

The Prophetic Parables of Matthew 13

Session 2024 Summary

Facts About the Coming Kingdom

June 23, 2024

A Comprehensive List of Prophetic Passages Referring to a Millennial Kingdom

When I realized that lesson 6 was not going to be long enough to finish on June 23rd, I also knew that starting lesson 7 didn't make sense as we wouldn't complete it until January 2025. So, I decided to write what you see in front of you today. This is updated and edited information handed out but never taught last summer as we studied Revelation on a series of Wednesday evenings. I thought it would be appropriate since it does connect with what we've been studying in Sunday School since the first Sunday of January of this year. I know I won't get through all of it, but will try to cover the 'high points' and answer any questions you have. And at least, you will have this information to insert into your duo-tangs with the rest of the lesson transcripts for your own personal study.

What we have here first, is a comprehensive (I'm sure I have missed at least a few passages) list of prophetic passages about the coming Millennial Kingdom in both (1) the OT and NT. This is the Kingdom that the Interregnum is preceding and leading us inexorably to when Christ returns.

The second part of this is an expanded list of the main themes of what the prophets predict and describe as being things that will be part and parcel of this coming kingdom. Originally, I had 25 themes in this list, now, after going through the passages again, there are 42. Today, we will assess and read as many of these as we can in the time we have left.

Old Testament - Major Prophets and Psalms

Isaiah

2:1-5; 4:2-6; 9:7; 11:1-16; 12:3-6; 16:4b-5; 18:7; 29:12; 24:21-23; 25:6-12; 27:12-13; 32:1-20 (not all 20 verses); 33:17-22; 35:1-10; 60:1-22; 65:17-25; 66:19-24.

Jeremiah

3:15-19; 23:1-8; 30:3-9, 18-22; 31:1-40 (New Covenant); 33:1-26 (not all 26 verses).

Ezekiel

28:25-26; 34:25-30; 36:33-38; 37:14-28; 39:25-29; 40-48 (these 11 chapters describe what must be a Millennial Temple, because no such temple has ever been built yet based on the dimensional detail supplied).

Daniel

2:34-35,44-45; 7:13-14.27

Psalms

89:3-4. 20-37; 2:1-12; 110:2-6; 132:11-12, 17-18

Old Testament – Historical Books

2 Samuel

7:8-16 (Davidic Covenant)

I Chronicles 17:7-14 (also Davidic Covenant)

Old Testament – Minor Prophets

Hosea

3:4-5; 5:15

Joel

3:4-5, 17-21

Amos

9:11-15

Obadiah

15-21

Micah

2:12; 4:1-8

Zephaniah

3:9-20

Zechariah

3:8-10; 8:1-13,20-23; 12:7-14; 13:1-6; 14:4-21.

New Testament

Matthew

19:28-29; 24 (The Olivet Discourse - some verses); 25:31-46

Luke

1:32; 13:29; 12:11-27; 21:5-36 (Olivet Discourse – not all verses); 22:30

I Corinthians

15:24-28

2 Timothy

2:12

Revelation

3:21; 5:10; 20:1-10

The Main Repeated Themes in the Prophetic Passages

If you look over the above noted passages, you will see many themes repeatedly mentioned. These are important to help us see what life will be like in the Millennial Kingdom. Here are the main 40 of those themes. As you examine the Millennial prophecies listed above, you will see these themes and others come up regularly.

1. Christ will dwell among His people in Jerusalem – Isa. 18:7c
2. Christ will reign on David's throne in Jerusalem – He is the Branch, a direct descendent of David. He will be King of the whole world. Isa. 4:2; 9:7; 11:1-3; 16:5; 33:22; Jer. 3:17; 23:5; 33:4-18; Ezek. 37:24-28; 34:23-24; Dan. 7:13-14:27; Hosea 3:5; 5:15; Amos 9:11; Zeph. 3:14-17; Zech. 14:9; Ps. 89:27-29; 110:2-12; 132:11-18; Luke 1:32.
3. The law will go out to the world from Jerusalem – Isaiah 2:3-4
4. There will be amazing fertility and farming will be very fruitful – i.e., the plowman will overtake the reapers. Harvests will be plentiful and often. – Amos 9:13
5. God's people (especially Israel and Judah) will live in their land in peace, and never be removed from it – Isaiah 32:18
6. Jerusalem will be the highest place on earth – lifted above all hills – Isaiah 2:1-2; Micah 4:1; Zech. 14:10
7. There will be 1 common language – Zephaniah 3:9; Isa. 33:19
8. Worshippers will flock to Jerusalem, and many will ask for a Jew to take them there – Isaiah 2:3; 18:7; 27:12-13; 60:3-4; 66:18b; Jeremiah 3:17; Micah 4:1-2; Zechariah 8:20-23; 14:16
9. People will live very long lives, like those in pre-flood times in Genesis – Isaiah 65:20,22
10. There will be no more wars – it will be a time of peace / people will beat swords into farming tools – Isa. 2:4; 60:18; Micah 4:3; Joel 3:10 (reversed)

11. Jerusalem will be a thriving city of joy and singing – Isa. 65:19; 35:10
12. Living waters will flow out of Jerusalem – Zech. 14:8; Ezek. 47:1-12
13. The desert will blossom as a crocus & there will be streams of water in the desert – Isa. 35:1-2,6
14. Jesus will rule with righteousness and justice – Isa. 11:3-5; 32:1
15. Wild animals will no longer kill and eat prey animals. Children will be able to safely play in the vicinity of a cobra or adder's den – Isa. 11:6-9; 35:9; 65:25
16. Princes will also be rulers – Isaiah 32:1
17. The ransomed will come to Zion singing and will be glad and joyful – Isa. 35:10; 51:11
18. Nations who will not serve Christ will be punished – Zech. 14:17
19. There will be sin but it will be rare. Jesus will rule with a rod of iron – Ps. 2:7-9; 11:4
20. Labour will no longer be in vain – in other words, no more curse on the ground – Isa. 65:23
21. Judah and Israel will reunite – Jer. 3:17; 31:8,9,10; Ezek. 37:16-23
22. Judah and Israel will dwell securely in peace – Isa. 32:18; Ezek. 28:26; Amos 9:15; Zeph. 3:12-13
23. Jerusalem will never be plucked up or destroyed ever again – Jer. 31:40; Joel 3:20; Zech. 14:11
24. There will be showers of blessing – Ezek. 34:26
25. The land will be cleansed of all idols and of sin – Hosea 2:16-17; Micah 5:12-15; Zech. 13:2-3
26. God will save Judah first, then Israel – Zech. 12:7-9; 13:1
27. God will destroy the nations who seek to destroy Jerusalem (at the start of the Millennial Kingdom)– Joel 3:1-2; Obadiah 15-16
28. There will be no lame or blind people – Micah 4:6-7; Isa. 35:5-6
29. Milk and Honey will flow – Amos 9:13; Joel 3:18

30. People will enjoy their own land and fig trees, etc. – Mic. 4:4; Jer. 30:3
31. He shall be their God, they shall be His people – Isa. 12:6; Jer. 30:22; 31:1; Ezek. 36:28; 37:24; Rev. 21:3
32. They shall all know the Lord – Jer. 31:34
33. Christ will be King and Judge – Isa. 2:4; 33:22; Mic. 4:3
34. Israel's fortunes will be restored – Jer. 30:3,18; Amos 9:14; Zeph. 3:20;
35. Over Jerusalem, a cloud by day, and fire and smoke by night – Isa. 4:3; Joel 2:30
36. There will be a booth for shade and shelter by night – Isa. 4:5-6
37. Israel will be gathered together in one place – Isa. 11:11,12; Mic. 2:12; 4:6-7; Zeph. 3:20
38. The Kingdom will violently replace the current existing evil kingdom of the time when Christ returns – Dan. 2:34-35,44-45; Rev. 17 & 18
39. The disciples and other believers will also sit on thrones and rule in the Kingdom - Luke 22:28-30; Matt. 19:28-29 ⑤
40. Christ will hand the Kingdom over to His Father after He has accomplished all He was to accomplish as King for 1,000 years – I Corinthians 15:24-28
41. Satan and his demons will be incarcerated in the Abyss for 1,000 years – Rev. 20:1-6
42. Satan and his demons will be released (by God) after the 1,000 years is completed – Rev. 20:7-10

Summary

These themes, and some others I have not mentioned here, and the fulfillment of the Davidic and New Covenants were blessings that all Jews in the time of Christ's incarnate state knew about, desired and hoped for, waiting for their Messiah to appear so that this blessed kingdom could be theirs. According to Luke 19:11 (our last lesson), the Jews were expecting this kingdom to happen immediately, in their own lifetime, since more than a few Israelites saw Jesus (because of His predicted signs, wonders and miracles) as potentially The Messiah in their midst (cf. John 7:25,26,40-43; 12:42; Matt. 9:27; etc.).

Their leaders (Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, and priests) rejected Christ as their Messiah, then compelled the people to reject Him as well. We've seen in our last 6 lessons that the kingdom proclaimed in the early stages of Matthew, Mark and Luke as near or imminent, was never talked about as near or imminent after the rejection in Matthew 12. So, it was postponed, and remains postponed until the return of Christ. That is what the Kingdom parables of Matthew 13 are teaching us.