to come and dwell with His people. Rev.20:4-6. ***A great intro by MB.***

B. (5:49-6:49) At this time the Kingdom of God will openly manifest worldwide affecting every sphere of life (political, social, economic, spiritual, educational, law enforcement, family, media, arts, technology, sport, environment, social institutions.) There will be people with natural bodies for this period. They will still sin.

C-D.(6:50-8:36) This period of time will result in unprecedented blessing for the whole earth as Jesus establishes righteousness and prosperity. It will not happen immediately but the garden of Eden conditions will spread out from Jerusalem progressively. Jesus will govern as King of Kings over the natural governments. We will help administer His rule through the inhabitants of the earth.

E. (8:37-10:02) The Millennial Kingdom is one of the major revelations of scripture. Jesus core message was that God's Kingdom was being released in a new measure on earth. It is disturbing that so few believers have an understanding of this major theme of Jesus teaching. It is the restoration of all things, being the Fathers plan.

F-G-H. (10:03-15:12) Daniel saw the heavenly coronation: Jesus being crowned king of the nations. Daniel saw a man crowned king of the nations! Dan.7:13-14, 27) Jesus quoted Daniel's words in (Matt.25:31-32) concerning his rule over the nations. The Kings (leaders) of this time will be saved (radically)and base their government on righteousness. They will have natural bodies. We are seeing a small down payment of obedience now.

II. Centre piece of God's purpose: Bringing Heaven and Earth together.

A. (16:07-17:48) The centre piece of God's eternal purpose is for Jesus to come back to establish his kingdom over all the earth as he joins the heavenly realm and earthly realm together **on the earth.** ***Most believers do not grasp this fact and are unable to translate it in a substantial, practical way so that they can picture themselves in the future on the earth with a new supernatural body eating real food. God's purpose has always been for Him to dwell with His people. This is the interpretive key to understanding End-Times. Without this foundational revelation, confusion is inevitable. Rev. 21:13. 'Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them'. Essential teaching inclusion.***

(17:48-23:55) There is a section in here where MB talks more about the return of the Father-it is more towards the end and worthy of listening)

B.(23:56-25:56) God created 2 distinct realms. Heaven speaks of the spiritual where God's power and presence are manifest. Earth speaks of the physical realm where human attributes are manifested. Only when the 2 realms are joined together, can we experience in our resurrected bodies the fullness of God's personality and purposes or the fullness of God. From the cross to Jesus return we don't need resurrected bodies. This time frame was not the original plan, and as such is a holding pattern until restoration occurs.

III. Three types of people are on earth when Jesus appears in the sky.

A.(25:57-31:06) The 'redeemed' will be raptured during this time frame of Jesus appearance in the sky.

B. The 'reprobates' are the ones who took the mark of the beast. They will be judged and killed but not instantly. Nor will they just disappear. Justice will be done as the Kingdom is established.

C. The 'resisters' are the unsaved survivors of the great tribulation period who refused to worship the anti-Christ, nor did they have allegiance to Jesus. Scripture refers to 'those who are left'. Refer to scriptures listed in the pdf notes. We will interact with them, train them and teach them like Jesus did after His resurrection.

IV. Get the right perspective (paradigm) about the end-times.

A-B (31:07-34:10) In Jesus rule of the earth, the natural human processes will not be suspended, but significantly and dynamically enhanced by the supernatural dimension of the Spirit. We will only know at the commencement of the 1000 year reign what we know now, but we will learn quicker from then on.

As gentile believers we think of worshipping Jesus as God in the supernatural. We emphasise his deity as Son of God. The Jews think of worshipping Jesus as the Son of Man. They emphasise his humanity as the Son of David. The full truth is only seen when these two paradigms are brought together. The Son of God is the Son of David.

V. Heavenly Jerusalem and Earthly Jerusalem brought together.

A. (34:11-36:33) When the New Jerusalem comes to earth, then heaven is literally on earth. It comes together as the New Jerusalem descends to the Millennial Jerusalem. This is a difficult concept so just hold off dismissing it. It will not happen until the earthly Jerusalem invites Him to come.

B. (36:34-38:20) The New Jerusalem will descend to a place above the Millennial Jerusalem but not on it (Temple is on Mt. Zion). It will be the governmental centre for the 1000 year reign. It will be joined dynamically somehow to the Millennial Jerusalem. MB suggests a 'corridor of glory'. It will be where we reside. It will be a vast complex 1500 miles cubed in size. Matt.25:31 'When the Son of man comes...then He will sit on the Throne of Glory.'

C-D. (38:21-39:04) Five reasons why the New Jerusalem is not resting on the earth. a) Kings come in and out. Rev.21:24. b) Its leaves heal the nations. Rev.22:2, c) Angels guard the entry. Rev.21:12 d) It lights the saved nations only on the earth. Rev.21:24 e) Its size is 1500 miles cubed as against 10 miles square for the Millennial Jerusalem.

VI. The natural processes will continue on earth for 1000 years.

A-B. (39:05-42:10) Jesus rule for the 1000 years will have both natural and supernatural dimensions. Isa.65:20-25. Animosity between animals will be removed. Isa.11.6-9. The earth will be filled with the knowledge and glory of the Lord.

C-D. (42:11-44:25) The natural processes of life will continue. All evil leaders from the anti-Christ's government will be replaced over time with Kingdom people. Every aspect of life now will come under scrutiny. What is not righteous will be replaced with righteousness. It will take 1000 years for this to spread, mature and for the righteousness in every area of every nation to be tested. Isa.9:7. It needs this time frame because the devil is going to return and test the allegiance of the people and the nations.

VII. The saints will rule with Jesus as Kings and priests.

A-C. (44:26-45:24) The two functions most emphasised for the saints (all those with resurrected bodies) are to be priests and kings. A very brief outline.

As priests, we will worship, intercede and communicate the knowledge of God to the (non-resurrected people on the Millennial earth)

As kings we will evaluate the past, determine future actions, appoint people, train them, manage them.

Not many saints will be kings. 1Cor.6:2-3, Mt. 19:28, Lk.22:29-30, Lk. 19:17

VIII. Jesus will be the king over all other kings in the Millennial.

A-D. (45:25-49:57) Jesus will govern through both resurrected kings and natural kings (who will be saved people with natural bodies.) It is likely there will only be a small percentage of resurrected saints who will be appointed as kings. Meekness is the clue to kingship. Rev.5:10, Rev.2:26-27.

Only the saints who are counted worthy or considered faithful during their life on earth will be made kings or rulers in the age to come. 2 Thes.1:10-11. (needs so understanding)

IX. The resurrected saints in partnership with the kings of the earth.

A-E. (49:58-52:10) Jesus will establish infrastructure to govern every sphere of life in partnership with resurrected saints who will oversee those saints with non-resurrected bodies. It will be a dynamic relationship between both types of saints. It maybe a visual relationship but also a spiritual relationship, like we have now, only it will be enhanced.

Both types of saints will be involved in applying Jesus rule in all aspects of government and society on the Millennial earth. Isa.2:3. The improvements will be progressive. The saints will oversee the rebuilding of the cities destroyed during the great tribulation. **Isa.61:4, Isa.66:18-20.(These are important end time verses)**

F-J. (52:11-54:10)The resurrected saints in partnership with the leaders of the earth will bring the gospel of salvation to those needing to be saved so they may enter the kingdom. The gospel of the kingdom is the all encompassing gospel. The surviving 'resisters' and their ongoing offspring during the 1000 years will not be instantly converted when Jesus returns. It will take time and effort as will the disciplining of the nations. Take note: All nations will not be disciplined prior to Jesus return.

The resurrected kings and saints will work with the earthly kings and leaders to re-establish businesses to generate financial resources. Isa.60:1-14. Israel will be prosperous. Isa.4:1.

The saints will oversee the work necessary to restore God's order to agriculture, the atmosphere and animal life. Rev.20:1-6, Isa.2:1-4.

The saints will oversee the work required to restore justice over every sphere of life. Isa.32:1

In the Millennial Kingdom, sin will occur by those with un-resurrected bodies. Sin will be punished along with those who prophesy falsely. Zech.13:3.

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