

Eschatology

Government of the Theocracy

One Nation under GOD

The government of the messianic, millennial kingdom will be a theocracy. This is the same form of government God used for Israel in OT times; only in the Millennium the Lord Jesus will personally and visibly reign over the affairs of all mankind (Dan. 7:14). His rule will be as a benevolent despot (Rev. 19:15). As a result, there will be perfect and complete justice for all, and sin will be immediately punished (Isa. 11:4; 65:20).

I. Christ Jesus is King

Scripture makes it clear that the government of the millennium is under the Messiah, the Lord Jesus. His regal authority is universal. This position is by Divine appointment.

Isa. 2:2-4; 9:3-7; 11:1-10; 16:5; 24:21-23; 31:4-32:2; 42:1-7; 13; 49:1-7; 51:4-5; 60:12; Dan. 2:44; 7:14-28; Obad. 17-21; Mic. 4:1-8; 5:2-5; 15; Zeph. 3:9-10; 18-19; Zech. 9:10-15; 14:16-17.

II. David is His Prince

There are several scripture references that establish the regency of David in the millennium.

Isa. 55:3-4; Jer. 30:9; 33:15; 17, 20-21; Ezek. 34:23-24; 37:24-25; Hos. 3:5; Amos 9:11.

In the millennium David will be appointed a regent over the land of Palestine and will rule over that land as prince, ministering under the authority of Jesus Christ, the King.

III. Nobles and Governors

In the millennial age Jesus Christ will be “King of kings and Lord of lords” (Rev. 19:16). As such He is sovereign over a number of subordinate rulers. Under David the land of Palestine will be ruled through these individuals. (Isa. 32:1; Jer. 30:21; Ezek. 45:8-9).

Jesus said in Matthew 19:28 “Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

This would indicate that under David there will be many subordinate rulers, who exercise theocratic power and administer the government of the millennium.

IV. The lesser shall be great

There will even be a smaller subdivision of authority in the administration of the government. The parable in Luke 19:12-28 indicates that authority will be appointed to individuals over ten cities and five cities in the kingdom. They evidently are responsible to the head of the tribe, who, in turn will be responsible to David, who is responsible to the King Himself.

Ezekiel 48 describes in great detail, the way that Palestine will be divided up. These are the portions of land that God promised to the tribes in Number 32-34.

The Division of Land During the Millennium

