

THE MILLENIUM ISAIAH 2:1-4; MICAH 4:1-4

Much more -----> millennium <-----less than
than now heaven / eternity

Toward a definition of the millennium:

The sovereign, righteous rule & reign:

- Of the Messiah / Christ
- On the earth
- From Jerusalem & the nation of Israel
- Over the entire world
- For 1,000 years
- With life, liberty and justice for all!
- Out of the pure worship of God

Foundations of the Millennium:

1. The purposes of creation

2. The promises &/ covenants of God!

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: **Genesis 12:2** And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: **Genesis 12:3** And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: **and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**

Genesis 13:14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: **Genesis 13:15** For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. **Genesis 13:16** And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. **Genesis 13:17** Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

Genesis 15:7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. **Genesis 15:8** And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? **Genesis 15:9** And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. **Genesis 15:10** And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not. **Genesis 15:11** And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away. **Genesis 15:12** And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. **Genesis 15:13** And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; **Genesis 15:14** And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. **Genesis 15:15** And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. **Genesis 15:16** But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full. **Genesis 15:17** **And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.** **Genesis 15:18** **In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:** **Genesis 15:19** The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, **Genesis 15:20** And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, **Genesis 15:21** And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

Jeremiah 34:18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, **which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof,** **Jeremiah 34:19** The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, **which passed between the parts of the calf;**

Genesis 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. **Genesis 17:2** **And I will make my covenant between me and thee,** and will multiply thee exceedingly. **Genesis 17:3** And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, **Genesis 17:4** As for me, behold, my

covenant is with thee, **and thou shalt be a father of many nations.** Genesis 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, **but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.** Genesis 17:6 **And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.** Genesis 17:7 **And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.** Genesis 17:8 **And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.** Genesis 17:9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. Genesis 17:10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. Genesis 17:11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. Genesis 17:12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. Genesis 17:13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. Genesis 17:14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

Genesis 22:15 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, Genesis 22:16 **And said, By myself have I sworn,** saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: Genesis 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; Genesis 22:18 **And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;** because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Genesis 26:2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: Genesis 26:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; **for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father;** Genesis 26:4 **And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;** Genesis 26:5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

Genesis 28:12 And he dreamed, and beheld a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. Genesis 28:13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: **the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;** Genesis 28:14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: **and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.** Genesis 28:15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

2 Samuel 7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up **thy seed** after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish **his kingdom.** 2 Samuel 7:13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish **the throne** of his kingdom for ever. 2 Samuel 7:14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: 2 Samuel 7:15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. 2 Samuel 7:16 And **thine house** and **thy kingdom** shall be established for ever before thee: **thy throne** shall be established **for ever.**

Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, That I will make **a new covenant** With the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Jeremiah 31:32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers In the day that I took them by the hand To bring them out of the land of Egypt; Which my covenant they brake, Although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: Jeremiah 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, **I will put my law in their inward parts, And write it in their hearts; And will be their God, And they shall be my people.** Jeremiah 31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: For they shall all know me, From the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: **For** I will forgive their iniquity, **And** I will remember their sin no more.

Ephesians 2:11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; Ephesians 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from **the covenants of promise,** having no hope, and without God in the world: Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

The Abrahamic Covenant:

Unconditional

Unilateral

Universal, National & Personal

Deals with nation, land, & posterity / seed

1. **Personal promises: (to Abraham) bless him, make his name great**

2. **National promises: make a great nation, bless those that bless you and curse those that curse you**

3. **Universal &/ spiritual promises: in thee shall all nations be blessed**

Davidic Covenant:

House: His physical descendants' rule would never transfer

Kingdom: political body, rule, realm, & ruler

Throne: right & authority to rule

New Covenant:

Hebrews 8:7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. **Hebrews 8:8** For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: **Hebrews 8:9** Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: **Hebrews 8:11** And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. **Hebrews 8:12** For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

Hebrews 10:15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, **Hebrews 10:16** This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; **Hebrews 10:17** And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

3. The Prophecies of the Last Days

There are many prophecies, too many to look up! We will look up only a few.

Isaiah 2:1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. **Isaiah 2:2** And it shall come to pass in the last days, That the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow unto it. **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. **Isaiah 2:4** And he shall judge among the nations, And shall rebuke many people: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruninghooks: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war any more.

Micah 4:1 But in the last days it shall come to pass, That the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, And it shall be exalted above the hills; And people shall flow unto it. **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. **Micah 4:3** And he shall judge among many people, And rebuke strong nations afar off; And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruninghooks: Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war any more. **Micah 4:4** But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; And none shall make them afraid: For the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.

Thoughts:

- **This is about the last days**
- **This is Jerusalem centered!**
- **This is about the nations making pilgrimages to Jerusalem**
- **Worship of the one true God**
- **The end of war & even the possibility of war!!! Universal peace!**

More than now	← Millennium →	Less than Heaven
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Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: And the government shall be upon his shoulder: And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:7** Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, Upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, To order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice From henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Thoughts:

- **This text is about the Messiah**
- **This text is given to Israel for the world**

- **The Messiah will take up the governmental robe / mantle**
- **The Messiah **alone** will be fully qualified**

- **His government will increase**
- **His throne will be David's → a Davidic Messiah & Kingdom**

Luke 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. **Luke 1:32** 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: **Luke 1:33** And he shall reign over the **house** of Jacob forever; and of his **kingdom** there shall be no end.

- **He will have a unique relationship with God**

Luke 1:34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? **Luke 1:35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee **shall be called the Son of God**. **Luke 1:36** And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. **Luke 1:37** For with God nothing shall be impossible. **Luke 1:38** And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

- **His kingdom will be one of justice**
- **His kingdom will last forever**
- **The zeal of the Lord is on the line!**

Isaiah 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots: **Isaiah 11:2** And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and might, The spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; **Isaiah 11:3** And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: **And he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, Neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:** **Isaiah 11:4** But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, And reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: And he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, And with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. **Isaiah 11:5** And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, And faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

Isaiah 11:6 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. **Isaiah 11:7** And the cow and the bear shall feed; Their young ones shall lie down together: And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. **Isaiah 11:8** And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, And the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. **Isaiah 11:9** 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 11:10** And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, Which shall stand for an ensign of the people; To it shall the Gentiles seek: And his rest shall be **glorious**.

Thoughts:

- **This again is about the messiah**
- **A messianic kingdom that is Davidic**
- **A Davidic kingdom following / after the cutting down or cutting off of the present Davidic kingdom!**

Many of these motifs present the Davidic kingdom as cut down / cut off and the Messianic kingdom coming from that – when all hope is gone.

Out of the ashes, from the old stump, & from a branch...!

722 BC – 10 northern tribes of Israel taken captive by Assyrians

606/5 BC – Babylonians took captives (Daniel)

598/7 BC – Babylonians took captives (Ezekiel)

586 BC – destruction of Davidic kingdom – until now

70 AD – temple rebuilt / again destroyed

132 AD – Jewish revolt, with a false Messiah

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 23:6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

Jeremiah 33:14 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. **Jeremiah 33:15** In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. **Jeremiah 33:16** In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, **The LORD our righteousness**.

Zechariah 3:8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, And thy fellows that sit before thee: For they are men wondered at: For, behold, **I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH**.

Zechariah 6:12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold **the man whose name is The BRANCH**; And he shall grow up out of his place, And he shall build the temple of the LORD: **Zechariah 6:13** Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; And he shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule upon his throne; **And he shall be a priest upon his throne**: And the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

Isaiah 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, Which shall stand for an ensign of the people; To it shall the Gentiles seek: And his rest shall be glorious.

Romans 15:12 And again, Esaias saith, **There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust**.

Revelation 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David**, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Revelation 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star**.

- **The messiah, & only the messiah, being qualified**
- **A kingdom of justice of a kind not known before**

**Favoritism + → Evidential → absolute insight and knowledge
(seeing and hearing)**

- **A king that exacts justice**
- **A righteous King & Kingdom**
- **A kingdom with much less of the curse**

Revelation 22:3 And there shall be **no more curse**: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

➤ **The universal knowledge of God → world-wide!**

Psalm 72:18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only doeth wondrous things.

Psalm 72:19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever: **And let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.**

Malachi 1:11 **For** from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same **My name** shall be great among the Gentiles; **And in every place** incense shall be offered unto **my name**, and a pure offering: **For my name** shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

Habakkuk 2:14 **For** the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea.

Zechariah 14:9 And the LORD shall be king over **all** the earth: In that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

- **A messianic King & Kingdom that is Davidic (from the fallen kingdom), Jewish, & yet universal**
- **A kingdom that bequeaths a glorious rest!!!**

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; Because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

Isaiah 61:2 **To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God;** To comfort all that mourn;

Isaiah 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, To give unto them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Luke 4:19 **To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.** (.)

Thoughts:

- **This text is simply beautiful**
- **This text is about the Messiah**
- **The one chosen & enabled by God**
- **This text initially focusses on the Messiah's first advent / coming & → ministry**

- **This text was fulfilled in & by Jesus of Nazareth**
- **Jesus did not quote the entire text but abruptly stops**
- **The portion not quoted has not yet been fulfilled**
- **That portion will be fulfilled at His second coming**

1 Peter 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: 1 Peter 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, **when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.**

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- **That portion of the text deals with the Messiah's governmental role during the millennium**

PSALM 72 THE MESSIAH & HIS KINGDOM

As we read this text of poetry we are introduced to a translation problem. The same word and verbal tense (a simple future) can be translated:

1. KJV: he shall...

Confidence in the future

2. ESV / NIV / NRSV: let, may...

A prayer that has confidence.

1. God-given justice & righteousness its foundation!

Psalm 72:1 Give the king thy judgments, O God, And thy righteousness unto the king's son.

2. God-given justice & righteousness no mere theory!

Psalm 72:2 He shall judge thy people with righteousness, And thy poor with judgment. **Psalm 72:3** The mountains shall bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness. **Psalm 72:4** He shall judge the poor of the people, He shall save the children of the needy, And shall break in pieces the oppressor. **Psalm 72:5** They shall fear thee as long as the sun And moon endure, throughout all generations. **Psalm 72:6** He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: As showers that water the earth. **Psalm 72:7** In his days shall the righteous flourish; And abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

3. This kingdom no mere national kingdom but an international, universal kingdom!

Psalm 72:8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the river unto the ends of the earth. **Psalm 72:9** They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; And his enemies shall lick the dust. **Psalm 72:10** The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. **Psalm 72:11** Yea, **all kings shall fall down before him: All nations shall serve him.**

4. This kingdom for those who need it most!

Psalm 72:12 For he shall deliver **the needy** when he crieth; **The poor** also, and him that hath no helper. **Psalm 72:13** He shall spare **the poor and needy**, And shall save the **souls of the needy**.

Psalm 72:14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: **And precious shall their blood be in his sight.**

5. This kingdom, a most glorious kingdom!

Psalm 72:15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: Prayer also shall be made for him continually; And daily shall he be praised. **Psalm 72:16** There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: And they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. **Psalm 72:17** His name shall endure for ever: His name shall be continued as long as the sun: And men shall be blessed in him: All nations shall call him blessed. **Psalm 72:18** **Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only doeth wondrous things. Psalm 72:19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever: And let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.**

Psalm 72:20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended