

EZEKIEL AND THE MILLENNIUM, PART 1  
(Ezekiel 1:1-3)

I. COMPETING Interpretive Frameworks

A. Amillennialism

1. There is to be no LITERAL 1000 year reign of Christ on EARTH
2. It is the reign of Christ IN the CHURCH in the PRESENT age
3. Or it is DECEASED believers reigning with Christ in HEAVEN

B. Postmillennialism

1. It has no definite BEGINNING or DURATION
2. It is the reign of Christ THROUGH the CHURCH
3. It will end with Christ's RETURN and a GENERAL resurrection

C. Historic Premillennialism.

1. A literal EARTHLY kingdom will begin with Christ's RETURN
2. Christ's earthly reign BEGAN with His ASCENSION
3. OT promises to Israel are FULFILLED in the CHURCH

D. Dispensational Premillennialism

1. "Dispensationalism" expects prophecy to be fulfilled LITERALLY and stresses DISTINCTIONS in God's administration HISTORICALLY
2. The VISIBLE kingdom ruled by CHRIST will begin at His RETURN

3. It's scope is GLOBAL and it will endure 1000 YEARS
4. It includes a restored ISRAEL and a redeemed EARTH
5. SATAN will be BOUND
6. Jesus will be KING and believers will be His ADMINISTRATORS
7. The TEMPLE will be rebuilt and some SACRIFICES will resume
8. The resurrection to LIFE will PRECEDE the Millennium, and the resurrection to DAMNATION will CONCLUDE it

## II. Manifestations of the Kingdom of God

- A. The UNIVERSAL kingdom of God (Pss. 10:16; 103:19)
  1. He is supreme ruler over all CREATION
  2. His rule spans all TIME and ETERNITY
- B. The MEDIATORIAL kingdom of God (Isa. 24:23; Pss. 2:4-6; 29:10; Zech. 14:9)
  1. It is LOCAL, EARTHLY, and FUTURE
  2. Initiated at Christ's RETURN and spanning 1000 YEARS
- C. The ETERNAL kingdom of God (Rev. 21 – 22)
  1. FOLLOWS the Millennium after the JUDGMENT of the damned
  2. Encompasses the NEW HEAVENS and NEW EARTH