

REVELATION Lesson 179

Chapter 20:4, The Second Coming: We Shall Reign on the Earth

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Luke 1:30-33 This is the Angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary of the birth of Jesus. He said He would be called the Son of the Highest (vs 32) and that God would give Him the throne of his father David. That throne is on this Earth in Jerusalem.

- This announcement is yet another reason why the Jews expected Jesus to set up the kingdom at His First Coming.
- Jesus Christ must return to Earth to fulfil this prophesy.

Acts 2:25-35 This passage explains that the resurrected Christ is presently sitting at the right hand of the Father in heaven—UNTIL (vs 35) God takes care of His foes. Afterwards, Jesus Christ will sit on the throne of David (vs 30).

- This is the promise that the rest of the prophecy concerning Jesus Christ will be fulfilled. He will return to establish a kingdom on Earth.
- This passage links the First Coming and the Second Coming for complete fulfillment of the prophecy.

Micah 5:2 Micah prophesied that One from everlasting would be born in Bethlehem Ephratah and become ruler in Israel.

- Jesus didn't do it at His First Coming. He must return.

Psalms 2:1-6 The heathen rage against God and His anointed, killing Christians without cause. No matter what they do today, God is going to set up His King (Jesus Christ) on His holy hill of Zion. The heathen can't do anything to prevent that.

Rev 20:4-6 Everybody who has part in the first resurrection shall reign with Jesus Christ for a thousand years. This includes the Church and Tribulation Saints and martyrs.

THE FALSE DOCTRINE THAT SAYS YOU MUST WORK FOR THE RIGHT TO REIGN WITH CHRIST ON EARTH

You're not saved by works, you're not kept by works, and you don't enter the kingdom by works.

- Jesus Christ is not going to leave ANY part of His bride behind.

Gal 5:18-26 This passage says they which do the works of the flesh shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

- They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh (vs 24). Christ's crucifixion paid for all my works of the flesh.
- If we're in the Spirit (All saved people are in the Spirit), then our LIVES should SHOW that we're in the Spirit (vs 25).

Eph 5:3-6 Sinners have no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. This is referring to "**the children of disobedience.**"

- Eph 2:1-7** Born-again believers are no longer referred to as “**children of disobedience.**” That is our past. We were dead in sins, but God quickened us (gave us life).
- Because God saved me by His grace, in the ages to come (vs 7), my presence with Christ will show others how gracious and kind God was toward me.
 - If I had to earn a place in the kingdom, it would take away from God’s grace.
- Eph 5:1-2** The reason we don’t want to commit sins is because of Christ’s love and sacrifice for us.
- We don’t need to be threatened with exclusion from the kingdom to make us work for our Lord. We want to serve Him because He deserves our very best.
- Col 3:22-25** These verses are used to prove that God will reward you in His kingdom if you do right and punish you if you do wrong.
- If you know the Lord “**ye SHALL receive the reward of the inheritance**” (vs 24).
 - “**He that doeth wrong**”(vs 25) must refer to those who don’t know Christ. Christ paid for all my wrong on the cross when He said, “It is finished!”
 - I serve and obey the Lord (vs 22) **BECAUSE** of the reward of the inheritance that He has already promised me (vs 24).
- * Never override a clear passage of scripture with a difficult or confusing passage.
- * Never override a simple statement of truth with a complicated statement of truth.
- Rev 5:9-10** If you have been redeemed to God by the blood of Jesus Christ, you shall reign on the earth.
- You get in the kingdom the same way you got saved and escaped damnation in hell: through the blood of Jesus Christ.
- Rev 1:5-6** If Jesus loved you and washed you in His blood, He has made you a king and a priest unto God. He will be the **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS (Rev 19:16)**.
- 2 Tim 2:11-13** It doesn’t matter if you die or you suffer in this life, you will still reign with Jesus Christ.
- Suffering is not a condition of reigning with Christ.
 - This is an encouragement. Suffering and death is not a factor in whether we reign with Christ. He has already promised that we will.
 - This refutes the Charismatic teaching that says suffering is an indication that you’re out of God’s will. The Lord says suffering won’t keep you out of the kingdom.
- Rom 8:15-17** The end of verse 17 is used (out of context) to prove that you won’t be glorified with Christ *unless* you suffer. “**...if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.**”
- In context, there is only one condition given for inheriting everything Christ inherits: being God’s child.
 - If you have trusted Christ, His death is your death, His crucifixion for sin is your crucifixion for sin, and His suffering in hell is your suffering in hell.
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