

EZEKIEL AND THE MILLENNIUM, PART 2
(Ezekiel 33 - 48)

- I. Aspects of the MILLENNIAL Reign of Christ
 - A. The RETURN of Israel to the LAND (36:16-38)
 - B. The NECESSITY of a Millennium
 - 1. These promises were NOT FULFILLED after the exile
 - 2. The fulfillment was STILL FUTURE to the NT writers (cf. Rom. 11:25b-27)
 - 3. Fulfillment in ETERNITY does nothing to VINDICATE God among the NATIONS
 - C. The description of the TEMPLE (chs. 40 – 48)
 - 1. No HISTORIC temple meets Ezekiel's specifications
 - 2. SYMBOLIC fulfillment as the CHURCH or HEAVEN makes nonsense of the intricate DETAIL Ezekiel reveals
 - 3. There is NO TEMPLE in the eternal state (Rev. 21:22)
 - D. The nature of the reinstated SACRIFICES
 - 1. They may be MEMORIALS
 - 2. They may be related to ceremonial FORGIVENESS or SANCTIFICATION (cf. Heb. 9:13)
 - 3. They may be SYMBOLIC descriptions of WORSHIP in the millennium

II. CHARACTER of the Kingdom of God

- A. It will be LITERAL, with JERUSALEM as its capital (36:33-38; 37:24-28)
- B. Its GOVERNMENT will be THEOCRATIC (34:11-24; 37:24)
- C. It will be ADMINISTERED by a spiritual NOBILITY
 - 1. Including OLD TESTAMENT believers (Ezek. 37:24-25; Dan. 7:18, 22, 27)
 - 2. Including CHURCH AGE believers (1 Cor. 6:2; Rev. 3:21; 20:6)
 - 3. Including TRIBULATION martyrs (Rev. 20:4)
- D. While PHYSICALLY manifested, its character will be SPIRITUAL (36:24-28)
 - 1. It will be initiated, operated, and maintained by the HOLY SPIRIT (cf. Jer. 23:5-6; 31:34; Rom. 8:1-39)
 - 2. Individuals will possess the Spirit for POWER, KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM, and DIRECTION (cf. Jer. 31:31-34)
- E. Its spiritual character will be manifested in the RIGHTEOUSNESS of the KING, the RULERS, and the CITIZENS (36:27, 31; 37:24; Jer. 33:14-16)
 - 1. This will include changes in TOPOGRAPHY and CLIMATE
 - 2. There will be radical improvement in HUMAN HEALTH
 - 3. There will be changes in ANIMAL behavior
- F. The offices of prophet, priest, and king will be UNITED in the RULER (37:26-28; 43:1-7; 46:1-24)
- G. The WATER of LIFE will flow FREELY from the rebuilt sanctuary (47:1-12; cf. Rev. 22:1-3)