

Studies in the Millennial Kingdom

These notes of mine have time code references shown in brackets. They relate to Mike Bickle's MP3 audio files on his subject 'Studies in the Millennial kingdom'. You may also refer to his complete pdf session notes on the IHOP website.

The purpose of these notes, for each session, is to complement what Mike has already written. Many of the sentences written in my notes, are what Mike has actually said on the audio file.

Session 09. Millennial Jerusalem: The City of the Great King

I. The City of the Great King: Supernatural and Natural elements.

(00:00-02:50) The Millennial Jerusalem is the city of Jerusalem as we know it today but fully restored by Jesus. It is brought to its full blessing in the natural, then he calls down the New Jerusalem (*the heavenly Jerusalem*) and it descends from heaven and connects together with the Millennial Jerusalem (*the earthly Jerusalem*) and together they form this glorious reality called '**The City of the Great King.**' This means the supernatural dimensions of heaven are combined with the natural conditions of the earth. It is in the New Jerusalem where we will live. Mt.5:35

A.(02:51-4:28) MB reminds us again to challenge all we hear and read to see that they are biblical. *Do not dismiss what you hear just because it is new to you or not taught in your church background.*

B-D.(4:29-9:44) The glory of the city will be incomparable. Scripture describes the two Jerusalems. Jesus is God but he joins them together as a man when he calls on the Father to do it. When he does this heaven is then literally on the earth. Rev.21:10

E-H.(9:45-19:59) The centrepiece of God's eternal purpose is for Jesus to establish his kingdom rule over all the earth when he joins the two realms together. This is the plan for the Millennial Reign. Eph.1:9-10. These 2 verses are important. Jesus will judge all the nations of the earth from his 'Throne of glory' which is in the temple of the Millennial Jerusalem. Mt. 25:31-32, Jer.3:17. However, Ezekiel in a vision sees the Millennial temple and the Son of man sitting on a throne (who is clearly the Lord) and the Lord tells Ezekiel "this is the place of my throne...and where I will dwell." Ezek.43:4-7. Jesus will function there as King and Priest! This confuses Ezekiel as in his day only a priest could enter the temple, kings were not allowed.

I-K.(20:00-22:50) Jesus throne will also be established also in the New Jerusalem. But this makes it a paradox! Ezekiel saw Jesus' throne on the earth, but in Rev.22:1-3 John sees it in the New Jerusalem. Jesus rules as the Son of David (earthly Jerusalem) and the Son of God (heavenly Jerusalem). His throne clearly has two expressions. His throne is both on earth and in Heaven. It is glorious. How this will happen we do not know.

L.(22:51-29:14) The New Jerusalem will descend to a place above the Millennial Jerusalem but not on it. Both will be joined together somehow. The New Jerusalem is 1500 miles cubed, and will have a vast governmental complex, whilst the Millennial Jerusalem being just a city is only 10 miles square. Many references are in the pdf notes. In the convergence together, they become a Mountain City. It is the city that is the Mountain. Can you imagine going out your back door and seeing it! It would occupy the whole horizon from one side to the other, and stretch up and beyond into space. An utterly amazing vista!

II. The New Jerusalem is close to the Millennial Jerusalem but not on the earth.

A-E.(29:15-38:40) Four reasons why the New Jerusalem is not on the earth. a) If it were on the earth the New Jerusalem would cover most of Europe and the bible does not support this idea. Rev.21:16 b) The kings of the earth come into the New Jerusalem during the Millennial reign. Rev.21:24-26 c) The

leaves for the healing of the nations that are in the New Jerusalem need to be taken to the earth. Rev. 22:2 d) Angels guard the entry and the gates are opened for the kings and other humans to enter. The inference being that no sinners can enter. Gen.3:23-24, Rev.21:12

G.(38:41-40:32) The New Jerusalem descends in two stages. First at the Millennial reign (partial) and then after the 1000 year reign (total). Rev.3:21, Rev.21:10 How it happens after Jesus' 1000 year reign we do not know. It has something to do with the Father coming to dwell with his children.

III. The Corridor of Glory: Dynamic convergence.

A.(40:33-43:08) This is a term to describe the passageway between the heavenly and the earthly realms. As an example Jacob saw an open heaven with angels descending and ascending. It is a MB theory but comes from putting together several biblical ideas. Imagine a tornado-whirlwind like funnel, gloriously spectacular in colour, 500 miles wide, stretching beyond sight.

B-C.(43:09-49:40) 12 characteristics of the glory of God are shown to be in both the New Jerusalem and the Millennial Jerusalem and they overlap. Example: The Millennial Jerusalem is called the mountain of God, the New Jerusalem is called the mountain of God. They have a dynamic convergence together. What they are separate is glorious, but what they have together is fullness. Heaven is not fullness without being connected to the natural. It is important to study and understand that each city has each of these 12 aspects of the glory of God in its own right, and so there is more to this than meets the eye, they both have the 12 but are different, two dimensions but make one.

The 12 are: Mountain of God, Jerusalem with 12 gates, House of God, Holy of holies, Garden of Eden, River of life, Tree of life, Highway, Whirlwind, Cloud of glory, Smoke of glory, Shining fire. These are certainly biblical. While I cannot find confirmation of each having two dimensions, it seems to be true. Check it out yourself.

D.(49:41-53:38) Isaiah 4:2-6 is describes the New Jerusalem and Jesus in the city of God. There will be a covering over the Millennial Jerusalem as described by Isaiah.

E-G.(53:39-55:02) Jacob saw the gate of heaven. This could be referring to 'the corridor of glory'. Jesus quotes this in Gen. 28:12-16 and He said 'this is the gate of heaven'. Also in Jn 1:49-51. When Jesus calls the New Jerusalem to the earth, it will cause an open heaven over the earth as the veil is lifted. A tidal wave of glory will spread to all nations from the Millennial Jerusalem. Hab. 2:14

IV. The City of the Great King: Millennial Jerusalem and New Jerusalem

(55:03-65:33) Mt. 5:34-35 'do not swear at all: by heaven, for it is God's throne: nor by the earth, for it is his footstool: nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great king.' Jesus was hinting here that his throne would be in both the New and the Millennial Jerusalem, because he would join them together.

Also Isa. 2:2-3 'in the latter days the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on top of the mountains'

Ps 48:1-10 An Incredible section of scripture. It describes the city: 'beautiful in elevation' (1500 miles high), 'the city of the Great King' (the governmental part of the city-the north end is in the New Jerusalem). The 'palaces', (the assemblies have many rooms of government.) 'refuge' (He will be her protector and provider.) The earthly kings will pass by this city, they saw it... 'the New Jerusalem', they 'marvelled' (oh my, I had no idea it was like this!) and were 'troubled' (they tremble in their bodies because they are in the presence of God). And 'hastened away' these righteous kings are terrified of God's presence and they run away. They will say 'as we have heard so we have seen in the city of the Lord of hosts'. This will be their report on returning from their visit to the New Jerusalem.

They say 'we have thought of your loving kindness' and how you have done this all for us.

Ps.119:96 'I have seen the consummation of all perfection' interpretation is 'I have seen the city'.

Ps. 50:1-3 speaks about 'out of Zion, the perfection of beauty'.

Isa 62:7 'He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.'

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APPENDIX

V-X. In the appendix (which is very worthwhile referring to) MB gives some more expanded notes pertaining to:

V The Mountain of God

VI Mountain of Zion: Includes Millennial Jerusalem & New Jerusalem

VII The “Corridor of Glory” includes divine cloud, smoke and shining fire.

VIII Garden of Eden with river of life and tree of life.

IX The new Jerusalem will descend to the earth in two stages.

X Defining heaven and earth.

XI Jerusalem lasts forever.