

'THOUSAND YEAR' REIGN

Revelation 20 (NASB)

Satan Bound

20 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ²And he took hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for **a thousand years**; ³and he threw him into the abyss and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until **the thousand years** were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

⁴Then 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 worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their foreheads and on their hands; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for **a thousand years**. ⁵The rest of the dead did not come to life until **the thousand years** were completed. This is the **first resurrection**. ⁶Blessed 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 of God and of Christ, and will reign with Him for **a thousand years**.

Satan Freed and Doomed

⁷When **the thousand years** are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, ⁸and will come out to deceive the nations which are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. ⁹And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are* also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Judgment at the Throne of God

¹¹Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled, and no place was found for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and

another book was opened, which is *the book* of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them; and they were judged, each one *of them* according to their deeds. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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1. [Revelation 20:2](#)

And he took hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a **thousand years**;

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2. [Revelation 20:3](#)

and he threw him into the abyss and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the **thousand years** were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

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3. [Revelation 20:4](#)

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 worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their foreheads and on their hands; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a **thousand years**.

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4. [Revelation 20:5](#)

The rest of the dead did not come to life until the **thousand years** were completed. **This is the first resurrection.**

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5. [Revelation 20:6](#)

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 of God and of Christ, and will reign with Him for a **thousand years**.

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6. [Revelation 20:7](#)

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5507. **chilioi**

Strong's Concordance

chilioi: a thousand

Original Word: χίλιοι, αι, α

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: chilioi

Phonetic Spelling: (khil'-ee-oy)

Definition: a thousand

Usage: a thousand.

HELPS Word-studies

5507 *xílioi* – properly, a *thousand*; the product of 10 x 10 x 10 (10³, ten *cubed*); (figuratively) *emphatic, total inclusiveness*, showing no one (*nothing*) is left out. See also "the Millennium" in the *HELPS* prophecy-guide.

["Ten" in Scripture can already express the *symbolic* meaning "completely" (inclusively) so [5507](#) (*xílioi*) as the *cube* of 10 ("*a thousand*") *powerfully* stresses the meaning "*full/inclusive*" (*totality*).]

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

a prim. Word

Definition

a thousand

NASB Translation

one thousand (1), thousand (8), twelve hundred* (1).

Thayer's Greek Lexicon

STRONGS NT 5507: χίλιοι

χίλιοι, χίλιαι, χίλια, a thousand: [2 Peter 3:8](#); [Revelation 11:3](#), etc.

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance

thousand.

Plural of uncertain affinity; a thousand -- thousand.

Forms and Transliterations

χιλια χίλια χίλιαι χιλίαις χιλιαν χιλίαν χιλιας χιλίας χίλιοι χιλιοις χιλίοις
χιλιοπλασίως χιλίους χιλίων χιλίων χιλίων χίμαιραν χίμαροι χίμαρον χίμαρος
χιμάρου χιμάρους χιμάρων χιονωθήσονται chilia chília chalias chilías chilion
chiliōn chilíon chilíōn

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[Thousand or thousands in Revelation 20:1-7](#)

The question whether *a thousand years*, or *thousands of years*, best represents the thought of Revelation 20:1-7, is raised by the translation offered in the [Tischendorf 8th Edition](#) of the Greek New Testament, where the expression χίλιοι ἔτος is used, meaning *thousands of years*, as *chilioi* is plural. Most texts have χίλια ἔτη, *a thousand years*.

If *chilioi* is the correct word, rather than *chilia*, the idea that Christ will return to reign upon earth for one thousand years in the future is discredited. **A spiritual interpretation of the reigns of the saints who are beheaded, and do not worship the beast or his image, seems more promising.**

Kenneth Fortier compares *urias* (myriad) and *urioi* (myriads) with *chilias* and *chilioi*, in his article, [A Preliminary Study of the Greek Word Thousand and Thousands](#).

Revelation 5:11 contains both words, *myriads*, and *thousands*. Fortier offers as a translation: “And I saw, and I heard a sound of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders, and the number of them was myriads (of) myriads and thousands (of) thousands.”

In [discrete millennialism](#), the thousand years in Revelation 20:1-7 is symbolic. **It applies to the reigns of individual believers, rather than the whole age of the church.** The reign of Jesus is forever, and is not limited to a thousand years, but the lives and reigns of believers in the present age are of limited duration. Just as specific lengths of reign are assigned to each of the kings of Israel and Judah in the biblical books of Kings and Chronicles, in John’s prophecy, the label χίλιοι ἔτος, or a thousand years, applies to Christians in a symbolic way.

To be beheaded is figurative, and pictures those who submit to Christ as Lord. For them, Satan is bound. James said, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” They reign with Christ, because they are “raised up together,” and made to “sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus,” as Paul said in Ephesians 2:6. **The number a thousand is symbolic, as it represents their reign as kings and priests in the present age, and this is a foretaste, or token, of future glory.** When speaking of the saints collectively, John

could refer to *thousands* of years, as many believers reign with Christ, and they are all included.

If a person's reign with Christ ends prematurely, the thousand years can be said to come to an end, for that individual, and typically, deception follows. In Revelation 20:8-9, deceived people aligned with Gog and Magog compass the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city, which is the church. The apostle Peter refers to them in 2 Peter 2:1-3.

William D. Mounce has the following information about the word *chilioi* translated "thousand" in Revelation 20:1-7.

Adjective: χίλιοι (*chilioi*), GK 5943 (S 5507), 11x. *chilioi* is the cardinal number "one thousand." It is used interchangeably with *chilias* in the NT, although the latter is more than twice as common. Except for two uses in 2 Pet. 3:8 ("With the Lord a day is like a *thousand* years, and a *thousand* years are like a day"), *chilioi* only appears in Revelation. Six of its uses there describe the thousand-year reign of Christ (Rev. 20:2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), otherwise known as the millennium; two occurrences refer to the 1,260 days (11:3; 12:6); and one refers to the distance that blood flows out of the winepress, namely, 1,600 stadia (14:20 [KJV: "furlongs"]).

[William D. Mounce. [Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words](#). Zondervan, 2009.]

John's use of *chilioi* in Revelation 20 is probably intended to suggest a link to 2 Peter 3:8.

Strong's says that χίλιοι is used 10 times in the NT, at [2 Peter 3:8](#); [Revelation 11:3](#); [12:6](#); [14:20](#); [20:2](#); [20:3](#); [20:4](#); [20:5](#); [20:6](#); [20:7](#).

[Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words](#) indicates that the word is plural.

DEFINITIONS

reign /rān/

1. Exercise of sovereign power, as by a monarch.
2. The period during which a monarch rules.
3. Dominance or widespread influence.

"the reign of reason."

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monarch /mōn'ərĕk, -ärĕk"/

1. One who reigns over a state or territory, usually for life and by hereditary right, especially.
2. A sole and absolute ruler.
3. A sovereign, such as a king or empress, often with constitutionally limited authority.

"a constitutional monarch."

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kingdom /kĭng'dəm/

1. A political or territorial unit ruled by a sovereign.
2. The eternal spiritual sovereignty of God or Christ.
3. The realm of this sovereignty.

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SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

[Daniel 2:44-45](#)

The Divine Kingdom

⁴⁴ And **in the days of those kings the Elohim 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 an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

⁴⁵ Just as you saw that a stone was broken off from the mountain without hands, and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great Elohim has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is certain and its interpretation is trustworthy.”

[Matthew 4:23](#)

Ministry in Galilee

Jesus was going about in all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming **the gospel of the kingdom**, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

[Matthew 6:33](#)

³³ But **seek first His kingdom and His righteousness**, and all these things will be provided to you.

[Luke 17:20-21](#)

Second Coming Foretold

²⁰ Now He was questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, and He answered them and said, **“The kingdom of God is not coming with signs that can be observed;** ²¹ nor will they say, ‘Look, here *it is!*’ or, ‘There *it is!*’ **For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst.”**

[John 18:33-38](#)

³³ Therefore Pilate entered the Praetorium again, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, “You are the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about Me?” ³⁵ Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed You over to me; what have You done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, **“My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.”** ³⁷ Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, **“You say correctly that I am a king.** For this *purpose* I have been born, and for this I have come into the world: to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.” ³⁸ Pilate *said to Him, “What is truth?”

And after saying this, he came out again to the Jews and *said to them, “I find no grounds at all for charges in His case.

[Matthew 18:18-20](#)

¹⁸ Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”

[Matthew 28:16-20](#)

The Great Commission

¹⁶ But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated to them. ¹⁷ And when they saw Him, they worshiped *Him*; but some were doubtful. ¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.** ¹⁹ **Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations,** baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, **I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

[Colossians 1:13](#)

The Incomparable Christ

¹³ For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, **and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,**

[Revelation 1:6-9](#)

⁶ and He **made us into a kingdom, priests to His God and Father**—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ **BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS,** and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

The Patmos Vision

⁹ **I, John, your brother and fellow participant in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance in Jesus,** was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

[Daniel 7:12-14](#)

¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time.

The Son of Man Presented

¹³ “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.

¹⁴ **And to Him was given dominion,
Honor, and a kingdom,
So that all the peoples, nations, and *populations of all languages*
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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[Daniel 7:23-27](#)

²³ “This is what he said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth which will be different from all the *other* kingdoms, and will devour the whole earth and trample it down and crush it. ²⁴ As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will humble three kings. ²⁵ And he will speak against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be handed over to him for a time, times, and half a time. ²⁶ But the court will convene *for judgment*, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. ²⁷ **Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of *all* the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom *will be* an everlasting kingdom, and all the empires will serve and obey Him.’**

[1 Corinthians 15:20-28](#)

The Order of Resurrection

²⁰ But the fact is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. ²¹ For since by a man death *came*, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, ²⁴ **then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to our God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.** ²⁵ **For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.** ²⁶ **The last enemy that will be abolished is death.** ²⁷ For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is clear that this excludes the *Father* who put all things in subjection to Him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.

The following link is to a blog post I wrote about the 'rapture:'

[Seizing The Third Rail Of Prophecy: The Rapture!](#)

John 5:25-29

Two Resurrections

²⁵ Truly, truly, I say to you, a time is coming and even now has arrived, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For just as the Father has life in Himself, so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; ²⁷ and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is *the* Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not be amazed at this; for a time is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, ²⁹ and will come out: **those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the bad *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.**

Romans 6:3-11

³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? **⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.** ⁵ For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷ for the one who has died is freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all *time*; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ **So you too, consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Those Who Died in Christ

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers *and sisters*, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as indeed the rest *of mankind do*, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose *from the dead*, so also God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus. ¹⁵ For we say this to you by the word of the Lord, that **we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will not precede those who have fallen asleep.** ¹⁶ **For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and **the dead in Christ will rise first.** ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who remain, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore, comfort one another with these words.**

Ephesians 2

Made Alive in Christ

2 And you were dead in your offenses and sins, ²in which you previously walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³Among them we too all previously lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the rest. ⁴**But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our wrongdoings, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,** ⁷so that in the ages to come He might show the boundless riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸**For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this *is* not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast.** ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

¹¹Therefore remember that previously you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision” *which is* performed in the flesh by human hands— ¹²*remember* that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the people of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who previously were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, ¹⁵by abolishing in His flesh the hostility, *which is* the Law *composed* of commandments *expressed* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two one new person, *in this way* establishing peace; ¹⁶and that He might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the hostility. ¹⁷And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household, ²⁰having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a

holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

Revelation 21 (NASB)

The New Heaven and Earth

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, ⁴ and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

⁵ And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He *said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." ⁶ Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give *water* to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life, without cost. ⁷ The one who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. ⁸ But for the cowardly, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and sexually immoral persons, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

⁹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, full of the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

The New Jerusalem

¹⁰ And he carried me away in *the* Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very valuable stone, like a stone of crystal-clear jasper. ¹² It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names *were* written on *the* gates, which are *the* names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. ¹³ *There were* three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them *were the* twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵ The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶ The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the

width; and he measured the city with the rod, twelve thousand stadia; its length, width, and height are equal. ¹⁷ And he measured its wall, 144 cubits, *by human measurements, which are also angelic measurements.* ¹⁸ The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundation stones of the city wall were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; ²⁰ the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. ²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illuminated it, and its lamp *is* the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; ²⁶ and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; ²⁷ and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Isaiah 11 (NASB)

Righteous Reign of the Branch

11 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse,
And a Branch from his roots will bear fruit.

²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him,
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and strength,
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And He will delight in the fear of the LORD,
And He will not judge by what His eyes see,
Nor make decisions by what His ears hear;

⁴But with righteousness He will judge the poor,
And decide with fairness for the humble of the earth;
And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,
And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

⁵Also righteousness will be the belt *around* His hips,
And faithfulness the belt *around* His waist.

⁶And the wolf will dwell with the lamb,
And the leopard will lie down with the young goat,
And the calf and the young lion and the fattened steer *will be* together;
And a little boy will lead them.

⁷Also the cow and the bear will graze,
Their young will lie down together,
And the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra,
And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain,
For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
As the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰Then on that day
The nations will resort to the root of Jesse,
Who will stand as a signal flag for the peoples;
And His resting place will be glorious.

The Restored Remnant

¹¹ Then it will happen on that day that the Lord
Will again recover with His hand the second time
The remnant of His people who will remain,
From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath,
And from the islands of the sea.

¹² And He will lift up a flag for the nations
And assemble the banished ones of Israel,
And will gather the dispersed of Judah
From the four corners of the earth.

¹³ Then the jealousy of Ephraim will depart,
And those who harass Judah will be eliminated;
Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah,
And Judah will not harass Ephraim.

¹⁴ They will swoop down on the slopes of the Philistines on the west;
Together they will plunder the people of the east;
They will possess Edom and Moab,
And the sons of Ammon will be subject to them.

¹⁵ And the LORD will utterly destroy
The tongue of the Sea of Egypt;
And He will wave His hand over the *Euphrates* River
With His scorching wind;
And He will strike it into seven streams
And make *people* walk over in *dry* sandals.

¹⁶ And there will be a highway from Assyria
For the remnant of His people who will be left,
Just as there was for Israel
On the day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.

2 Samuel 7:8-17

God's Covenant with David

⁸ Now then, this is what you shall say to My servant David: 'This is what the LORD of armies says: "I Myself took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader over My people Israel. ⁹ And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have eliminated all your enemies from you; I will also make a great name for you, like the names of the great men who are on the earth. ¹⁰ And I will establish a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will malicious people oppress them anymore as previously, ¹¹ even from the day that I appointed judges over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also declares to you that the LORD will make a house for you. ¹² When your days are finished and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come from you, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he does wrong, I will discipline him with a rod of men and with strokes of sons of mankind, ¹⁵ but My favor shall not depart from him, as I took *it* away from Saul, whom I removed from you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.'"" ¹⁷ In accordance with all these words and all of this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

Jeremiah 33:14-26

The Davidic Kingdom

¹⁴ ‘Behold, days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch of David sprout; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety; and this is *the name* by which it will be called: the LORD is our righteousness.’ ¹⁷ For this is what the LORD says: ‘David shall not lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; ¹⁸ and the Levitical priests shall not lack a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to prepare sacrifices continually.’”

¹⁹ And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, ²⁰ “This is what the LORD says: ‘If you can break My covenant for the day and My covenant for the night, so that day and night do not occur at their proper time, ²¹ then My covenant with David My servant may also be broken, so that he will not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers. ²² As the heavenly lights cannot be counted, and the sand of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the descendants of My servant David and the Levites who serve Me.’”

²³ And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, ²⁴ “Have you not observed what these people have asserted, saying, ‘The two families which the LORD chose, He has rejected them’? So they despise My people as no longer being a nation in their sight. ²⁵ This is what the LORD says: ‘If My covenant *for* day and night *does* not *continue*, and I have not established the fixed patterns of heaven and earth, ²⁶ then I would reject the descendants of Jacob and David My servant, so as not to take from his descendants rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But I will restore their fortunes and have mercy on them.’”

Hosea 3

Hosea's Redemption of Gomer

3 Then the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman *who* is loved by *her* husband, yet is committing adultery, as the LORD loves the sons of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love raisin cakes." ² So I purchased her for myself for fifteen *shekels* of silver, and a homer and a lethech of barley. ³ Then I said to her, "You shall live with me for many days. You shall not play the prostitute, nor shall you have *another* man; so I will also be toward you." ⁴ For the sons of Israel will live for many days without a king or leader, without sacrifice or memorial stone, and without ephod or household idols. ⁵ Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king; and they will come trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days.

Matthew 19:27-30

The Disciples' Reward

²⁷ Then Peter responded and said to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?" ²⁸ And Jesus said to them, "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. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms on account of My name, will receive many times as much, and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many *who are* first will be last; and *the* last, first.

Daniel 12

The Time of the End

¹² “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace *and* everlasting¹ contempt. ³ And those who have insight will shine like the glow of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. ⁴ But as for you, Daniel, keep these words secret and seal up the book until the end of time; many will roam about, and knowledge will increase.”

⁵ Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others were standing, one on this bank of the stream and the other on that bank of the stream. ⁶ And *someone* said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, “How long *will it be* until the end of *these* wonders?” ⁷ And I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that *it would be* for a time, times, and half *a time*; and as soon as they finish smashing the power of the holy people, all these *events* will be completed. ⁸ But as for me, I heard but did not understand; so I said, “My lord, what *will be* the outcome of these *events*?” ⁹ And he said, “Go *your way*, Daniel, for *these* words *will be* kept secret and sealed up until the end time. ¹⁰ Many will be purged, cleansed, and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand. ¹¹ And from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, *there will be* 1,290 days. ¹² Blessed is the one who is patient and attains to the 1,335 days! ¹³ But as for you, go *your way* to the end; then you will rest and rise for your allotted portion at the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Revelation 10:1-7

The Angel and the Little Scroll

10 I saw another strong angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was on his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; ²and he had in his hand a little scroll, which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; ³and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices. ⁴When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken, and do not write them." ⁵Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven, ⁶and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there will no longer be a delay, ⁷but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He announced to His servants the prophets.

Revelation 11:15-19

The Seventh Trumpet: Christ's Reign Foreseen

¹⁵ Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

“The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying,

“We give You thanks, Lord God, the Almighty, the One who is and who was, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. ¹⁸ And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”

¹⁹ And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder, and an earthquake, and a great hailstorm.

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[The Millennium - Part 1](#)

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[The Kingdom of God in New Testament Theology: The Battle, The Christ, The Spirit-Bearer, and Returning Son of Man](#)

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