

Greatness: God's Secret Plan

There is nothing wrong with greatness – the bible is full of ‘greats’. Father’s promise to bless his sons in what they do is a central tenant of the Kingdom, so any teaching that a son of God should be insignificant is anti-Kingdom. The crux of the matter is that greatness in the world must flow from God’s plan for a person’s life for it to be valid greatness in the Kingdom. Great Kingdom people must be humble and must be child-like, as Jesus taught. Out of this meekness and humility, God can raise a son in this world to greatness.

Some only regard greatness in ministry as valid in the Kingdom. This attitude shows ignorance of Father’s plan for the nations of the world. Then again, there is greatness in the Age to come that is as significant as greatness in the Kingdom today. Here is what Mike Bickle has to say on this.

OUR ASSIGNMENT ON EARTH IN THE AGE TO COME

1. There of personal prophecies in scripture revealing the role of biblical leaders in the Millennium Kingdom.
2. For example, Jesus prophesied to the apostles about having thrones in the age to come¹.
3. David had more personal prophecies in Scripture about his 1,000-year assignment during the Millennium than his 40-year kingship during his natural life.
4. Jesus had more prophecies about His role in the Millennium than His role on earth during His first coming!
5. Israel has more prophecies about her role in the Millennium than before it. The Millennium is the first time that all Israel will be saved².
6. Premise #1: Some leaders in the Scripture were consciously preparing for their next assignment on earth in the age to come, knowing that it far surpassed their first assignment on earth.
7. Premise #2: Our major “ministry” assignment on earth will occur in the age to come.
8. Premise #3: Some of our personal prophecies have their greatest fulfilment in the Millennium.
9. The Millennium is the time when saints will reign with Jesus on earth for 1,000 years. He will establish righteousness worldwide, affecting every sphere of life – political, social, agricultural, economic, educational, law enforcement, family, media, arts, etc.
They shall be priests...and shall reign with Him 1,000 years. (Revelation 20:6)
10. Jesus will rule a worldwide kingdom in partnership with two types of kings: kings of the earth (non-resurrected bodies) and resurrected kings (saints with resurrected bodies). Together they will establish a godly social order affecting every sphere of life. Those with non-resurrected bodies will be the unsaved survivors of the Tribulation (the ‘resisters’ of the Antichrist). After Jesus’ second coming, they will be saved and then populate the Millennial Earth³.
11. The saints will occupy the highest position of government in the Spirit on the Millennial Earth. This will parallel the position of angels in the spiritual government of the nations in this Age. The saints’ residence will be in the New Jerusalem, which will descend to the Millennial Earth.

1 - Matthew 19:27-29

2 - Romans 11:12

3 - Isaiah 4:3; 10:20; 11:11; 49:6; 65:8; 66:19; Jeremiah 31:2; Ezekiel 20:38-42; 36:36; Amos 9:9-10; Joel 2:32; Zechariah 12:14; 13:8; 14:16

12. Jesus will rule the earth with the natural human processes not suspended, but significantly enhanced by the supernatural dimension of the Spirit. We see aspects of this natural and the supernatural dimensions operating together when Jesus appeared to the disciples for 40 days in His resurrected body⁴.
13. Resurrected saints will relate to, but not fully inter-mingle with, those in natural bodies. Currently, people occasionally see spirit beings (angels and demons). At the second coming, the veil between the natural and spiritual realm will be lifted. Satan and his demons will be in prison⁵.

LIFE IN THIS AGE PREPARES US FOR OUR ASSIGNMENT IN THE AGE TO COME

1. Our life on earth in this age can be likened to a 70-year internship⁶ that prepares us for our life on earth in the age to come, which will be the time of our primary ministry calling.
 - (i) Our preparatory assignment is a 70-year assignment on earth in this age (our internship).
 - (ii) Our primary assignment is a 1,000-year assignment on earth after Jesus' second coming.
2. In our 70-year internship, we have two issues to determine in the grace of God.
 - (i) First, to decide if we want to be in God's family as voluntarily lovers.
 - (ii) Second, to decide if we want to function in Jesus' government on earth in the age to come.
3. The choices we make determine our role in our 1,000-year assignment.
4. Our ministry in the age to come has nothing to do with how much we accomplish outwardly in this age, but rather, how much we develop inwardly.
5. Being faithful to Jesus in difficulty now, prepares us for our greater calling in the Millennium.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory⁷... (2 Corinthians 4:17)

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (Romans 8:18)

6. Our ministry in the Millennium is God's Secret Plan for us.

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4 - John 20-21; Acts 1

5 - Revelation 20:1-3

6 - Psalm 90:10

7 - Including ruling in the Millennium