

INTRODUCTION

I. CHRIST WILL RULE OVER THE GENTILES WITH A ROD OF IRON.

A. Scripture prophesied a reign of Christ on the earth over the Gentiles. Is. 11:1-10;
Rom. 15:12

1. Christ's reign begins as He puts down all Gentile rule of government and takes control of the kingdoms of this world. Rev. 11:15
2. The Lord will rule over all governments as King. Is. 9:7
 - a) There are several words translated government in the Hebrew.
 - (1) One word for government is har which denotes governmental structure. cf. Ez. 28:14; Is. 2:2; 11:9
 - (2) The Hebrew word for government in Isaiah 9 is misrah which means a rule, dominion.
 - (a) The Septuagint uses the word arche -- power -- to translate the word for government. cf. Eph. 1;21
 - (b) The rule of the world will be on His "shoulders" shekem which is used metaphorically of ***the part of the body able to bear carrying heavyweight.*** Matt. 23:4; Is. 9:6 cf. Job 31:36; Ez. 12:12
3. Judgment and justice will characterize His government. cf. Jr. 23:5
 - a) Judgment (misphat) ***to exercise the processes of government; to govern.*** -- TWOT lexicon cf. Is. 11:1-5
 - b) Justice (saddiq) -- ***conformity to an ethical or moral standard.*** -- TWOT lexicon. (righteousness) cf. Gen. 6:9; 7:1 ; Is. 32:1
4. "Rule" as translated in the New Testament has the idea of "shepard". cf. Rev. 2:27; 12:5; 19:5
 - a) "Shepherd" is used metaphorically of ***administrative and protective activity in relation to a community of believer; guide, care for, look after; with emphasis on the governing aspects of administration rule.*** cf. Acts 20:28
 - b) The Hebrew word for "shepherd" used in Ps.2 is raa which is normally translated evil but is used in some instances in verb form to denote punishment. cf. Ps. 2:9; (Job 34:24)
 - (1) "All nations" is ta ethnos -- the Gentiles. cf. Acts 11:1; 15:7
 - (2) The means of the Lord's shepherding will be with a "rod of

iron --

- B. The center of operation for His kingdom will be Jerusalem. Micah 4:7
 - 1. Mount is the Hebrew word often used for government. Cf. Ez. 28:14; Is. 11:9
 - 2. Zion is used in Scripture as a synonymous for Jerusalem. cf. Is. 24:23; Ps. 48:2; Oba. 1:17, 21
 - 3. Mount Zion is seen in the New Testament as being the New Jerusalem. Heb. 12:22-23
 - a) The apostle John sees the New Jerusalem coming out from heaven after the recreation of the universe. Rev. 21:4
 - b) Proofs the New Jerusalem exist during the kingdom.
 - (1) The presence of unsaved. Cf. Rev. 21:27; 22:14-15
 - (2) The church is promised a heavenly dwelling. Phil. 3:20; Heb. 12:22

II. THE CHURCH WILL AID CHRIST IN HIS RULING THE WORLD.

- A. Paul reminded Timothy that those suffering together with Christ is a sign that we will reign together with Him. 2 Tim. 2:12
 - 1. The use of the preposition with basileia notes a co reign with Christ. Vs. 12
 - 2. The reign is seen as over the earth. Rev. 5:10
 - 3. Those who resist the beast are promised to reign loosely associated with Christ during the Millennial Kingdom. Cf. Rev. 20:4,6
- B. The overcomers at Philadelphia (symbolic of the true church) are promised to be a pillar in the New Jerusalem.
 - 1. "Pillar" is used in Scripture metaphorically of a support. cf. 1st Tim. 3:15
 - 2. The believer today is promised that his citizenship is a heavenly one. Phil. 3:20
- C. From the New Jerusalem, the church will have "authority" over the "nations". Rev. 2:26
 - 1. The word "power" is the word exousia which is used in Scripture of the right to rule. cf. Rom. 13:3; 1st Co. 5:9
 - 2. The word "over" is the Greek preposition epi which denotes responsibility. Lk. 9:1; Rev. 16:9
 - 3. "Nations" is again -- the Gentiles.
 - 4. Part of the believers authority will be to help judge matters in the world. 1st Co. 6:2

III. ISRAEL WILL RULE ON THE EARTH OVER THE GENTILES.

- A. Israel's inheritance has always been the earth.
 - 1. The promise was initially given to Abraham. Gen. 17:7-8; cf. Acts 7:5
 - 2. Israel shall inhabit the land completely during the Millennial Kingdom. cf. Is. 57:13; Ps. 37:3,9,29,34
 - 3. Gentiles will be subject to Israel. Amos 9:11-12

- B. David will serve as prince. Ez. 34:24; 37:25
 - 1. A prince is the Hebrew word nasi which means a ruler. cf. 1st Kings 11:34
 - 2. David will be raised to be a prince over Israel.
 - a) He will lead the nation in sin offering. Ez. 45:22
 - b) He will worship. Ez. 46:2

- C. The Tribulation martyrs will reign "with" (meta -- loosely associated with Christ) during the Millennial Kingdom. Rev. 20:4

- D. Some Tribulation saints will be given authority over cities based upon their faithfulness to the "talents" given them. Lk. 19:15-19

- E. Those who followed the Lord during His earthly ministry will help him to judge matters among Israel. Matt. 19:28

CONCLUSION