



## Clanking Chains: Preterist Misconceptions of True Israel & the Millennium; Characteristics of the Millennium

- (6) Nay, you can know for sure you are a **citizen** of the *true Israel* with full rights and privileges, a *true child of Abraham*, whether you are Jew or Gentile.

We have already established that the Church Age believer is a citizen of heaven. True Israel is dispersed and will not regain ascendancy until the Millennium. Church Age believers are not indigenous to any specific national entity. Believers may live anywhere, in any culture, and under any government. The privileges they enjoy are those of the heavenly *politeuma* as “children of God ... and joint heirs with Christ.” Romans 8:16-17.

The true children of Abraham are Jews who are related to him genetically. However, as Paul points out in Romans 9:6 that “they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel.” To be true Israel a Jew must not only have the genes of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob but also the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

In the Church Age, according to Paul in:

**Galatians 3:28** - There is neither Jew nor Gentile, there is neither slave nor free man, there is not male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

All who believe are baptized into the body of Christ and are one with Him, the Jew as well as the Gentile. These Jews are royal family of God and have the privileges that far exceed their Jewish brethren who were believers in the Old Testament. They enjoy all the spiritual assets of the mystery dispensation of the Church and will be superior to their Jewish brethren in the millennial Kingdom.

- (7) You can also have the confidence of knowing that you are living in the Kingdom age (you can call it the “Church age” if you like), and that it is everlasting in its duration!

The spiritualizing done here stretches all limits. The environment assigned to the Kingdom age cannot be logically assigned to some spiritual mental attitude possessed by the enlightened. This smacks of Gnosticism.

The events prophesied to transpire in the millennial Kingdom are literal because the promises given to Israel were specific and involved people, land, a government, and a nation identified precisely as one that lies between the Nile and Euphrates rivers.

Millennial prophecies clearly reveal that the dispensation is literal, not figurative or spiritual, and emphasizes the genetic Jew back in the Promised Land, not the Church; and that the unconditional covenants to Israel are fulfilled literally to Israel not to the Church.

### Characteristics of the Millennium

1. The millennium is promised to Israel in the Davidic covenant:

**2 Samuel 7:8** - “Now therefore, thus you [ **Nathan** ] shall say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, “I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be ruler over My people Israel.’”



**v. 10** - "I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly.

**v. 12** - "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant [ **Messiah** ] after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom [ the millennial reign ].

**v. 13** - "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne [ rulership in Jerusalem ] of his kingdom forever.

**2 Samuel 7:16** - "And your house [ Davidic dynasty ] and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.""

2. Although Israel became unfaithful, her failure did not affect the divine promise to David and to Israel. The veracity of the Davidic covenant is reconfirmed by Ethan in:

**Psalms 89:30** - "If his sons forsake My law, and do not walk in My judgments,

**v. 31** - if they violate My statutes, and do not keep My commandments,

**v. 32** - then I will visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

**v. 33** - "But I will not break off My lovingkindness from him, nor deal falsely with My faithfulness.

**v. 34** - "My covenant I will not violate, nor will I alter the utterance of My lips.

**v. 35** - "Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David.

**v. 36** - "His descendants [ Israelites ] shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me.

**v. 37** - "It shall be established forever like the moon, and the witness in the sky is faithful."

3. The Father has promised David a descendant that will rule forever. The promised descendant is fulfilled at the birth of Jesus and confirmed by the Archangel Gabriel when he informed Mary that she will incubate the biological life of Messiah:

**Luke 1:31** - "Behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son and you shall name Him Jesus.

**v. 32** - "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord will give Him the throne of His father David;

**Luke 1:33** - and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end."

4. The Lord's First Advent was not designed to give priority to the crown but to the cross. This is confirmed by Gabriel in his disclosure to Joseph in:

**Matthew 1:21** - "Mary will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins."



5. It is in the millennial kingdom, yet future, that the Lord will rule the world as king, functioning from David's throne in Jerusalem, which will serve as the headquarters for His global government and the capital of client nation Israel. Excerpts from the prophecy of Zechariah provide the documentation:
- Zechariah 12:7** - "The Lord also will save the residents of Judah first in order that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not be magnified [ **become arrogant** ] above Judah.
- v. 8** - "In that day [ **Second Advent** ] the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem ...
- v. 9** - "And it will come about in that day that I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem."
- Zechariah 14:9** - And the Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one.
- v. 11** - The people will live in it, and there will be no more curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in safety.
- v. 16** - Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts.
6. The Lord's jurisdiction will be global and the His rulership will encompass all earthly kingdoms. His kingdom shall have the following characteristics:
- (1) There will be universal peace brought about by Jesus Christ, not by any human organization, human warfare, or human peace efforts:
- Micah 4:3** - He will judge between the many peoples, and render decisions for many mighty, distant nations. Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they train for war. (See also Isaiah 2:4)
- (2) In this environment of peace and freedom the economic system will thrive bringing about global prosperity:
- Amos 9:13** – "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the plowman will overtake the reaper [ **no harsh winters to halt cultivation and harvest** ] and the treader of grapes him who sows seed [ **grapes so abundant that planting time arrives before vintage is finished** ]; when the mountains will drip sweet wine, and all the hills will be dissolved [ **mountain vineyards so lush the mountains appear to be desolving** ].
- v. 14** - "Also I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel, and they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them, they will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, and make gardens and eat their fruit.
- v. 15** - "I will also plant them on their land, and they will not again be rooted out from their land which I have given them," says the Lord your God.
- (3) Sickness is eliminated by Christ as the Great Physician and death becomes rare except in the case of capital crimes:

**Isaiah 33:24a** - No resident will say, "I am sick."



**Ezekiel 34:16** - "I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with judgment."

**Isaiah 65:20** - "No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his days; for the youth will die at age 100 and the one who does not reach the age of 100 shall be thought accursed."

- (4) The curse that destroyed the pristine environment of the Garden of Eden will be removed and perfection will be restored:

**Isaiah 11:6** - And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them.

**v. 7** - Also the cow and the bear will graze; their young will lie down together; and the lion will eat straw with the ox.

**v. 8** - And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

**v. 9** - They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.