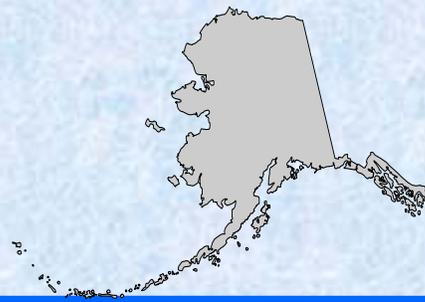


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The thousand-years reign of Jesus Christ on this earth

Why I believe and preach that Jesus Christ shall literally reign on this earth

By Leon King

Some of God's dear children do not believe that Jesus Christ shall reign on this earth for a thousand years. The saints, the rank and file who sit under the preaching of their pastors, are oft tossed to and

fro with the arguments about last things. Good men differ on this topic. A dear brother said, "No, I am not a pre-millennialist, not an a-millennialist, nor am I a post-millennialist. I am a pan-millennialist," he continued, "I believe that whatever God has determined shall happen, and it shall all pan out in the end."

Most of the Missionary Baptist Churches in Northeast Arkansas believed in the 1,000 years reign of Jesus Christ on this earth when the author was a boy in the 1940s and 1950s. To his knowledge, most of them still believe this to be the teaching of scripture. They also believed in a pre-tribulation "rapture." What did they mean by that term? Explaining the "rapture," they were persuaded that Jesus Christ would come secretly and unannounced to take his church to himself before the great time of trouble began - the time of trouble spoken of in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and the book of the Revelation. At this secret coming, Jesus would take his people out of the world and then the great time of trouble would begin. Jesus would come again with his saints at or near the end of the great

tribulation period. At his coming, Armageddon would take place where the Lord would destroy all the armies gathered against him and his saints. Then, Jesus would set up his visible kingdom on earth and would reign on this earth for one thousand years.

His teachers taught him this when he was a lad. All the preachers he knew in the Jonesboro Association of Missionary Baptist Churches in Arkansas believed and preached the pre-tribulation rapture. They all believed in the 1,000 years reign of Christ on this earth - at least, as far as he could tell at his young age, they did. Upon the Lord's calling him into the ministry, he taught and preached what he had learned. Since his days as a child, he has been confronted by non-millennialists, postmillennialists, and post-tribulationists.

Basically, the non-millennialists (sometimes called Amillennialists) believe that Jesus came back in 70 AD when Jerusalem was destroyed

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at the hands of Titus, son of the Roman Emperor. Some, if not all of these Amillennialists, are called Preterists. According to the ones the author has known, they believe there was a resurrection of the saints that took place at that time (70 AD). For them, God will have no further dealings with Israel as a nation nor is there a thousand years reign. They believe the Book of Revelation is so highly figurative that it cannot be understood or taken literally. Elder G. E. Jones, writing in his book, *The Millennial Issue*, said this regarding Nonmillennialists.

"The Non-millennialists are those who do not believe there will be such a thing as a thousand years reign. They seek to bring the Book of Revelation into disrepute by saying it is too highly figurative to be understood, and that it was not meant to be understood. They, as a rule, do not claim to know anything about the Book of Revelation, and they deny that anyone else does. They thus charge the Lord with giving to His people a book written in such language that it is impossible for them to know what He meant or to profit by the book.

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They discourage the study of this book and frown upon those who teach and preach it. In the days following the apostolic times, the Non-millennialists rejected the Book of Revelation and spoke of it as a book of fables. Not only do they seek to discredit the Book of Revelation and its study but they twist and turn the prophecies of the Old Testament to suit their fancies and to explain away the plainly revealed truths concerning our Lord's earthly reign. With them, the Bible never means what it says, and it never says what it means. Every prophecy of Scripture has to be beat out on their anvil and reworked to suit their own theory before being accepted. They pay no attention to the words of Peter who said, "No prophecy of scripture is of any private interpretation" (II Peter 1:20), and go right on their way putting their own private interpretation on all prophecy. With them, Israel does not mean Israel, but the church. David's throne does not mean David's throne, but the throne of the Heavenly Father in heaven. Mt. Olives does not mean Mt. Olives, but something else. A thousand years does not mean a thousand years, but an indefinite period of time, maybe ten days, maybe a longer time. (I read after one man who made it to be the ten days between our Lord's ascension and the coming of the Spirit on Pentecost.) Immediately does not mean immediately, but perhaps two thousand years. (I had one Non-millennialist to tell me that.) Canaan land does not mean Canaan land. Everlasting means everlasting when connected with the punishment of the wicked, and some of them have it meaning that when connected with the believer's life, but when it is found connected with God's covenant with Abraham then everlasting no longer means everlasting." (*The Millennial Issue*, by G. E. Jones).

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The Postmillennialists believe that Christ will come *after* the one thousand year reign. They believe that Christians will "take the world for Christ," thereby preparing a good place for the Savior to take up his visible kingdom. Again, I quote from Brother Jones' book:

"The Postmillennialists are so called because they believe that the second coming of Christ will be after the thousand years reign mentioned in Rev. 20:2-7. Dr. Daniel Whitby of North-hampshire, who was born in 1638, was the originator of this position. They believe that the world will get better instead of worse, and that through the preaching of the gospel and other influences for good that the nations will finally be persuaded to cease from war, and an age of peace and righteousness will come in. After this thousand years of peace and righteousness, Christ will return and a general resurrection and a general judgment will take place. Favorite expressions with the Postmillennialists are "Bringing in the kingdom," and "Taking the world for Christ." They think it is the business of the churches to win this world over to Christ. Their long range programs are built around this false conception of the millennium. The tendency among them is to institutionalism. They put great stress on secular training. They are drifting more and more into a social gospel, and they are putting less and less stress on individual regeneration, blood redemption, and personal repentance and faith. With them, the high mark of spirituality is to be loyal to their cooperative programs and their denominational leaders." (The Millennial Issue, by G. E. Jones).

We bring these things forth so we have a better understanding of the positions held by others. Personally, the author rejects both the Amillennialist and the Postmillennialist views as unscriptural. He also rejects the teaching of a

pre-tribulation rapture. The writer preached the "rapture" for years, but through a more careful reading of the proof texts normally given to prove the rapture, he has come to believe the second coming of Jesus Christ will take place at or near the end of the tribulation period. His coming is the *"third woe"* and happens at the sounding of the seventh and *"last trumpet."* Upon Jesus coming with the souls of his saints, the resurrection will take place at the sounding of the last trump. Armageddon will take place with all the armies of the beast destroyed and the beast and false prophet cast into the Lake of Fire. Then, Jesus will set up his kingdom on this earth and reign with his kings and priests for a thousand years. Here are reasons for believing in the millennial reign of Christ.

Let us read Revelation 20:1-7:

Revelation 20:1-7 *And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection...7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.*

The term "thousand years" is found five times in these seven verses. The word "thousand" is translated from the Greek word *chilioi*. In the first century, the Christians were known as Chiliasts because they believed in the 1000 years reign of Christ, which is what the word "chilioi" means. Now for the first scripture proof.

1st Proof: Plain Statement of Scripture. Read Revelation 20:1-7.

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There can be no greater proof than the plain statement from the Scriptures. A youngster barely into the third grade in school would have no trouble understanding these plain statements. One would have to believe what he was reading for it to be meaningful to him. I take this to mean what it says. Scripture is the best commentary on scripture, so we ought to compare spiritual things with spiritual. Now we shall compare scripture with others.

2nd Proof: Place of Jesus' Reign with His Kings and Priests is on the earth.

Revelation 5:9,10 *And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*

In the foregoing verse, the ones who sung a new song and made the statements which follow are the four and twenty elders. According to them, they were redeemed out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. That is quite impossible for twenty-four people to literally be out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. The obvious answer is that the four and twenty elders represent the saints who have been redeemed from all of these. The elders said, "*we shall reign on the earth.*"

Revelation 7:27 *And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.*

This verse teaches that the kingdom and dominion "under the whole heaven" shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High. If the kingdom is under the whole heaven, where

else can it be but on the earth? This agrees perfectly with Revelation 5:9,10.

What is the specific place of Jesus' reign? The Battle of Armageddon will take place on the earth in or near the valley of Jehoshaphat.

Joel 3:2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

Joel 3:12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

Revelation 16:13-14,16 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. 16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

According to *Easton's Revised Bible Dictionary*, the term Armageddon literally means "the mount of Megiddo." The mount of Megiddo is in the land of Israel and is surrounded by a great plain commonly called the "bread basket of Israel." It has been the place of many battles in the Old Testament.

Jesus' feet will stand on the Mount of Olives. There is a Jonesboro, Arkansas, and there is a Jonesboro, Illinois. There is a Memphis, Tennessee, and a Memphis in the Middle East country of Egypt. There is a Moscow in

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Russia and there is a Moscow in Idaho. There is only one Mount of Olives – and it is located less than a Sabbath Day's journey east of Jerusalem. If one could go out the eastern gate in the wall of the old city of Jerusalem, he would descend sharply to the Brook Kedron, cross the Garden of Gethsemane, and begin his ascent eastward up the Mount of Olives. There can be no mistaking where Jesus' feet shall stand when he comes with his saints.

*Zechariah 14:1-4 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. 2For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 **And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.***

Even the Orthodox Jews, in their blindness, believe the Messiah will come, and his feet will touch the Mount of Olives which is before Jerusalem on the east. This cannot refer to his first coming because the mountain is still intact and has not cleaved in the midst as prophesied. The Mount of Olives is, of course, on *this* earth - not the *new* earth.

The throne of David is the throne upon which Jesus will sit. This is a fulfillment of The Davidic Covenant.

Jesus shall be given the throne of his father David...and he shall reign over the house of Jacob...

*1 Chronicles 17:7-14 (Also recorded in 2 Samuel 7:4-17) therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, even from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel: 8 And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are in the earth. 9 Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning, 10 And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee that the LORD will build thee an house. 11 **And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. 12 He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for ever. 13 I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee: 14 **But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.*****

*Luke 1:30-33(Let us see whether or not these things are literally understood) And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 **He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign***

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over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Mary literally found favor with God; she literally conceived in her womb, literally brought forth a son, literally called his name Jesus; Jesus was and is literally great, was and is literally called the Son of the Highest. Shall not the Lord God literally give him the throne of his father David so that he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever?

Some people believe that Jesus is now seated on the throne of David, but this author does not agree with that view. Jesus shall occupy the throne of David (the place of reign over the house of Jacob). This is the *"throne of his glory"* upon which He will sit – and, at that time, the twelve apostles shall also sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.

Matthew 19:28 *And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration **when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory**, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

Jerusalem is the place of the reign.

According to the following scriptures, the Lord will be king over all the earth, and the law shall go forth out of Zion and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. Lest any think this is in the eternal age, let us consider that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem - half toward the former and half toward the hinder sea. When the new earth appears, there shall be no more sea.

Zechariah 14:8,9 *And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. 9 And **the LORD shall be king over all the earth:** in*

that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

Isaiah 2:3 *And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: **for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.***

Micah 4:2 *And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: **for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.***

This is the establishment of the fifth kingdom prophesied in Daniel 2:44.

The establishment of this fifth kingdom must occur during the reign of the kings or leaders which succeed the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire was the world power which existed during the personal ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, therefore, this prophecy was yet to be fulfilled when the Lord was on the earth.

Daniel 2:44 *And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.*

3rd Proof: When David is King, Israel shall be one nation again in their land.

The following passages teach clearly that Israel shall serve God in their land again as one nation under David their king. Jeremiah prophesied approximately 409 years after the reign of David, the son of Jesse; Ezekiel prophesied 428

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years after David's reign. There can be no doubt that the one shepherd over the nation is "my servant David." This cannot be David, the son of Jesse (unless David is resurrected to sit on the throne) - but it is the son of David, the Lord Jesus Christ. This must be for God promised to give him the throne of His father, David. (Luke 1:32) All of this, according to these passages, occurs when Israel returns in the latter days.

Jeremiah 23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto **David a righteous Branch**, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

Jeremiah 30:7-9 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. 8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: 9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and **David their king**, whom I will raise up unto them.

Ezekiel 24:22-31 Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle. 23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even **my servant David**; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and **my servant David** a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it. 25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. 26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. 27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase,

and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them. 28 And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid. 29 And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more. 30 Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord GOD. 31 And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 37:21-28 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: 22 **And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all:** and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: 23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling-places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. 24 And **David my servant** shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. 25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and **my servant David** shall be their prince for ever. 26

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Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. 27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 28 And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

Hosea 3:4,5 *For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: 5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and **David their king**; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.*

Isaiah 55:1-13 *For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.*

In the creation, it is the survival of the fittest – and, there is a food chain in which some creatures are small and some are large. This has nothing to do with evolution, but is a result of the curse which came by the fall of man. Animals kill and eat one another – they are wild by nature and have upon them the fear and dread of man – both of which will be removed when the sons of God are manifested.

Genesis 9:1-2 *And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. **And***

the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

As we have seen from Romans 8, we will be made known (which is what manifested means) at the adoption – the resurrection of our body which takes place at the coming of our Lord. Then

Isaiah 11:6-9 *The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. 9 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.*

Isaiah 65:25 *The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.*

Hosea says, In that day, *"I will make a covenant for thee with the beasts of the field..."* This happens in connection with Israel's return - when they are brought into the wilderness (Hosea 2:14, Ezekiel 20), and they are given the valley of Achor - when they shall call him Baali (LORD) - when God takes away the names of Baalim out of her mouth. Hosea 2:14-23 is a commentary on this.

Hosea 2:18 *And in that day will I make a*

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covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

c. Death and the curse during this time.

The following passage tells us of a time when there will be no more an infant of days; nor an old man that hath not filled his days. The child shall die an hundred years old. The sinner is accursed at one hundred years. This cannot be in the eternal age because *"there shall be no death"* in that time. Death shall have been cast into the Lake of Fire at the Great White Throne Judgment.

Revelation 20:12-14 *And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And **death** and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

We are told in 1 Corinthians 15, that Christ must reign until He has put all enemies under his feet – and the last enemy so placed shall be death.

1 Corinthians 15:22-26 *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put*

*down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. **The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.***

Though Jesus Christ overcame death in His own death, death continues to reign over the physical bodies until death is cast into the lake of fire after the end of the 1000 years reign of Christ, at the Great White Throne judgment. In the eternal age, on the new heaven and the new earth, there shall be no more death (Revelation 21:4).

So we see that death is destroyed after the reign of Christ. Furthermore, Isaiah 65:17-24 speaks of people building and inhabiting - of planting and eating the fruit of the vineyard - their days shall be as the days of a tree. This tells us that longevity is greatly increased. There will be no premature deaths. People will enjoy the labor of their hands - and enjoy their offspring (their children). This passage, like several others, presents a view of two different periods of the future - one of the reign on this earth; the other, after Christ's earthly reign, of the new heavens and new earth.

Isaiah 65:17-24 *For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. 20 **There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.** 21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and*

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eat the fruit of them. 22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands 23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. 24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

*Revelation 21:1-4 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was **no more sea**. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and **there shall be no more death**, neither sorrow, **nor crying**, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

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5th Proof: Israel will be in the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as one nation during the reign of David, the Prince.

In Ezekiel 37:21-28, we are told that God will gather the people of Israel out of the countries in which they have been scattered and bring them into their own land and make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel. This marks the end of the divided kingdom which took place during the days of King Rehoboam, Solomon's son.

Some say that Israel is the church. That is not true. The first church was composed of Israelites entirely, but that was not the nation - it was the believing remnant out of national Israel according to the election of grace.



[We do not have the space to conclude this article, but shall, God willing, continue with proofs five through seven in the Winter, 2008 issue, next. — lk]