***Session 10 Millennial Kingdom: Every Nation Will Be Fully Discipled***

1. Review: The Millennial Kingdom (Jesus’ 1,000-year reign on earth)
   1. The Millennium is a literal, 1,000-year period, when Jesus will rule the whole world from Jerusalem in righteousness and peace. The kingdom of God will be openly manifest worldwide, affecting every sphere of life (political, social, agricultural, economic, spiritual, educational, law enforcement, family, media, arts, technology, athletics, environment, social institutions, etc).

4I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness…they reigned with Christ for 1,000 years…6They shall be priests…and shall reign with Him 1,000 years. (Rev. 20:4-6)

* 1. The Father’s eternal plan to live with His people on this earth will come to pass. God can only make His habitation on earth *after* all the nations obey His Word. The Father has entrusted Jesus with the mandate to prepare the way for His coming by bringing all nations under His authority.

3The tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them… (Rev. 21:3)

* 1. Jesus will bring the nations to righteousness in the Millennium (2 Pet. 3:13) to prepare the way for the Father. As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, so Jesus will prepare the way for the Father. Fire will cleanse the earth during the Tribulation and even more after the Millennium. The earth (as the place of our inheritance) will continue forever (Ps. 37:29; 78:69; 104:5; 105:10-11; 125:1-2; 1 Chr. 23:25; 28:8; Isa. 60:21; Ezek. 37:25; Joel 3:20).

10The day of the Lord will come…the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up… 13We…look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (2 Pet. 3:10-13)

* 1. God’s glory will spread from Jerusalem through all the nations in the Millennium.

21Truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord… (Num. 14:21)

14For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord… (Hab. 2:14)

1. completing the Great Commission: fully Discipling all nations

18“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations…20teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you…” (Mt. 28:18-20)

* 1. The Great Commission is a call to fully disciple nations. Jesus commissioned the Church to disciple all nations, or establish righteousness in every sphere of life in each nation (political, agricultural, economic, educational, family, media, technology, environment, social institutions, etc.). It is a common mistake to confuse the Great Commission with the divine mandate to give a witness of the gospel of the kingdom to every nation (by evangelistic outreaches, etc.).

14“This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.” (Mt. 24:14)

* 1. A nation is not fully discipled until every social institution in that nation obeys all that Jesus commanded. The Great Commission will not be fully completed until the end of the Millennium.
  2. The witness of the gospel of the kingdom involves more than offering forgiveness. It includes proclaiming that Jesus is coming as a king to confront and replace all the governments of the earth with His own government. Forgiveness is “the door” into the kingdom, but it is not the complete kingdom message. We must not reduce the gospel to the message of forgiveness alone.
  3. Preaching the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27) includes a threefold message of forgiveness, repentance (obedience), and Jesus’ earthly kingdom (leadership over each national government). The core mandate of John the Baptist and the apostles was to preach the kingdom.
  4. God's kingdom exists in any sphere of life where God’s rule, or ways, triumph over man’s ways. The kingdom is present anywhere that people express obedience to God’s reign (lordship of Jesus) in their personal or public life (political, economic, agricultural, social, etc.).
  5. The kingdom is both present today (partial) on earth and will come in a much greater way (substantial) after the second coming of Jesus. The kingdom is *already here* in a limited way, but is *not yet*fully here. Jesus commanded the Church to disciple nations, knowing that we could not complete this without His full presence being with us (second coming).
  6. The three stages of God’s kingdom being released on earth are as follows. Stage #1 ***Partial*** (good): Jesus’ rule in this age is mostly in the hearts of His people. This stage started at the cross and continues until His coming. Stage #2 ***Substantial*** (better): Jesus will manifest His kingdom in a substantial way over all nations in the millennial kingdom. Stage #3 ***Ultimate*** (best): Jesus’ ultimate rule is over the new earth, which occurs after the millennial kingdom (Rev. 21:1-2).
  7. Jesus is coming back to earth to establish an international government that will bring the entire earth under His Father’s authority (Mt. 28:19-20). Jesus will rule every sphere of life in every city in every nation. This will includereplacing all unrighteous people and decrees in every government (locally/nationally). Nations that do not obey in the Millennium will be destroyed.

12For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you [redeemed Israel in the Millennium] shall perish, and those nations shall be utterly ruined. (Isa. 60:12)

* 1. During the millennial kingdom, Jesus will rule all the nations from David’s throne in Jerusalem.

32“The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” (Lk. 1:32-33)

17Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem. (Jer. 3:17)

* 1. It will take 1,000 years to progressively establish mature righteousness in every area of life in every nation. Jesus will set up training institutions to teach all nations His ways.

7Of the increase [expansion] of His [Jesus’] government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. (Isa. 9:7)

1. Jesus’ Millennial reign: completing the Cultural Mandate

26God said, “Let Us make man in Our image…let them have dominion over the fish… over the birds…over the cattle, over all the earth…” 28God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion…over every living thing that moves on the earth.” (Gen. 1:26-28)

* 1. The Cultural Mandate was given to Adam in Genesis 1:26-28. By sinning, Adam forfeited his authority to Satan (Gen. 3:1-19; Lk. 4:6). Jesus came to win back the dominion given to humans. Jesus, as the last Adam, won the rights to the dominion of the earth and will fulfill the Cultural Mandate, after His return, as He disciples the nations.

5The devil…showed Him all the kingdoms of the world…6and said…“All this authority I will give You…for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.” (Lk. 4:5-6)

* 1. David received revelation of the dominion that God intended for His people to exercise forever.

5You have crowned him [man] with glory and honor. 6You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet… (Ps. 8:5-6)

* 1. Jesus fulfills what God desires of all His people as seen in Psalm 8.

7“…You have crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands. 8You have put all things in subjection under his feet.” For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him. 9But we see Jesus…crowned with glory and honor… (Heb. 2:7-9)

* 1. David heard two Trinitarian dialogues about the reign of the Messiah (Ps. 2; Ps. 110). Psalm 110 is the OT passage most quoted in the NT. It is directly quoted 6 times (Mt. 22:44; Mk 12:36; Lk 20:42; Acts 2:34; Heb. 1:13; 10:13), with a total of 25 direct or indirect allusions.
     1. In Psalm 2, David heard the Father promise Jesus the nations (same as discipling them).

7The Lord has said to Me [Jesus]…8“Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.” (Ps. 2:7-8)

* + 1. In Psalm 110, David saw one of his descendants (Jesus) as his Lord at God’s right hand. To make His enemies “a stool for your feet” speaks of total victory. Conquering kings put their foot on the neck of a defeated enemy to symbolize their submission (Josh. 10:24).

1The Lord [the Father] said to my Lord [Jesus], “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.” 2…Rule in the midst of Your enemies… (Ps. 110:1-2)

* 1. David prophesied that Jesus would be a king who would conquer all of His enemies. Ps. 110:5-6 describes Jesus coming in the context of a great war, killing earthy kings who oppose Him.

5He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. 6He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries. (Ps. 110:5-6)

* 1. Jesus is reigning now through the praying Church, by which He conquers some of His enemies.

1. Jesus’ glory, humility, and passion for His Father

16For by Him [Jesus] all things were created that are in heaven and on earth…whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him…18that in all things He may have the preeminence…20by Him to reconcile all things to Himself…whether things on earth or in heaven, having made peace through…His cross. (Col. 1:16-20)

* 1. The end purpose (ultimate goal) in 1 Cor. 15:24 is fulfilled at the end of the Millennium.

24Then comes the end, when He [Jesus] delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He [Jesus] puts an end to all rule [hostile, evil authorities during the Millennium]…25For He [Jesus] must reign till He [the Father] has put all enemies under His [Jesus’] feet. 26The last enemy that will be destroyed is death [at end of the Millennium]. 27For “He [the Father] has put all things under His [Jesus’] feet.” But when He says “all things are put under Him,” it is evident that He [the Father] who put all things under Him [Jesus] is excepted. 28Now when all things are made subject to Him [Jesus], then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him [the Father] who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. (1 Cor. 15:20-28)

9“You are worthy…because you were slain, and with Your blood You purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.” (Rev. 5:9, NIV)

10The twenty-four elders fall down…and cast their crowns before the throne… (Rev. 4:10)

* 1. Psalm 45 is the Father’s song over Jesus (Heb. 1:8-9). In it we have the Father’s words about Jesus. Behind the Psalmist, the Father’s heart overflows with the good theme about His King (v. 1).

8To the Son He [the Father] says: “Your throne, O God, is forever…9You have loved righteousness…Therefore God, Your God…has anointed You with gladness…” (Heb. 1:8-9)

1My heart is overflowing with a good theme…concerning the King [Jesus]…2You are fairer than the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips; therefore God has blessed You forever. 3Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One…4In Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness…5Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; the peoples [nations] fall under You. 6Your throne, O God, is forever…7You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness…10Listen, O daughter…incline your ear; forget your own people also, and your father's house; 11so the King will greatly desire your beauty…12The daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; the rich among the people will seek your favor…16Instead of Your fathers [Abraham, David, etc.] shall be Your sons [loyal co-rulers; Mt. 19:28], whom You shall make princes in all the earth. 17I [Father] will make Your [Jesus’] name to be remembered in all generations; therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever. (Ps. 45:1-17)

* 1. The Father will give the Son a Bride and the Son will give the Father a family. Jesus earned the right to rule the earth, but then willing gives it to the Father because Jesus delights in humility. Jesus has no fear of being forgotten in His humility (Jn. 5:22-23; 13:3).

2“The kingdom of heaven is like a…king who arranged a marriage for his son…” (Mt. 22:2)