

Episode 264

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Welcome to the Got Questions podcast. This is episode nine in our series about the end times. We've been kind of going through chronologically as much as we can. Today we'll be talking about the millennial kingdom, also known as the millennium, the thousand-year reign of Christ. So we definitely encourage you to watch episodes one through eight as we kind of build up to this point. Last episode we covered the second coming, which is Jesus' return to finish the battle of Armageddon and then to establish his kingdom. And today we'll be discussing the kingdom itself. And joining me today is Jeff, the managing editor of BibleRef.com, and Kevin, the editor-in-chief of Got Questions Ministries.

Shea Houdmann

Always the best way to start by reading perhaps with the main passage on the millennial kingdom. That's in Revelation chapter 20, verses 1 to 6. Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while. Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom authority to judge was committed. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshipped the beast or its image, and had not received its mark on their foreheads or hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power. They will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

Shea Houdmann

One thing that always stands out to me whenever I read this passage is how many times it specifically says a thousand years. Granted, does this mean exactly a thousand years as in a thousand times 365? I don't know that we need to be that precise. I think some people say it just means a really long period of time. It's like, okay, but he could have said a really long period of time if he so chose. But he chose to repeatedly say specifically a thousand

years. So our general interpretation is that he literally means it will be for a thousand years.

Shea Houdmann

Again, as I said earlier, this is the thousand-year kingdom of Christ, the millennial reign, where Jesus is personally ruling over the earth. The final dispensation, so to speak, is all the different dispensations where God gives us a conscience, God gives us government, God gives us law, God gives us grace. And in each time, humanity shows incapable of following God's commands and ending with some sort of rebellion against him. And here we are in the millennial kingdom. Okay, I will give you heaven on earth, Eden, so to speak, over the entire earth, ruled by a perfect sinless king. And as we'll find out about later, humanity still rebels. But Kevin, what else does Scripture tell us about the millennial kingdom? What will life be like? And why will it be so amazingly wonderful to be under Christ's rule?

Kevin Stone

Yeah, why it's so amazingly wonderful in the millennium is in one word, Jesus. Jesus will be here, and I can hardly wait. I can hardly wait for this thousand years of living in a world that is ruled directly by Jesus Christ. Scripture says a lot about it. Some of the major passages would be Isaiah 11, Isaiah 55, Isaiah 35. In fact, that's one of the reasons why Isaiah is like my favorite book of the Bible, because it says so much about the coming kingdom and such encouraging passages there, where Isaiah says that all creation is going to be affected, and in many ways that the curse that we are living under right now in this world is going to be mitigated, if not fully reversed, as the desert is blossoming as a rose, and the dry places are going to be lush, and the animal world is affected.

Kevin Stone

Isaiah talks about how the wolf will lie down with the lamb, and the lion with the calf. There are going to be little children who are playing right near the viper's den, and nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, God says. And it's going to be a time of natural beauty and natural safety, as all creation is rejoicing with the restoration of the kingdom to Christ.

Kevin Stone

It's going to be a time of peace among the nations. They're not going to be learning war anymore, Scripture says, or beating their swords into plowshares. All the nations are paying obeisance to Jesus, who is literally sitting on the throne in Zion, in Jerusalem. Jerusalem will be the center of the capital of the world, and Jesus is personally reigning there. We'll have the physical presence of Christ.

Kevin Stone

It's going to be a time of abundance, a time of healing, time of righteousness, justice, and peace. We hear a lot in our world today about how if you want peace, you have to work for justice, I think is how it goes. Well, there's going to be both in the millennium. There's going to be perfect justice administered by the Prince of Peace, and there's going to be a peaceful world during that time as Jesus is in charge, and that thousand years is going to be a wonderful time of peace and prosperity and abundance and righteousness.

Kevin Stone

And so we're going to have the resurrected Old Testament saints there. We're going to have the glorified church and the survivors of the tribulation that have survived the judgment of the sheep and the goats. Those survivors will be coming in with their descendants because they'll be having kids during that thousand years as well.

Jeff Laird

Interesting to think that all of this in the millennial kingdom happens after all the disasters that we hear about in tribulation. So we hear about things like the sea being turned into blood and fresh water being turned into poison, essentially, and massive earthquakes and all this other stuff that happens that seems to just completely devastate the planet. So it's interesting to think that this is not just as simple as Jesus comes down and just becomes prime minister of the world. It's basically going to start human civilization all over again from scratch, and we don't get a whole lot of details on exactly what God's going to do when it comes to those environmental things, but it's interesting to think that this is going to be a major, a major reset. It's going to be a complete reboot of mankind living on earth.

Jeff Laird

It's also interesting to me that you made the point, Kevin, that they're going to be basically only believers are going to be the ones who enter this millennial kingdom at first. And that's interesting because we do see that at some point in time the millennial kingdom essentially falls apart. It goes right back to rebellion and war and everything else, which means that over time we are once again moving away from God and forgetting God, even though we're now in theory living under the best possible government and the best possible circumstances you could ever hope for. And that to me is always an important aspect just to think of when we read about the millennial kingdom is that we see so much stuff in the book of Revelation that tells us that God is going to show all these signs and people are still going to ignore them. And at the end, we're going to get the ultimate example of that. He's actually going to be here and he's going to rule the world and people are still going to ignore him. I mean, the guy who came down and saved us all from a planet that should

basically be dead, that it should be an extinction level event. And for a thousand years, we're able to survive. We'll still find a way. People will forget, people will drift, they'll deny, they'll ignore, and we'll still wind up with a rebellion. And that to me, it's sad, but it's fascinating at the same time.

Kevin Stone

And I forgot to mention something just a minute ago, if I could throw that in here real quick. During the millennium, scripture says that Satan will be bound. He's going to be chained up and in the bottomless pit for that thousand years. Praise the Lord. He's going to be out of the way. We're not going to be dealing with all the temptations that we are so used to here in this world of spiritual battle that we wage right now. And just, I need to mention that that's a big part of the millennium, actually, that Satan will be bound for that thousand years.

Jeff Laird

And it does make the fall even that much more interesting because there's that idea that if for a thousand years, Satan is not going after people. I mean, we know from scripture that tells us that people are first tempted by their own desires. So I guess there's another level of proof where God is saying, I can chain Satan up for a thousand years, and you guys are still going to be tempted to sin. You don't get to outsource this to anybody. So it's nice to think that we're going to have that time without that temptation. But even then, we're still going to move. We're still going to fall.

Kevin Stone

Yeah. Well, he is released for a short time at the very end, scripture says.

Jeff Laird

Right.

Shea Houdmann

The devil made me do it will no longer be, not that it's a valid excuse very often even now, definitely will not be an excuse in it. And presumably when it says Satan is bound, it's for Satan and all of the demons, although the text doesn't specifically say that, but that seems to be the insinuation that now we're going to remove a major issue in terms of the temptation to sin from you.

Shea Houdmann

So we have this thousand year millennial kingdom. Anyone who's studied this is because there are three major interpretations of the millennial kingdom. And truly, we could do an entire episode on each of them, but I think we can cover them enough to give you the gist of it.

Shea Houdmann

Pre-millennialism, the prefix pre- means Jesus returns before the millennial kingdom. And that's if you follow the book of Revelation and believe it's generally speaking chronological with a few things that are going back and looking at something perhaps, but it happens at the end. Jesus comes, he establishes a kingdom, and then rules and reigns for a thousand years. And pre-millennialism also known for believing it's a literal thousand years. And then when you get into various forms of pre-millennialism, dispensational pre-millennialism focuses on, this is the time period where God fulfills his promise literally to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Solomon, et cetera. So this is a literal kingdom on earth, Jesus fulfilling God's promises to the nation of Israel for a thousand years.

Shea Houdmann

Amillennialism, the prefix means no. Well, it's really, it doesn't mean no millennium, but Amillennialists generally believe the kingdom is now. The kingdom that God is referring to in this passage is from Jesus' resurrection or ascension to when he returns. That the church age is the kingdom, that the kingdom of God is within us. It's a spiritual kingdom. The promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are fulfilled allegorically in the church in believers today. Again, Amillennialism is a complicated system, involves covenants, lots more, trying to do it justice in a very brief explanation.

Shea Houdmann

And then post-millennialism is the view, it's the most optimistic of all the views. And it says that the church is eventually going to be successful in evangelizing the world and establishing the kingdom. And then Jesus comes at the end to basically give us a pat on the back, job well done, and then to lead us into eternity, the new heavens and the earth from that point.

Shea Houdmann

Well, read the book of Revelation. I really don't see how Amillennialism or post-millennialism make any sense. Because if we are currently in the kingdom now, it sure doesn't seem like Satan's bound. There still does seem to be a whole lot of spiritual warfare. So one of the major features, as Kevin was saying, of the millennial kingdom is that Satan and presumably all the demons, they're gone, they're bound in the bottomless pit. It doesn't seem to accurately reflect what's going on in the world.

Shea Houdmann

And then with post-millennialism, how many passages in the New Testament talk about things getting worse and worse and worse? We don't see—praise God, we see occasional revivals there. We see God doing amazing work.

We see thousands, millions of people coming to faith in Christ, but it's not actually turning the world around. The world is not converting to Christianity en masse or seeking to live righteously for Christ.

Shea Houdmann

And then all the passages in the Bible talk about what it'll be like in the last days. It describes things getting bad to worse, to worse, to worse. So I don't think Amillennialism or post-millennialism accurately reflect what Scripture teaches, definitely not what the book of Revelation teaches, and it just doesn't fit what we experience in the world and what we observe in the Church's impact on the world.

Shea Houdmann

But question to either one of you, what are some other things that lead you away from Amillennialism and post-millennialism and towards a premillennial understanding of the thousand years?

Kevin Stone

Well, for me, one of the big things is the covenants that God made with Abraham and David, and then there's also the land covenant that we read of in Deuteronomy chapter 30 and kind of repeated in the book of Joshua. But these promises were unconditional promises. They hinge on God's faithfulness alone to fulfill, and some of them are very specific, especially when we talk about the land promise, where God says the extent of Israel's boundaries going to be from the river Euphrates to the river Nile, you know, and then it includes the country of Lebanon and all that.

Kevin Stone

And even during the reigns of David and Solomon, the boundaries were never that wide. We have never seen that fulfilled yet. And so if we're going to try to interpret this allegorically, then, you know, what in the world is the river Euphrates if not an actual river? What is the Nile River if not an actual river? Why would God say Euphrates and Nile if he meant something different? And then if it is allegorical, then your guess is as good as mine as to what he was talking about. I mean, who knows what the boundaries are?

Kevin Stone

Well, we believe, as a pre-millennialist, I believe that these are actual boundaries, geographical markers that God has said, this will be the extent of the kingdom, and I think this will be fulfilled during Jesus' reign on this earth, literally. Again, David and Solomon never saw an expansion of the kingdom to that size, but Jesus will. Jesus will be the one in whom we see the fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant, the Davidic covenant, the land covenant, all of the covenants are coming together in Jesus Christ. So that's a big one for me is

the covenants need to be fulfilled literally, I believe, and I think that that time will come when Jesus sets up his kingdom.

Jeff Laird

For me, it has a lot to do with just being consistent in interpretation. We've talked before about how I'm, I wouldn't say skeptical, just cranky when it comes to end times stuff. I tend not to put a whole lot of emotion and energy into it, but I'm pretty comfortable with the idea of the pre-millennialism. And one reason for that is because if you want to be consistent, you start to find that you form these ideas into shapes that don't necessarily fit unless you start contradicting your own method of interpretation.

Jeff Laird

So the idea that, okay, we're in the millennial kingdom now, and that supposedly means that Satan is bound now. In theory, I guess that's possible. If we could say that if you think this is bad, this is what the world is like when Satan is bound. But then you look at all the consequences that are supposed to come and all the things that are supposed to happen, and you go, but now how am I supposed to interpret those? Or the post-millennial idea that things are just going to get better and better and better, as you were saying, Shea, but then what do you do with all of the things in Revelation that talks about the things that are going to happen right before Christ comes back?

Jeff Laird

So for me, I see that if you look at these ideas of what does it mean that Satan is bound? What does it mean that Christ is ruling? What do all the tribulation things mean? The one view that I see that I can be consistent in how I look at this and say I'm interpreting basically all of the things the same way at the same time is that pre-millennial idea that there's going to be human life, and then there's going to be a moment where we have all this tribulation, all these terrible things happen, Christ comes back, then there's a millennial kingdom, and then there's the end after that.

Jeff Laird

So for me, it's the consistency that you get. It just seems to make the most sense when you lay it out, whereas the other views, to me, I have a harder time making them make sense without having to contradict my own logic in the middle of it.

Kevin Stone

Yes, and then going along with all of that, too, as far as the world getting better and better and the idea with post-millennialism, at least, that we're going to Christianize the whole world. I don't see that in Scripture. I don't see that promised in Scripture. In fact, Jesus, in the context of teaching about the end times, tells his disciples, you will be hated by all men for my sake. They're

going to cast you into prison, turn you over to the authorities, and all the rest. So I don't see that the world's being Christianized according to prophecy there.

Kevin Stone

And then one other thing that really makes me a pre-millennialist and a literal interpreter of prophecy is the whole idea of the throne of David. In the Davidic covenant, God promised David that his son would sit on his throne forever, would be ruling forever. He'd have an eternal kingdom. And so when you look at the Davidic covenant, some of it could be fulfilled by Solomon. You know, Solomon built a temple, so he built a house for God's name. And God loved him. God blessed him. That was all part of the covenant. But then when we get to that part, what is that, 1 Samuel chapter 7 or something? And then that is where God says he'll be reigning forever. Solomon did not reign forever, it has to be Jesus.

Kevin Stone

And then over and over after that promise, we have God saying the Messiah is going to be ruling over the house of David. He's going to be sitting on the throne of David. Well, David's throne was not a heavenly throne. We can't just say, well, Jesus is ruling in heaven. He is, but that doesn't fulfill the prophecy, because David's throne was not a heavenly throne. David never ruled in heaven. David's throne is an earthly throne. He ruled in Jerusalem. And that's where we believe that Jesus is going to be ruling from during the millennium.

Shea Houdmann

Another key point that goes along with what you were just saying is, when you look at the first coming, I mean, the prophecies are predicted, Jesus fulfilled them very literally. He was born in the exact place he was supposed to. He lived in the exact area. He did the exact things literally. So every reason to believe that the prophecies that are referring to the second coming will also be fulfilled literally. And reading the book of Revelation, getting to 20, it sure seems to be the culmination of everything that's taken place before. It's not the beginning of it. It's not something that's going on the whole time. It is a literal future kingdom that fulfills these promises. And it's not so much that we don't think amillennialism is heresy. We don't even think postmillennialism is heresy. Of the two, I mean, if I were to pick my second favorite, I suppose it would be amillennialism. But good and godly men and women over centuries have held to amillennialism and postmillennialism. We don't question their faith, but you can't go there unless you allegorize these prophecies, unless you take the book of Revelation and say, it's all just metaphorical up until the second coming and the new heavens and the new earth. Well, okay, why is that the only thing in the book that's literal? There's so many things that just,

like Jeff was saying earlier, that doesn't make sense if you can't apply the principles of amillennialism consistently. You can't interpret everything allegorically. So who determines what's allegorical, what's literal? And that's the big struggle. And I think premillennialism makes the most sense, makes the most sense of the book of Revelation, makes the most sense in terms of fulfilling God's promises. It just, this seems to be what Scripture is pointing towards. And I think it's best to take God's word at its word and trust that no, Jesus is going to fulfill his promises, always has, always will. And that leads us to a premillennial interpretation of the thousand-year reign.

Kevin Stone

Just to stress what you were saying there, Shea, about the literal fulfillment of prophecy concerning Jesus' first coming, I think this is such an important point. Like you say, those prophecies, and what were there, over 300 of them were fulfilled literally. And if there was any prophecy concerning Jesus' first coming that would be easy to kind of allegorize, it would be the prophecy of the virgin birth, right? Because, you know, what a miracle that was. Well, when the prophecy is given, you know, the virgin will be with child, bear a son, name will be Emmanuel, God with us. And I mean, it would be easy to allegorize that and just expect, well, he's going to be born from somebody special or, you know, from an unmarried woman or something like that.

Kevin Stone

But when we get to the New Testament, we find that God's plan all along was to fulfill that literally. There was a literal virgin birth. And so there's an example of a prophecy, along with the other 300, that were fulfilled literally when Jesus came the first time. Why in the world would we think that the prophecies concerning Jesus' second coming would suddenly be all allegorical? God can do anything. And he has, I think, pretty clearly said what he's going to do. And I think we should take the word at face value, and we should be trusting for a literal fulfillment concerning Jesus' second coming.

Jeff Laird

But we also notice that if we look at things in prophecy, and even in the book of Revelation, you know, obviously, when we say that we want to look at Revelation and take the plain reading of that, when chapter 13 talks about a seven-headed beast with, you know, horns and crowns or a woman clothed with the sun, you know, we're not being ridiculous in saying, well, obviously, every single thing in here is just a blueprint script. You know, this is the storyboard for that.

Jeff Laird

There are times where you read things in scripture where you go, this really looks like this is some sort of an allegory. But most of those times, it's fairly

obvious because there's that dramatic shift. So when Daniel is giving his predictions of the future in his book, he's talking about, you know, I see a massive statue that has a head that's this and a body that's this and feet that are this. And then he goes on later in a different vision to say, I see an animal that looks like a leopard with wings and I see a bear. And you read those and immediately you're just like, okay, this is clearly meant to mean something. And Daniel even says, he's told this represents this, this represents that.

Jeff Laird

So I don't think there's anything wrong with us looking at Revelation and saying, yeah, clearly some of this stuff is going to be, you know, allegorical. We're not expecting actual Kaiju to be marching out of the ocean. It tells us these are representatives of certain things.

Jeff Laird

But the things that when it comes to the millennial kingdom, those statements don't fall into that category. I mean, saying that Christ is going to come back and rule for a thousand years doesn't fit into the same category as saying, and I saw a, you know, a monster with this many teeth do this thing and then that thing. So here again is the whole consistency thing. It's not inconsistent to notice that there's going to be times where there's obvious allegory, but the things that we read about this millennial kingdom, they just don't seem to fit in that mold. They're pretty straightforward. They're pretty simple. And all the things that they lead up to also seem to be pretty straightforward and simple. So there, again, we have this consistency attitude. If I'm going to treat the prophecies and Revelation the way I do all the rest of the Bible, then the stuff about the millennial kingdom definitely seems to be very literal.

Shea Houdmann

Yeah. And Jeff, what you just described is precisely why some people don't use the term literal interpretation. They refer to normal or plain. The Bible means what it says. And when it's obvious that something is allegorical or metaphorical, yes, you interpret it that way, but even allegories and metaphors point to something like literal events, literal truths that we can understand and apply. And I think your example with Daniel was excellent. No, there wasn't literally a beast like this, but it goes on to say the beast represents this kingdom, or the statue represents these four kingdoms. So I'd say it's an allegory or metaphor that points to a literal truth. And that's very important to remember. So when we say literal interpretation, we don't mean everything is exactly, precisely, explicitly literal. We mean it points to something that's literally going to happen. And that's an important distinction to make.

Jeff Laird

Ironically, we mean literal more the way people use it now, when we say, I'm literally seeing a bear with ribs in his teeth, and I'm literally seeing a leopard with four wings. We're using it more in the, I don't really mean literal, I just mean actually something.

Shea Houdmann

Yeah. Yes, for sure. So we're approaching the end of the episode. And so maybe now's a good time to jump to the end of the Millennial Kingdom. This is definitely something we want to cover with this. So, Revelation chapter 20, verses 7 to 10. And when the thousand years, there's that word again, are ended, Satan will be released from his prison and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle. Their number is like the sand of the sea. And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. But fire came down from heaven and consumed them. The devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and false prophet were. And they will be tormented day and night, forever and ever.

Shea Houdmann

So here it is, at the end of the thousand years, a thousand years of the perfect kingdom, Eden on earth, ruled by a sovereign who does not sin. All of his judgments are true and right and just. Again, God giving us every opportunity, no Satan, no demons, no temptations externally. And Satan's released and he seems to find a large group of humans who are ready to join him in a rebellion. Why? To me, points to passages like Romans 1, talk about this, the depravity of humanity. We are sinful to the core. And even in that most idyllic situation, we will still be dissatisfied. We'll still ultimately want to be God. We'll still want to be the ones who can control our own destiny, not having anyone else telling us what to do. All of those things, factors that will encourage Satan. It didn't seem like he struggles to find people to join. I'm like, no. Even after a thousand years of as close to perfection as sinful human beings can experience, they still rebel against God, seek to surround the holy city of Jerusalem, attack Christ and his kingdom. And with the word, essentially, a fire comes out, the armies are destroyed, it's over.

Shea Houdmann

So I think we talked about before the episode, at least it seems in the battle of Armageddon, Christ gives them a little opportunity to fight. This one is just like, nope, you're done. Kevin, what stands out to you in just thinking about the end of the Millennial Kingdom and how in the world could people rebel

after having experienced what they just experienced, a thousand years of perfection?

Kevin Stone

Yes. Isn't that amazing? It just blows me away. The idea that after that, a thousand years of peace, prosperity and abundance and justice, that we would rebel. But you know, Adam and Eve thought that they could improve Eden by choosing their own way. And I think it's going to be the same thing all over again at the end of the millennium, after that time of prosperity, where we've had basically the world the way we've always wanted it. We say, well, we can improve on this utopia. We can do it better than Jesus. And we try. And it is, the rebellion is quickly dealt with.

Jeff Laird

You stole my idea, Kevin. I was thinking something very similar, which is that when Adam and Eve were in Eden, Satan came by and basically said, yeah, but, you know, God's holding out on you. And I can almost envision something like, I know we talk about there being perfect rulership and peace and prosperity, but I can imagine that it's possible that the Millennial Kingdom may not have some of the same exact creature comforts and things like that, that we see in the world today because of this whole reset. I can imagine a scenario where Satan is going around telling people, yeah, but look at these things now that we look, look at what happened in the world before the millennial kingdom and now God doesn't let you have that. And he doesn't let you have this. Why is he keeping this from you? How come we aren't here? And it's like, I can see this mirror image possibly of being that same sort of idea. Satan showing up and saying, ya you're right. Everything's great but, it could be better. And God's holding out on you. He's got something that he's keeping from you. And you need to do what you got to do to get what you really deserve. Or what you really want. So it's a struggle to understand from a logical stand point but then again from a experience standpoint in our own personal lives we see the same thing. It doesn't matter how good God is to me, doesn't matter how many wonderful things he does, there's still times in my life when I get stubborn or I think, ya but, and I do whatever and we're going to see that at large at the end of a thousand years. So that to me is the interesting aspect of it. We talked about before, doesn't matter how good he gives us we are still going to find ways in the end that God's going to be able to say when you look back at this whole sweep of history no one's ever going to have an excuse to blame anyone but themselves for rejecting him.

Shea Houdmann

Excellent point both of you. The passage doesn't actually say what the temptation will be, what is Satan actually going to be whispering in people's

ear to convince them to rebel. But something similar to Eden, exactly what you guys said, God is keeping something from you. God is not letting you have what you want. And wouldn't it actually be good? Sort of the same temptation with Adam and Eve.

Shea Houdmann

Truly I wish the book of Revelation, the Bible as a whole, spent more time on telling us what life would be like for us in the millennial kingdom. It's fascinating, And to think there will be glorified human beings intermingling with normal human beings. So life spans will be extended but there will still be people dying. And how exactly will it work with Jesus ruling from Jerusalem. Will there still be other nations? Who will be the kings and rulers of those nations? And all those things. How exactly is this going to work? It's going to be wonderful. I have no doubt. But my curious brain wants to, can you give us some more details? How is this actually going to work? What sort of government will it be aside from a perfectly benevolent dictatorship so to speak? Really the only form of government that actually would work. But, I would love to know more. I know I will at some point but for now we can celebrate what the Bible does say. Some day Jesus will return, will establish His kingdom, and will rule over the earth. And peace and prosperity and joy and all the things that Revelation, Isaiah and other passages speak of. So,

Kevin Stone

Maranatha!

Shea Houdmann

Maranatha! Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Jeff Laird

I'll take it.

Shea Houdmann

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