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QUESTION #2 – When will Israel’s Kingdom be established?

When Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to Jesus Christ, he specifically said that **He would sit on a Davidic Throne and reign over Israel forever (Luke 1:30-33)**.

The last O.T. prophet was John the Baptist (**Matthew 11:13**). When he came preaching “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (**Matt. 3:2**), not one Jew ever asked “What do you mean by the Kingdom?”

When the Apostles took their Kingdom Gospel to the “lost sheep of the house of Israel” (**Matt. 10:5-7**), not one Israelite ever questioned what was meant by “kingdom.”

In fact, when Jesus said to the nation of Israel that the program of God had been put into abeyance until there was a national repentance (**Matt. 23:37-39**), and when Jesus finally ascended back to heaven, **His own Jewish disciples were clearly thinking about Israel’s kingdom (Acts 1:6)**.

When Paul wrote the Gospel for the Grace Age in the book of Romans, he clearly spoke of a time when God would fulfill His Kingdom promises to Israel (**Rom. 11:25-27**).

One would have to overlook many passages of Scripture to miss the fact that Israel was and is looking for and longing for a real physical kingdom here on this earth. She is longing for the time when she will be in total peace in the totality of the land God has promised to her. That is what Israel looks for and longs for.

One would have to ignore many passages of Scripture to not see this point. Israel still looks forward to a kingdom on this earth when a Davidic King will rule the earth from sea to sea (Psalm 72:8). Israel also knows that this Kingdom would be ushered in by Divine Force (Zech. 12:9; 14:1-6, 16) and will actually feature the Davidic God/Savior/Messiah/King here in Person to reign.

These events will occur after the Tribulation, when Jesus Christ physically returns to set up this Kingdom for Israel. **This Kingdom for Israel will exist in the future and is described in Revelation 20.**

QUESTION #3 – What is Israel’s Kingdom called?

Other than Israel’s Kingdom, the name theologians use for this Kingdom is the Millennium. The actual word comes from the Latin word “mille” which means one thousand and “annus” which means year (we get our English word “annual” from this word). The actual Greek word used in Revelation 20 is chilioi (χιλιοι) which means “a thousand.” Often times Israel’s kingdom is referred to as “millennialism” and as “chiliasm.” The word “a thousand years” is used in **Revelation 20:2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7**.

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Dr. Charles Ryrie said, “Six times in Revelation 20:2-7 the length of the Millennium is stated to be 1,000 years. The repetition of this figure underscores both its literalness and importance” (*Basic Theology*, p. 508).

The term Millennium actually refers to the time on this earth, when Jesus Christ will reign and rule over all the earth, and at the same time fulfill all of the promises and prophecies made in the O.T. concerning Israel and her Promised Land.

QUESTION #4 – What will be the specific duration of the Millennium?

It is clearly stated that the duration of the Millennium will be for 1,000 years. We need to realize that God will ultimately create a New Heaven, New Earth and New Jerusalem, that has never known anything sinful (Revelation 21-22). **But before this happens, He will fulfill all Kingdom promises He made to Israel and this 1,000 year span will be the time He does that.**

QUESTION #5 – What type of government will exist in the Millennium?

The type of government that will exist in the Kingdom will be a theocracy. What this means is that the Millennium will be ruled and governed by God Himself, in the Person of Jesus Christ. All government will be on His shoulders (Isaiah 9:6-7; Daniel 7:14).

QUESTION #6 – Where will Christ’s political headquarters be located in the Millennium?

The Bible is very clear and very specific on this point. **Jesus Christ will reign over all the world from His headquarters in Jerusalem** (Zechariah 8:3; 14:9-11; Psalm 48:1-2; Is. 2:3; 24:23; 33:17, 20-22).

QUESTION #7 – Who will actually be physically in this Kingdom when Christ reigns?

The heavy emphasis of this Kingdom will be on Israel.

- 1) Old Testament Jewish believers who have been resurrected will inherit this Kingdom (Dan. 12:1-2).
- 2) Jewish believers who survived the Great Tribulation will inherit this Kingdom (Zech. 13:8).
- 3) Gentile believers who survived the Great Tribulation and ministered to the Jews will inherit this Kingdom (Matt. 25:31ff).
- 4) Jewish babies who were born during or after the Great Tribulation will inherit this Kingdom (Matt. 24:19).

The main emphasis of this Kingdom will be Israel. All nations of the world will look to Israel and honor Israel as the nation of God.