

The Kingdom in Revelation

Key Points

- The Kingdom in Revelation is consistent with the future earthly kingdom idea found in the other sections of the Bible.
- Some in this age have believed in Jesus the Messiah, but there is a coming Tribulation that immediately precedes the second coming of Jesus and His kingdom.
- A thousand-year earthly kingdom precedes the Eternal Kingdom.

Revelation 1:6

- and He has made us *to be* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 2:26-27

- He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received *authority* from My Father.
- See Psalm 2:9

Revelation 3:21

- He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.
 - Jesus distinguishes the Father's throne from His own Davidic throne.
 - Luke 1:32-33

Churches of Revelation 2-3

- The Churches of Revelation 2-3 are not reigning (contra amillennialism).
- They are told to overcome so they can reign in the future kingdom of Jesus.

Revelation 5:10

- “You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”
 - Heavenly scenes focus on coming earthly reign.
 - Reign of saints is in the future
 - Reign is “upon the earth”.

Revelation 6:10-11

- When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; ¹⁰ and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” ¹¹ And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number *of* their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.

- Saints in heaven long for justice upon the earth.
- Again a heavenly scene has an earth focus.
- Heaven is not the ultimate destiny.

Revelation 20:4

- Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I *saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Revelation 6:9-11 connects with Revelation 20:4.

The Martyrs who seek justice in the future find justice with the reign of Jesus in Revelation 20.

Revelation 11:15

- Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become *the* kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.”
 - The reign of Jesus is in the future.

Revelation 12 and 13

- Before the kingdom reign of Jesus, Satan is viewed as having authority in this world.
- 12:9: And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world.
- 13:7: It was also given to him to make war with the [e]saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

Revelation 19:15-16

- From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. ¹⁶ And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

Revelation 20

- A Thousand-year kingdom after the second coming of Jesus.
- Satan is bound in the abyss.
- The Saints reign

Revelation 21—22:5

- The New Heavens and New Earth
- The New Jerusalem
- Father and Jesus on the throne
- Saints reign forever in the presence of God (Rev. 22:5)