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Sunday - November 5, 2023

Israel, Jerusalem, the 1000 Year Kingdom (Pt 1)

by Troy Spradlin

With all the hysteria surrounding the conflict in Israel, it has become increasingly difficult to discern truth from fiction. This is especially so concerning the religious implications that many people want to assign to current events. Countless voices - from our next-door neighbor to arrogant celebrities, pompous politicians, and media outlets - are all parroting the mantra, "Protect Israel!" Perhaps even more concerning, are all the panicky warnings that Jesus' "thousand-year reign is imminent!" So, what are Christians to make of all of this? Can we discern the truth?

Fortunately, the truth on this matter is easily attainable from Scripture. But first, we need to understand that the root cause of all the mania is based upon a false doctrine called "Premillennialism." Essentially, this doctrine asserts that: (a) since the Jews rejected Him, Jesus sat up a "plan B," called the "church" until He would return again and establish His kingdom; (b) upon His return, there would be a "rapture" and a "tribulation" preceding the establishment of His throne in Jerusalem for "1000 years." This erroneous teaching began to be propagated by denominational preachers around the mid-19th century and has since gained more popularity through movies and books, such as the "Left Behind" series.



The fallacious ideology became so widespread that it eventually inserted itself into American and international politics. This was evidenced in 1948 when the United Nations adopted Resolution 181 (also known as the Partition Resolution), which divided Palestine into two domains (Jewish and Arab) establishing the State of Israel. Sadly, the mandate only increased tensions that already existed in the region and, at the same time, inserted a misguided, unscriptural creed - the false premillennialism doctrine - as its "justification." This is what many politicians support.

In addition to all the confusion, there are traditional Jewish beliefs that clash with Muslim beliefs. In 1541, Ottoman Sultan Suleiman sealed the Eastern Gate of Jerusalem to "prevent the Jewish Messiah from gaining entrance to the Temple Mount." This was based on Ezekiel 44:1-3, which states the gate facing east will remain shut until the "prince may sit in it to eat bread before the Lord. He shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way." Muslims even put a cemetery directly in front of the gate as an extra layer of precaution, believing that the Messiah, being a good Jew, would not walk through it and become unclean in doing so. So, for almost 500 years, the Jews and Muslims continue arguing, while still waiting for the Messiah to come. Evangelicals, who believe in premillennialism, have since adopted this tradition and applied to their "1000-year kingdom" doctrine. One website audaciously stated, "the eastern gate ... will be part of the future millennial temple complex. It is yet to be built."

It is sad that all the trepidation, vitriol, and violence could be resolved if people would just read their Bibles correctly! Simple interpretation methods reveal several important points that negate all those clashes and ideologies:

- The "1000-year reign" (Rev 20:1-10) is **figurative language**, it is NOT literal! It is mentioned in the middle of other *figurative descriptions*, such as the "beasts, the old serpent, Gog and Magog, lake of fire, Book of Life."
- The word "rapture" is not found in the Bible and nowhere is this doctrine taught by the disciples.
- The tribulation, the 1000 years, and the kingdom are all in existence NOW! The church and the kingdom are the same thing. Jesus is reigning now. (cf Rev 1:9, 2:9; Matt 16:18-19; Col 1:13; John 18:36)
- Nowhere in Scripture does it say that Jesus will return to the earth and set up a kingdom. Instead, it clearly says, "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds **to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.** ... (to be continued)

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MSYG EVENTS & INFO

YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. November 8
5 pm in the FH



FUEL

November 10-12

Depart on Friday at 1 pm
Return on Sunday around 3 pm
Bring money for 2 meals

OWLS BANQUET

18 NOVEMBER

2-7 PM | BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

AGE 60+ | SIGN UP BY NOVEMBER 9

MSYG Parent Meeting

November 19 | 4:30 pm | Room 303

SNAC SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH

November 19

Hosted by Jared & Chiara Lee

KEYNOTES: ANDREW ITSON, RALPH GILMORE, CHUCK MONAN

exposure YOUTH CAMP

INTO REALITY

DECEMBER 27-30 2023

OTHER YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

Margaret Street Turkey Trot

November 21st
9:00 AM

All members are invited
More details to come

Library Service Project

Looking for a way to serve?
Card Ministry available in the Library!
See Lisa for more details!

IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON AGAIN!

Kingdom Kids Christmas Party

December 10th
3:30 - 5:30 PM

Pajamas welcomed!
More details to come!

2023 - 2024

Lads to Leaders L2L

Workshop TODAY

- 1:30-2:30, Song Leading
- 2:30-3:10, Speech
- 3:10-3:50, Bible Bowl
- 3:50-4:30, Oral Bible Reading
- 4:30-5:30, Puppets

Family Enrichment Workshop

December 1-3

Friday, 6-8 pm | Saturday, 2-5 pm
Sunday, 9-11:30 am & 6-7 pm

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: JORDAN MOORE

JANUARY 12 - 14

MARGARET STREET MARRIAGE RETREAT

Psalm 55

Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy! Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan, because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked. For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me. My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me. Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me. And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest; yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness; *Selah* I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest. Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues; for I see violence and strife in the city. Day and night they go around it on its walls, and iniquity and trouble are within it; ruin is in its midst; oppression and fraud do not depart from its marketplace. For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him. But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend. We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng. Let death steal over them; let them go down to Sheol alive; for evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart. But I call to God, and the Lord will save me. Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice. He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me. God will give ear and humble them, he who is enthroned from of old, *Selah* because they do not change and do not fear God. My companion stretched out his hand against his friends; he violated his covenant. His speech was smooth as butter, yet war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords. Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. But you, O God, will cast them down into the pit of destruction; men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days. But I will trust in you.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Will Anderson-ear drum surgery (Elliot W.*)
- Pat Ann* - No more cancer! Praise God!
- Sherry Davis* - compression fracture, PT
- Renee Decker - hospice (Lester*)
- Terry Jennings*- home PT/recovery
- Josie Locklin* - fractured vertebrae
- John King - surgery (Susan St. CoC)
- Dan Mense - heart surgery (Pat's brother)
- Ashley Ray* - ACL surgery, recovery
- Damiyah Scott - surgery, recovery (J.Carter)
- Caden Thompson - premature baby (J.Carter)
- Roxanne Pierce - surgery, recovery
- Louie Vaughn - knee surgery, recovery

Grieving a Loss

- Terry Baxley* - passing of Darlene
- Brooklyn Bostwick* - loss of mom, Kandi
- Sarah Davis & family* -loss of Gigi, Norma
- John Hart Ellis* - loss of wife
- Hatcher family* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Doug Lee & family* - loss of mom, Betty
- Linda Loftin* and family - loss of Jim*
- Elsa Nunes* - loss of brother, Guillermo Deir
- Scott Shanahan - loss of Scott's father, Kevin
- Gloria Vonada & family - loss of Troy*

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Dennis Brice - hospice (Gary Coleman*)
- Sherryn Canniff *- homebound
- Sherry Davis* - The Blake (Davis/Napier*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia*- Fort Walton Beach
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Larry McDaniel*-Santa Rosa Rehab
- Ina Ruth Miller*
- Ruth Phillips*- Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith - Shut in (JEnglish mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

Students in College

- LizAnn Webb
- Seth Crider
- Stephen English
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Jackson Lash
- Caleb Owens
- Savannah Smith
- Nick Webb
- Lily Weathersbee
- Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes

Expectant Mothers

- April Estain - January 2024
- Hannah Newcomb - April 2024
- Tara Henry - June 2024

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates - upcoming surg. (Gallagher*)
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Robbie Bullard-aneurysm/defect valve (Lee*)
- Janice Carter* - mobility, prayers
- Robert Collins - foot problem (J.Pace cousin)
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Gary Good* - tests
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Scott Graham* - back pain
- Jackie Hamilton-test results, pray (McGriff*)
- Daphne Hamilton - health
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Steve Hartzog - health issues(Alonna's friend)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Martin family* - prayers
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Donald McGriff* - health, prayers
- Mary McGriff*- recovery, sciatic nerve
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Elsa Nunes* - fell/recovery, arthritis
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- Rodger Schwitzerlett - (Gallagher*)

Military

- Nick Bartell - Ft. Walton Beach
- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Japan
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Cancer

- Mike Anderson - (Warrington)
- Darrell Bozeman*
- Misty Bray* - (Bird*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher*)
- Jack Davis*
- Pat Deforest*
- Sheryl Downy - surgery (Burnham*)
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Evergena Larkin - final stages (McGriff*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill*)
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Ariel Perry - throat (Hatcher)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - waiting on results
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*)
- Donnie Turner- (Helms*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

- Jada Crider* - Baptized
- Brittany Parker* - Baptized
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Baptized
- Matthew & Ashley Gingerich* - Baptized
- Olivia Gingerich* - Baptized
- Lanie Scott* - Baptized
- Ashley Scott Buckley* - Baptized
- Sharon Parker* - Baptized
- Scott Graham* - Baptized
- Gary and Sherian Good* - Identified
- Jan Holmes* - Identified
- Mike and Addie Frahm* - Identified
- Terry & Judy Jennings* - Identified
- Josh & Stephanie Jennings* - Identified
- Jeremy & Amber Dunaway* - Identified
- Allen & Heather Overton family* - Identified
- John & Holley Raley family* - Identified
- Philip and Lanya Lester family* - Identified



SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

MORNING

Opening Prayer Jeff Scott
 Song Director Casey Bearden
 Sermon Troy Spradlin
 "What I Wish I Knew at 25"
 Scripture Reading ... Luke McReynolds
 Psalm 119:9-11
 Closing Prayer Rick Bird

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Matthew Henry Allen Overton
 Jeremy Dunaway Jared Lee
 Cooper Jennings (Balcony)
 Comments David English

EVENING

Opening Prayer Justin Davis
 Singing Blake Hatcher
 Scripture Paul Lipford
 John 4:39-42
 Comments David English

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep ... Stephanie Wilson
 PowerPoint Matt McReynolds
 Greeters Jak Gallagher
 Secure Building Paul Lipford

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Elliot Wilson
 Opening Prayer Mike Scott

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 168
 AM Worship 220
 PM Worship
 Wed. Night Bible Class 145
 Contribution \$8,315
 Weekly Budget \$11,280
 2023 Average Contribution \$9,292

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!

You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

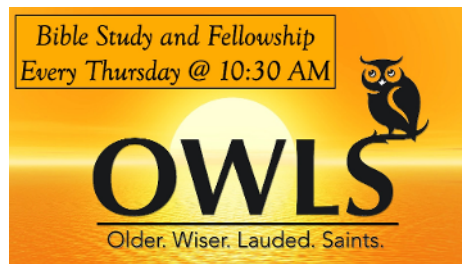
- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday, by noon.**
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.
- **Reminder:** If you use online giving, please consider covering the processing fees as part of you contribution.

BENEVOLENCE



EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



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