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Lesson 9: The Millennial Kingdom
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Review: Antiochus Epiphanes

- Outlawed the Torah
- Set up altar in the temple
- Forces citizens to sacrifice to Greek gods
- Executed those who refused to comply

Review: False Prophet

- May perform miracles
- Will introduce the mark of the beast
- Will promote the worship of the beast

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Daniel 2: 31-34

“You, O King, were looking and behold, there was a single great statue; that statue, which was large and of extraordinary splendor, was standing in front of you, and its appearance was awesome. The head of the statue was made of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.”

This passage is written in Aramaic

The final, fourth portion (feet) is a mixture of two material: iron and clay.

This kingdom will be something strange and new. Why clay and iron?

The stone cut out without hands suggests its authority is not man made

The stone strikes the feet (iron and clay) but crushes the entire statue

Daniel 2: 35

“Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found.

But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.”

If the previous kingdoms are crushed, they must still exist in some manner.
The final kingdom fills the entire earth.

Daniel 2: 44-45

“In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put and end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.”

This seems to be a reference to both the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ and the Eternal Kingdom of the New Heaven and New Earth

Psalm 118:22 “The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone.” Associated with Jesus in the NT

Isaiah 8:14 “The He shall become a sanctuary; But to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over, And a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.” Refers to God

Daniel 7: 13-14

“I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.”

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Revelation 19: 11-13

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.”

Revelation 19: 14-16

“And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may stroke down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, ‘KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.’”

Revelation 20: 4-6

“Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests and God and Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.”

Major Views on the Millennium

Premillennialism

Jesus returns to rule on Earth after a 7-year tribulation

Amillennialism

Jesus returns at the end of the Church Age to rule in heaven

Postmillennialism

The Church creates a millennial kingdom and Jesus returns at the end

Premillennialism

Historic Premillennialism

Jesus returns at the end of the tribulation to rule on Earth for 1,000 years

Dispensational (Modern) Premillennialism

Jesus returns for the Church at the rapture then returns to rule on Earth for 1,000 years after the tribulation

Historic Premillennialism

Circa 90 AD to circa 400 AD

The Church Age starts with Pentecost (Acts 2)

- Lasts an undefined time

Church Ages ends with the tribulation

- Lasts 7 years (Daniel 9:27)

Jesus returns form the Church at the end of the tribulation

- Post-tribulation rapture

Jesus rules on earth during the Millennial Kingdom

- Lasts 1,000 years

Millennial Kingdom is replaced by the Eternal State

- New heaven and new earth (Revelation 21: 1)

Historic Premillennialism

- Earliest Church fathers did not often write about eschatology
- Those who did, wrote of historic premillennialism
- Justin Martyr claimed it as the only orthodox viewpoint

Historic Premillennialism

Criticisms

- Problem of imminence
- Populating the millennial kingdom
- Doesn't differentiate between the Rapture and the Second Coming

Amillennialism

Circa 400 AD to reformation

The Church Ages starts with Pentecost (Acts 2)

- Lasts an undefined time

Church Age is the Millennial Kingdom

- Lasts an undefined time

Church Age ends with the return of Jesus

- There may be a 3 1/2 year tribulation

Jesus rules during the Eternal State

- May be in ethereal heaven or a new earth

Amillennialism

Augustine 426 AD **City of God**

- Millennium began at the cross and will continue until the second coming
- Jesus rules over the world from heaven through the church
- 1,000 years is symbolic of a very long time

Relies heavily on replacement theology

Requires large parts of the Bible to be spiritualized

Replacement Theology

- Israel broke the covenant with God when they rejected the messiah
- The Church has now replaced Israel in God's covenant

Amillennialism

What about the tribulation?

- Augustine proposed a 3/2 year tribulation at the end of the Church Age
- Some modern views propose we are currently in both the tribulation and the millennium
 - Tribulation is the persecution of the Church
 - Millennium is the Church's rule on Earth

Zechariah 14: 1-4

“Behold, a day is coming for the Lord when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.”

Postmillennialism

Reformation to 20th Century

The Church Ages starts with Pentecost (Acts 2)

- Lasts an undefined time

Church Age leads to the Millennial Kingdom

- Lasts 1000 years

Jesus returns at the end of the Millennial Kingdom

- The Church presents the Earth to Jesus

Jesus rules during the Eternal State

- May be in ethereal heaven or a new earth

Postmillennialism

- The Church has replaced Israel
- The Church will take over the world and rule for 1,000 years
 - Evangelism
 - Politics
- Jesus cannot return until the Church has completed its rule

Postmillennialism

- Proposed by Daniel Whitby (1638-1726)
- Adopted by many Protestant denomination
- Born out of humanism – man in inherently good

Acts 3:19-21

“Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and the He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed to you, whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His Holy prophets from ancient times.”

Matthew 24: 12-14

“Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come”



Questions and Discussion

Acts 17:10-11

“The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.”

Don't trust anything I say. Please go and look it up for yourself. Challenge me when I am wrong. Discuss when you disagree.

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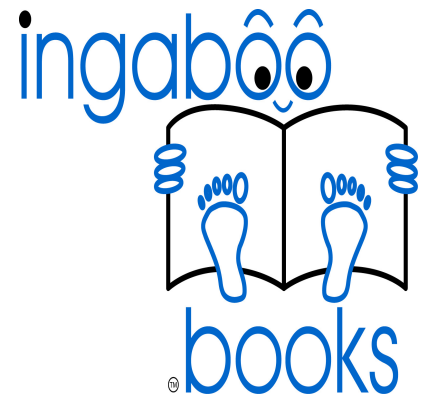
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Lesson 10: The One World Order:
What is an Octopus?

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