

OEJ Series Part #9
Overview of the Eternal History of Jesus!

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- 5. Fifth Period – From the Crucifixion to the Resurrection! 3 Days**
- 6. Sixth Period – From the Resurrection to the Ascension! 40 Days**
- 7. Seventh Period – From the Ascension to the Parousia (Second Coming) 2000 Years?**
- 8. Eighth Period – From the Second Coming to the End of the Millennium! 1000 Years**
- 9. Ninth Period – From the End of the Millennium into Eternity Future! - New Heaven & Earth!**

Ninth Period – From the Second Coming to the End of the Millennium!

I. Jesus' Second Coming and Millennial Rule!

A. Jesus will return to Jerusalem to establish His millennial kingdom (1000-year reign on earth) and is the primary end-time theme in the Scriptures (Rev. 20:1-6; Zech. 14; 1 Thes. 4-5; Matt. 24; Lk. 21; Mk. 13). Jesus will rule as king on the earth for 1,000 years (Rev. 20:4-6). This is commonly referred to as the millennial kingdom of Christ. The term *millennium* is from the Latin *mille* (a thousand), and *annus* (a year).

Rev 20:6 They shall be priests of God....and shall reign with Him 1,000 years.

B. Jesus will rule the world from Jerusalem in perfect righteousness and continual peace as He restores it to the conditions of the Garden of Eden. His kingdom on earth will affect every sphere of life (political, economic, educational, agricultural, family, media, arts, technology, environment, social institutions, etc; Rev. 20:1-6; Isa. 2:1-4; 9:6-9; 11:1-16; 51:1-8; 60-62; 65:17-25; Ps. 2; 110; Mt. 6:10; 17:11; 19:28; 28:19; Acts 3:21).

Jer 3:17 Jerusalem 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.

C. Jesus will return to live on the earth. He will sit on a Throne as King and rule over all other kings. He will establish His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Revelation 19:15-16 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORD

D. Jesus will rule the earth with the natural human processes not suspended, yet significantly enhanced by the supernatural dimension of the Spirit. As Gentile believers, our most natural paradigm is to think of worshiping Jesus as God in the supernatural conditions of heaven. We emphasize Jesus' deity as the Son of God. Whereas, the Jewish paradigm, speaks of reigning with the Messianic King as a man in the natural conditions of the earth. They emphasize the Messiah's humanity as the Son of David. The full truth is only seen when these two paradigms are brought together.

II. The Centerpiece of God's Millennial Purpose: Bringing Heaven and Earth Together!

Ephesians 1:9-10 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth — in Him.

A. The centerpiece of God's eternal purpose is for Jesus to come back to establish His kingdom over all the earth as He joins the heavenly and earthly realms together. God's purpose has always been for His people to live together with Him in this way forever. This is the interpretive key to understanding the end times. Without this foundational revelation, confusion is inevitable.

Revelation 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

B. God created the universe in two distinct realms. Heaven speaks of the spiritual realm where God's power and presence is openly manifest. Earth speaks of the physical realm where human process, emotions and physical sensation reach their fullest expression. Heaven is the place believers have gone for the last 2,000 years (the cross to the second coming) as a "temporary holding pattern" before receiving a resurrected body. The saints do not need a resurrected body in heaven to relate to its spiritual environment. Only as the spiritual and the physical realms come together can we express the fullness of God's personality and purposes or the fullness of God (Eph. 1:22-23; 3:19; 4:13; Col. 1:19-20; 2:9-10).

Hebrews 12:22-24 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

C. When the New Jerusalem comes to earth, then heaven is literally on earth. Heaven and earth come together as the New Jerusalem descends to the millennial Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem is the place where resurrected saints will live. The earth 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).

Revelation 3:12 ...the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God.

D. The New Jerusalem will descend to a place above millennial Jerusalem (temple on Mt. Zion) creating a vast "governmental complex". It will be the governmental center of heaven and earth referred to as Jesus' throne of glory

Matthew 19:28 So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration (millennium), when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matthew 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

E. There are four reasons the New Jerusalem is close to millennial Jerusalem, yet not on the earth.

1. First, millennial Jerusalem is about 10 square miles or 4,500 rods X 4,500 rods (a rod is approx. 10.5 feet; Ezek. 48:30-35; 45:6; 48:15-19). The New Jerusalem is 1,380 miles (Rev. 21:16), thus, it is far too large for the area Ezekiel prophesied as the size of millennial Jerusalem (10 miles). Most believe the unit of measure is rods (10.5 feet) not cubits. The NKJV adds the word cubits in italics to designate it is not in the original text.

2. Second, the kings of the earth actually come into the New Jerusalem during the Millennium (Rev. 21:24-26).

3. Third, the leaves are for the healing of the millennial nations (Rev. 22:2), therefore, people on the millennial earth must have access to these healing leaves that are in the New Jerusalem (Rev. 22:2).

4. Fourth, angels guard the entry to the New Jerusalem to keep sinners out as in Gen. 3:22-24 (Rev. 21:12).

III. Jesus' Governmental Mandate: Prepare the Earth for the Father's coming and Presence!

A. Jesus is God's perfect plan to save to the uttermost and bring restoration of all things through: His incarnation (coming in the likeness of man); His Cross (the finished work of Christ for redemption); and His Kingdom (the eternally increasing governmental restoration of all things in righteousness and justice).

Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a Child is born, (The Cradle) Unto us a Son is given; (The Cross) and the government will be upon His shoulder. (The King and the Kingdom) and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, (Eternally Increasing Kingdom) Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom (Earthly and Heavenly) To order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

B. The Millennial Kingdom of Jesus on earth starts with His second coming beginning an unprecedented time of restoration (Acts 3:20-21) and continues through the 1000 years until the dispensation of the fullness of the times when He will "gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth — in Him (Eph 1:9-10)."

Acts 3:20-21 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

Ephesians 1:9-10 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth — in Him.

C. In the Millennium, Jesus' primary mandate is to prepare the earth for the Father's coming by bringing the nations to mature righteousness

1 Corinthians 15:24-28 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 27 For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. 28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

D. Righteousness will be substantial in the Millennium then perfect afterwards on the new earth. The earth will be purged or purified with fire at the end of the Millennium to fully prepare it for the Father (; Rev. 20:11).

2 Peter 3:10-13 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

E. Incredibly, after 1000 years Satan is loosed from the bottomless pit and deceives the nations again to lead a rebellion against Jesus and His Kingdom in which the final battle and judgment occur!

Rev 20:1-15

F. After the Great White Throne Judgment there is an overwhelming description of the New Jerusalem now fully realized in the New Heaven and New Earth the old having passed away.

Rev 21: 1 – 22: 21

