

EBC – Adult Bible Study
“Dispensations”
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VII. The Dispensation of the Kingdom – Rev 20-21

A. The Promise of the King and Kingdom

1. The Messiah

a. The Promises fulfilled

i. Will become a man

- Isa 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.
- Isa 9:6 **For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;** And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ii. Will be righteous

Isa 11:2-5 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. His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

iii. From the line of David

- 2Sa 7:12 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.
- Isa 11:1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.
- Mt 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:
- Mr 12:35 Then Jesus answered and said, while He taught in the temple, "How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David?"
- Lu 1:32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.
- 2Ti 2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

- Re 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.
- Re 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.

iv. Will Suffer, Die, and Rise Again

- **Isa 53:4-12**
- Ps 16:10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. The Promises not fulfilled yet

2. The Davidic Covenant

a. The Promise

i. A Son that will sit on his throne forever

- 2Sa 7:12-17 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. "But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."" According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.
- Isa 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.
- Jer 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.
- Jer 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.

- ii. Certainty of the Promise – Jer 33:20-21 "Thus says the LORD: 'If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, 'then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levites, the priests, My ministers.

b. The Fulfillment

- i. David's understanding of the promise – 2 Sam 7:25-27 "Now, O LORD God, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and

concerning his house, establish it forever and do as You have said. "So let Your name be magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel.' And let the house of Your servant David be established before You. "For You, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, have revealed this to Your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray this prayer to You.

ii. Christ ruling a literal kingdom in Israel – Rev 20:

B. The Inhabitants of the Kingdom

1. At the Beginning

a. Those that will reign with Christ

i. OT Saints (includes Tribulation martyrs)

- Eze 34:24 "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken. ??
- Eze 37:24-25 "David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. "Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever. ??
- Re 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.
- Re 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

ii. Church

- 2Ti 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:
- Re 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

b. Tribulation Saints –

i. Those who endured to the end were saved

- Mt 24:13 "But he who endures to the end shall be saved.
- Mr 13:13 "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

ii. Division of believers from unbelievers

- Two working in field, one taken – Mt 24:40-41; **Lk 17:34-37**

- Sheep and Goats **Mt 25:31-46**

2. At the Ending

- a. Believers – Go to the Eternal State?
- b. Unbelievers – Go to the Great White Throne – **Rev 20:11-15**

C. The Circumstances of the Kingdom

1. The Physical World

- a. New Heavens and New Earth – Rev 21:1
- b. Celestial City, New Jerusalem hovering over the earth – **Rev 21:2-3, 9-22**
- c. Death gives way to Long Life - Isa 65:20 (see vs 17, new heavens and new earth) "No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.

2. The Animals

- a. Return to pre-flood vegetarianism
 - i. Isa 11:7 The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
 - ii. Isa 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox, And dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," Says the LORD.
- b. Natural enemies will no longer be
 - i. Isa 11:6, 8 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.
 - ii. Eze 34:25 "I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

3. The Spiritual World

- a. Satan will be bound in the bottomless pit for 1000 years – **Rev 20:1-3**
- b. He will be loosed to deceive the nations and raise an army numbered as the sand of the sea to do battle – **Rev 20:7-8**

D. The Character of the Kingdom

- 1. Peace – Mic 4:3 He shall judge between many peoples, And rebuke strong nations afar off; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war any more. – Isa 2:4; Joe 2:10; 3:10
- 2. Justice – Isa 11:3-4 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

3. Unity – Isa 11:10 "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."
4. Abundance – Isa 35:1-2 The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, The excellency of our God.
5. Healing – Isa 35:5-6 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.
6. Righteousness – Isa 35:8 A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray.
7. Joy – Isa 55:12 "For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
8. Physical Presence of Christ – Isa 16:5 In mercy the throne will be established; And One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, Judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness."
9. Christ Ruling as a benevolent Dictator –
 - a. Ps 2:9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."
 - b. Re 12:5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.
 - c. Zec 14:16-19 And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain. If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

E. Man's Failure

1. they did not believe with everything in their favor to do so
2. Re 20:8b-9 to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the

saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

F. God's Judgment

1. On Satan – Cast into the lake of Fire and Brimstone - **Rev 20:10**
2. On Man – The Great White Throne – **Rev 20:11-15**

G. God's Mercy – The Eternal State