

The Bible teaches that Jesus is already sitting upon his throne!

Premillennialism denies that Jesus is now sitting upon the throne of David and reigning in his kingdom. Jesus' kingdom is not an earthly kingdom, as taught in Premillennial doctrine (John 18:36). The Bible teaches that Jesus can not prosper on the throne of David in Judea (Jer. 22:28-30; Matt. 1:12); but Premillennial doctrine teaches that Jesus will sit on David's throne in Jerusalem. Daniel saw the coming of the kingdom of Christ (Dan. 2:31-45). This vision identified four world empires. During the fourth world empire, the kingdom would be established. Daniel identified Nebuchadrezzar's empire as the first world empire, therefore it is simply a matter of historical investigation to learn when Jesus' kingdom was established. The Babylonian empire was destroyed by the Meds and the Persians in 538 B. C. The Persian, or second world empire was broken by Alexander the Great at the battle of Gaugamela in 331 B. C. Shortly after this battle Alexander declared himself "the monarch of Persia." Eventually this third world empire was conquered by the Roman empire, which became the fourth world empire in about 63 B. C. under the first Roman triumvirate. Jesus was born during the days of these kings, the Roman emperors (Luke 2:1). In preparation for Jesus' work, John the Baptist preached, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2). When Jesus began his ministry he preached the same message (Matt. 4:17). Jesus also sent his apostles (Matt. 10:5-7) and seventy others (Luke 10:9) to preach about the nearness of the kingdom. The kingdom either came in the days of these men or the Bible is a book of lies and can not be trusted.

FACT: Premillennialism makes a distinction between the throne of David and the throne of

the Lord. But the Bible teaches that the throne of David is the throne of the Lord (I Sam. 2:12; I Chron. 29:23).

FACT: Jesus received his kingdom when he ascended to the right hand of his Father. The Bible teaches that Jesus ascended with the clouds (Acts 1:9). Daniel saw this event many years before it took place (Dan. 7:13-14). Jesus ascended to his Father, the Ancient of days, and they brought Jesus near before his Father. At that moment Jesus received his kingdom and now reigns upon his throne, the throne of David, by his Father's right hand!

FACT: All references to the kingdom before Acts 2 are future references. All references to the kingdom after Acts 2 clearly show that Jesus established his kingdom (Col. 1:13; Rev. 1:9).

FACT: Premillennialism teaches that the Jews rejected Jesus as their king; therefore, Jesus postponed his kingdom and began the age of grace or the church age. However, the Bible teaches that the church was established according to God's eternal purpose (Eph. 3:10-11). The Bible also teaches that the church and the kingdom are one in the same thing. Man must be baptized into the kingdom (John 3:3, 5), and man must be baptized into the church (I Cor. 12:13; Col. 1:18, 24; Acts 2:38, 41, 47).

FACT: Premillennialism is a system of doctrine created in the minds of men, it was never taught by God or any inspired writer of the Bible!

Premillennialism Rejects The Shed Blood Of Jesus Christ!

Millennial doctrine seeks a national restoration of Israel and a return to the old Mosaic economy. The Bible teaches that the Mosaic economy with all of its laws and system of worship, was taken out of the way

by Jesus' death (Eph. 2:14; Col. 2:14-15; Rom. 7:1-4, 7). Further, the Bible teaches that there can never be a return to that system of law, worship and practice. The Roman, Galatian and Hebrew's epistles were written, to prevent Christians from departing from the New Covenant by observing the Mosaic laws and worship ordinances. The idea that men will return to the Mosaic economy will condemn countless thousands of souls, when men stand before the Lord in judgment (Gal. 3:10; 5:4).

Jack Van Impe says of his "millennial kingdom" that "we will find the Jews offering sacrifices once again in the Temple." Why does the Bible teach that Jack Van Impe and others deny the shed blood of Christ? The Bible teaches the following:

FACT: The Old Testament prophets foretold Jesus' rejection by the Jews and his cruel death. Isaiah said "he is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" (Isa. 53:3). Isaiah wrote in the prophetic perfect. That is, the event was set in the mind of God and could not be changed; therefore, Isaiah writes about it (about 700 years before the fact) as if it already happened. He went on to describe Jesus' rejection by the Jews: "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5). By saying that Jesus' plans were thwarted and postponed because the Jews rejected him makes Isaiah's statement meaningless. Because the Bible teaches that Jesus came to die a cruel death on the cross, to pay the price of our transgressions and iniquities!

FACT: Jesus' blood was shed to redeem man from his sin. Note the following passages: When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper he said that the fruit of the vine represented his "blood of the new testament, which is shed for

many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:28). It was Jesus "whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God" (Rom. 3:25). "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved through him" (Rom. 5:9). "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:7). "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb. 9:12). "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12). "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7). "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten from the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1:5). Friends, mankind would be lost forever, without any hope, without the blood Jesus freely poured out on the cross for our sins. How dare men say that the cross was not God's plan from the beginning! The Bible gives us a picture of Jesus as "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8).

FACT: The Bible teaches that men cannot be forgiven of their sins if they go back to the old Jewish Temple worship and sacrifices. "For Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Heb. 9:28). Jesus' sacrifice was final for all time because, "it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins" (Heb. 10:4; see also 10:10). Jesus' self sacrifice "hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified" (Heb. 10:13). Further more, "Now where the remission of

sin is, there is no more offering for sin" (Heb. 10:18). The writer of Hebrew's has shown the superiority of Jesus' covenant over the old Jewish economy. For those who try to go back under that old system the inspired apostle said: "For is we sin wilfully (the context reveals this willful sin to be the abandonment of Jesus' covenant by going back under the old system, with its Temple observances and sacrifices) after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins" (Heb. 10:26).

FACT: Millennialism wants to restore the old system, or law as it is often referred to in the Bible. But beware friends, because, "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace" (Gal. 5:4).

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