

The Last Dispensation: the Millennial Kingdom (M.K.)

1. Dispensation, a period of time of earthly human history in which God relates to man in specific ways, Innocence, Gentiles, Jews, Hypostatic Union, Church, Tribulation, and now, M.K.
2. M.K. (Rev. 20:1-10) and Eternal State (Rev. 21:1-22:5) are not the same.
 - a. M.K. has a beginning and an end (fixed time period of 1,000 literal years)
 - b. Eternal State has a beginning (21:1), but no end (22:5).
 - c. For all believers, the Eternal State with God follows the M.K.
 - d. For unbelievers, the Great White Throne Judgment follows the M.K. (20:11-15). This judgment is the permanent separation from God and conscious torment is eternal (Daniel 12:2; Matthew 5:30, 13:49-50, 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:22-23; John 5:28-29; 2 Thes. 1:8-9; 2 Peter 2:9; Rev. 14:11, 20:11-15).
3. M.K., its King, Jesus Christ
 - a. Psalm 2:6-8
 - b. Rev. 20:4, 6
4. M.K., its Governors
 - a. Prince, probably the resurrected David (Ezekiel 37:24, 44:3)
 - b. New Testament believers, and Tribulation Saints (Rev. 20:4-6)
5. M.K., its priesthood
 - a. Old Testament priesthood represented, Ezek 44:15-16
 - i. Memorial sacrificial system, not for the taking away of sins, but for a reminder of price the King paid to take away sins (Hebrews 7:27, 9:22, 10:12)
 - ii. Its Temple (Ezek. 40-48, The Presence, Ezek. 43:7, Cf. Jer. 3:16)
 - b. New Testament priesthood represented, Rev. 20:6
6. M.K., its citizens
 - a. Church age believers (Jude 14-15)
 - b. Old Testament saints (Daniel 7:27; Matthew 8:11)
 - c. Martyred Tribulation Saints (Rev. 20:4-5)
 - d. Believers who survive the Tribulation until the Second Coming
 - i. These will reproduce and some of their descendants will reject Christ (Is. 65:20).
These rejectors will join Satan's last rebellion (Rev. 20:7-10).
7. M.K., its distinctives (Is. 2:1-4, 65:17-25; Zech. 14:10-11, 14:16-21)
 - a. Christ's literal presence as King, theocratic Kingdom
 - b. Change in earth's topography
 - c. Universal peace and perfect justice
 - d. Peace in the animal kingdom
 - e. Longevity of life
 - f. Sacrificial system restored (as a memorial reminder)
 - g. Death still exists on earth