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Let's share together in a word of prayer as we come to our study tonight. Father, it's with great desire in my heart that I approach Your Word, that we might clearly understand the power and the urg.

Does it begin at the Second Coming or has it already begun? These are important questions for our day. Many are looking forward to a kingdom age when Jesus returns. The church will go down in defeat and be swished away by the rapture. A great tribulation will occur for seven years. Then, Christ will return and set up his millennial kingdom. To many Christians, that is when the Kingdom of Christ begins. Yet, does that really do justice to the Kingdom of Christ? What about the last two thousand years? Has not the Kingdom of Christ made any appearance in our age up till now? Of course, the answer is that it surely has. That might sound strange to some who are used to thinking about a future kingdom age. Yet, when Jesus began His ministry, He announced the coming of the Kingdom. The Kingdom of Christ was set up at His first coming. We are not waiting for the Kingdom of Christ to begin in the future. It has already begun. Of course, there is the Heavenly Kingdom of the future which follows the Judgment and which all believers will inherit. Jesus is now building a kingdom and in that sense we are now in the kingdom age. He will continue to build His kingdom right up to the end. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. It is not a reign of defeat but a reign of victory. There are three things we want to show from Amos 9: First, let us consider Amos 9: I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be, so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name, declares the Lord, who will do these things. We could also say wherever the gospel is preached to the nations, people will come into the Kingdom of God. It is interesting to note that this same theme is brought out by Isaiah in Isaiah Aliens will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. And you will be called priests of the Lord, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast. The kingdom will be rebuilt and established again. This time aliens and foreigners will be in that kingdom corresponding to the Gentiles. The wealth of the nations will be brought into the kingdom or the nations of the world will come into the kingdom of God. The New Testament gives us the interpretation in Acts Simon has described to us how God at first showed his concern by taking from the Gentiles a people for himself. The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written: Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it, that the remnant of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things that have been known for ages. He is using the Septuagint translation of the Old Testament but the meaning is the same. He was saying that these verses were then being fulfilled. This is none other than the Kingdom of Christ which had just begun and was advancing as the gospel was already going out to the Gentiles just as the ancient prophet said it would. Therefore when the Kingdom of Christ has been set up, what the prophet says at the same time is bound to follow, that the name of God must be invoked upon the Gentilesâ€”For if the Kingdom of Christ can only be established if God is invoked everywhere throughout the whole world, and the Gentiles united into His holy people then it is absurd for them to be kept back from the hope of salvation; and the middle wall, by which they had been separated from each other under the law, must fall down. This reign continues even unto this day and will continue until the end of the age. Jesus pointed out that the Kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom. We read in Luke It will come as the hearts of men are won to Christ and His reign begins in their lives. They will advance the Kingdom of God as they influence the world around them living out kingdom principles in their lives. This spiritual reign of Christ advances as the Holy Spirit is poured out and men come under conviction and then repent and turn to Christ as Lord and Savior. John Gill comments on Amos 9: New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from the hills. Amos points out that this is something in the future and also in context will follow or come as a result of what is described in the previous two verses. Amos describes a situation when the harvest will be so abundant that it will be almost continuous. They will not have time to complete the harvest before planting time comes again. Harvest will still be in process when it comes time to plant seed again. It will be so abundant that the juice of the grapes will drip and flow from the mountains and hills. A very similar passage is found in Leviticus Your threshing will continue

until grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land. This could be at anytime in the future from then. However, we can be more precise. This blessing promised in verse 13 would surely follow the event or events of verses 11 and 12. Certainly many have been blessed as a result. However, it is most probable that the prophecy looks further into the future and describes a day of blessing yet to come when the Kingdom of Christ will blossom as never before. This blessing would also be associated with what is described in verses 14 and 15. This seems to correspond with the prophecy of Isaiah in Isaiah 2: Not only that but all nations will stream into it. This certainly seems to point toward a time of greater blessing for the church than we now currently see in the world. We now come to Amos 9: They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them. Paul in Romans 11 points forward to a time when the Jews will be grafted back into their own olive tree. After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? Not only in particular persons here and there in congregations; but that multitudes, yea, the whole body of them shall be brought, in a common way with the Gentiles, to profess Christ, which cannot be denied, as Romans 11 is clear and that will be enough to satisfy us. Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins. This conversion will take place in association with the blessing of the Gentiles. This blessing seems to refer to a large conversion taking place in both cases. It is to this subsequent blessing that the restoration of Israel contributes. It just simply means that the mass conversion of the Jews will come in association with a blessing on the Gentiles as indicated in verse 15. The blessing promised in Amos 9: We have noted that this conversion of the Jews is also associated with a blessing of the Gentiles in Romans 11. Taking the two passages together, it seems that a future blessing of both the Jews and Gentiles is in store. Taking the whole passage of Amos 9: The blessing will include the conversion of and return of the Jews to the land of Israel. There is no reason to insert a second coming of Christ in this passage as His reign is a spiritual reign during this period. His kingdom is a spiritual kingdom which will eventually dominate the whole world. His second coming would come after this period is completed. We can look forward to a time of blessing on both the Jews and Gentiles that will effect the whole world as it says in Habakkuk 2: Eerdmans Publishing Company, Commentary on Amos, www. The Epistle to the Romans, William B.

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The Kingdom of Christ is Coming Soon. The Coming Kingdom of Christ: There can be no doubt as to the scriptural evidence for the coming Kingdom of Christ. There are literally hundreds of verses in the Bible that predict an earthly Kingdom of God, ruled by the Son of God and superseding all the kingdoms of the world.

Early in Psalm 2 the writer says that the Lord scoffs at those who rebel against Him. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. The trilogy of Psalm 22, 23, and 24 gives a panoramic view of Christ. Psalm 22 speaks of His work as the Good Shepherd dying on the cross for our sins. After describing how He will judge the people, defend the afflicted, and deliver the righteous, the psalm continues: In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more. He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. The desert tribes will bow before him and his enemies will lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to him; the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts. All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him. The Psalm concludes by stating that all nations will be blessed through Him and that the whole earth will be filled with His glory. Another major passage dealing with Christ in His second coming is found in Isaiah 11, where the righteous reign of Christ and the blessings of the millennial kingdom are revealed. In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. This passage, as all others on the second coming of Christ, makes clear that it refers to an event not yet fulfilled that will consummate the plan of God for the ages. I will live among you and you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you. A dramatic description of the second coming of Christ is recorded in Zechariah 14, which describes an attack upon Jerusalem. This prophecy makes clear that Christ has not come in His second coming because the Mount of Olives is still intact, awaiting the coming of Christ. The rapture of the church is the occasion when Christ will come to take the church, living and dead, out of the earth to heaven. It is an event entirely different from the Second Coming, as the two comings are described. About twenty passages deal with the subject of the Second Coming in the New Testament. They serve to emphasize that this is a major doctrine of Scripture. Though liberal interpreters attempt to find some fulfillment of the second coming of Christ in present human experience, all conservative interpreters describe the Second Coming as a future major divine event fulfilling the revelation in Revelation. Also, there is general agreement that Christ will come personally and bodily in a return to the earth, which was prophesied in Acts 1: Some interpreters have attempted to incorporate the rapture of the church as a part of the Second Coming. A careful study of Revelation reveals no textual support for a rapture in that sequence of events. The revelation of Christ at His second coming is painted graphically in Revelation. I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: There is no similarity whatever between this and His coming at the Rapture as brought out previously. At the Rapture there is no statement of anyone accompanying Him; there is no record that He ever judges the earth or that His purpose is to end the times of the Gentiles. In Revelation the second coming of Christ is pictured in contrast to His first coming. In His first coming He came quietly to live a life on earth; in His second coming He comes in His glory accompanied by the hosts of heaven. In the Second Coming the saints and angels will accompany Christ in His return and will remain in the earthly sphere to share in the millennial reign that follows. At His second coming Christ will destroy the armies of the world that were gathered to conquer the Holy Land. It is a terrible picture of divine judgment upon a wicked world that rejected Christ. The world

leader described as the beast and the false prophet associated with him will be cast alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur Rev. Immediately after Christ returns and judges those who wickedly oppose Him, Satan will be rendered inactive for the first time, as Revelation I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. Distinction must be made in the interpretation of this passage between what John saw and what he was told. He saw what appeared to be Satan, described here also as the dragon, the serpent, and the devil. John saw him thrown into the abyss and saw the abyss locked and sealed, but he could not understand why unless he was told. God had to reveal that Satan would be bound for a thousand years and that he would not be able to deceive the nations in that thousand-year period. It also was revealed that at the end of the thousand years he would be set free for a short time Rev. The explanation should be understood as a literal interpretation. This prophecy is certainly not fulfilled in the present age because the present age is not a thousand years and Satan is not bound in the present age. In fact, Scripture makes it clear, as in I Peter 5: In connection with the events following the second coming of Christ, John also saw the resurrection of those who had been martyred in the Great Tribulation during the three-and-a-half years preceding the Second Coming. I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ 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 are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years Rev. It is significant that the resurrection of the tribulation saints, who died three-and-a-half years before in the three-and-a-half-year period leading up to the Second Coming, is accomplished in anticipation that they would in their resurrected life reign with Christ a thousand years. This introduces another important factor that bears on the Second Coming: This is required by the resurrection of the martyred saints killed in the period just before His second coming: In fact, the coming of Christ results in the establishment of the millennial kingdom, which otherwise would not come about. In this passage the martyred dead of the tribulation are resurrected and subsequently reign for a thousand years with Christ. The doctrine that there is one general resurrection of all people is also repudiated here because verse 5 states that the resurrection of the martyred dead is a selected resurrection and that the rest of the dead, that is, the wicked, will not be raised until after the thousand years. This is confirmed in the passage that follows, as described in Revelation Fire will come down from heaven and devour them, and Satan himself will be cast into the lake of burning sulfur where he will be tormented forever and ever. The resurrection of the wicked follows.

Judgments at the Time of the Second Coming of Christ At the second coming of Christ there will be a series of judgments. Already mentioned is the judgment and reward of the martyred dead of the Great Tribulation. Also mentioned is the judgment of Satan, which causes him to be bound for a thousand years. The Scriptures also speak of a general judgment of the nations, or the Gentiles Matt. This is a judgment of Gentiles living in the world at the time of the second coming of Christ who have survived the Great Tribulation. Those counted worthy are described as sheep, and they will be eligible to enter the millennial kingdom. Those who are counted unworthy, designated as goats, are put to death. A similar judgment of the people of Israel is described in Ezekiel Those counted worthy enter the millennial kingdom; those not counted worthy are put to death. Not mentioned in Revelation is the resurrection and judgment of Old Testament saints as revealed in Daniel Though it is mentioned in the same verse, the judgment of the wicked, which is also mentioned, actually occurs a thousand years later as Revelation At the beginning of the millennial kingdom all the righteous have been raised from the dead, and those living, both Gentiles and Jews, who survived the Great Tribulation will enter the Millennium in their natural bodies and will perform natural functions in that kingdom. Only those who are wicked will still be in the grave and not resurrected. The New Testament does not detail the characteristics of the millennial kingdom because this is covered in many passages in the Old

Testament. Characteristics of the Millennial Kingdom Scripture speaks of kingdoms in various forms, sometimes kingdoms relating to this world and sometimes spiritual kingdoms, where God is recognized as the ruler. The millennial kingdom is primarily a political kingdom, though it has spiritual aspects and Jesus Christ is the King of Kings, who has come to reign over the earth. Because it is an earthly kingdom with Christ on the throne, it obviously cannot be fulfilled in the present age when Christ is in heaven, though Christians form a part of the kingdom of God in a spiritual sense. In His relationship to Israel as her king, He was born to rule over her Luke 1: The people of Israel rejected Him as their king Mark In His death it was posted on the cross that He died as a king Matt. It is in keeping with this that when He comes again, He comes as the King who will fulfill prophecies of His ruling over the Davidic kingdom Rev. In addition to reigning over Israel as the Son of David, Christ is also King of Kings over the entire earth, and this includes, of course, the Gentile world. These verses demand a literal kingdom and a literal reign of Christ on earth.

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Take your Bible, if you will, and let's look together at the book of Daniel. We're having a wonderful time studying this wonderful prophesy in the book of Daniel.

You spend money on Netflix, fast food, coffee Truth For The World needs your help. The Coming of the Kingdom The church of Christ , which is the kingdom of Christ, is the greatest institution in all the world! It was built by Jesus Christ Himself Matthew It was purchased with His blood Acts The church is made up of all the saved Ephesians 5: It will be given back to God, the Father, at the second coming of Christ 1 Corinthians Therefore, only those who are in His church kingdom will be saved. The church was planned by God from eternity False teachers tell us that Jesus came to establish a kingdom on this earth. They say He failed because the Jews rejected Him. Therefore, He set up the church as a substitute. He will come the next time to set up His kingdom. This is not true! Christ came at the right time Galatians 4: He set up the church kingdom as God had planned before the earth was created: The church was promised by God to the great men of old. God told Abraham He would make a great nation from his seed. All the earth would be blessed by his seed Genesis Christ is the promised Seed of Abraham Who blessed all nations by dying for our sins Galatians 3: Christians members of the church and citizens of the kingdom are the true children of Abraham Galatians 3: God also promised David that He would raise up his son to sit on his throne and rule over his kingdom: When thy days are fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, that shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever 2 Samuel 7: And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: Please notice four things in this prophecy: The Lord would build His house; It would be built in the latter days; All nations would come into it; It would be built in Jerusalem. The latter last days is the period of time from the first to the second coming of Christ Hebrews 1: Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of a great image which had a head of gold, breast and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, and legs and feet of iron and clay. Daniel interpreted the dream for him Daniel 2: The breast and arms of silver represented the Medo-Persian Empire which conquered Babylon. The belly and thighs of brass represented the Greek Empire established by Alexander the Great. The feet of iron and clay, the fourth kingdom, represented Rome. Of Rome, Daniel said: And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed The kingdom of God would be set up when Rome ruled the world. The prophet Joel foretold the coming of the kingdom also. He said that God would pour out His Spirit in the last days. Whoever called on the name of the Lord would be saved. There would be deliverance salvation in Jerusalem Joel 2: It would take place in the last days; God would pour out His Spirit; It would be in Jerusalem; Those who called on the name of the Lord would be saved. The coming of the kingdom was prepared by John and Jesus John the Baptist came to prepare the way for Christ Malachi 4: John was not in the kingdom, but prepared for its coming Matthew John preached that the kingdom was at hand Matthew 3: This means it was very near. Jesus also prepared for the coming of His kingdom. He too preached it was at hand Matthew 4: He sent His disciples out to preach that the kingdom was at hand Matthew He promised to build His church and to give the keys of the kingdom to Peter Matthew This passage shows the church and the kingdom are the same. Keys are used to unlock and open. Therefore, when we see Peter use the keys we will know the kingdom has come. Jesus made a two-fold promise to His disciples: Verily I say unto you, There are some here of them that stand by, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God come with power Mark 9: Please notice two things: The church came in perfection on the first Pentecost day following the ascension of the Lord Acts 2 Jesus commanded His apostles and, being assembled together with them, he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, said he, ye heard from me: He also told them: But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you Acts 1: When Pentecost came, the apostles were together in Jerusalem. They were all baptized in the Holy Spirit. When a crowd gathered, some heard the apostles speaking in tongues and said they were drunk. Peter then preached the crucified Lord. The Jews were

pricked in their heart What shall we do? Peter then used the keys of the kingdom by announcing the means by which one enters the kingdom: Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins That day, three thousand souls obeyed the Gospel and were added by God to the church Acts 2: The church is spoken of as being in existence for the first time. After this, it is no longer future. It is present Acts 8: The prophecies of Isaiah 2, Daniel 2, and Joel 2 are fulfilled in Acts 2: The church of Christ, which is the kingdom, was planned by God before the foundation of the world. It was promised to Abraham and David. It was foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament. John and Jesus prepared for it. It came in perfection on Pentecost. Men entered it by hearing and believing the Gospel, repenting of their sins, and being baptized for the remission of sins Acts 2: The kingdom has come. You can be a member of it today if you will be born of water and the Spirit John 3: Will you be in it?

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Even in this very chapter. And, yet, we feel, no matter how long we linger here, we cannot exhaust the great treasures that are in this place. We pray, Father, that You would bring to our minds a new and a fresh things already known, that You would lead us into truth that we have not yet seen. That most of all, we might commit ourselves to being like You, living in obedience to Your will. Thank You for Your love to us. For this incomparable treasure of Your Word. Help us to just, in a small way, understand what it means to know the future of the world and how rich we are, when the rest of the world is groping to find answers for the future. How rich we are to have those answers in Your Word. Our hearts have been blessed and challenged all the way through. No less as we have reached chapter 7, which is, perhaps, the greatest prophetic panorama in all of the Bible. It causes us to have to stop, pay careful attention to everything that the Lord says here, for none of it is wasted words. And so we have profited so much in the study of this chapter. And there was given Him dominion and glory and a Kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His Kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. We have seen in our study that the Bible teaches very clearly that history culminates in Christ receiving His Kingdom. That Kingdom is an eternal Kingdom. It has a millennial phase. It has a thousand-year earthly phase, and then it moves into the eternal Kingdom in the new heavens and the new earth. But it is an eternal Kingdom. So the seventh chapter of Daniel presents to us all of the history of man, from the time of Daniel to the time when the Lord Jesus Christ receives and establishes His own eternal Kingdom. Now, we believe that the Bible tells us that everything in history is moving toward the cataclysmic event of the Kingdom of Christ. The Kingdom of Christ is not just a matter of some quiet flow of history. I believe that the Kingdom of Christ is a cataclysmic, violent, furious, momentary thing that is established and then flows on forever. The Bible tells us that, when the Kingdom is granted to the Son, the Son will appear in blazing glory in the sky. There will be fiery judgment. There will be a bloodbath in the earth. We know that this will be a cataclysmic event. It is described for us by the Apostle Paul in 2 Thessalonians chapter 1 verse 7. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power. When He shall come to be glorified in His saints and to be admired in all them that believe. His eyes are like a flame of fire. On His head were many crowns; and He had a name written that no man knew, but He Himself. And the armies that were in Heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword that with it He should smite the nations, and He shall rule them with a rod of iron; and He treadeth the wine press of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written: And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, which he had deceived that that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire, burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of Him that sat on the horse, whose sword proceeded out of His mouth. And all the fowls were filled with their flesh. John is showing us what happens when Christ takes His throne. We do not mildly, quietly, subtly move to the Kingdom. It is a holocaust of fiery judgment. It is a moment when Christ takes over the earth as its ruler. Look with me for a moment at Revelation chapter 5. As we prepare to understand Daniel a little better, we need to look to look at some passages in Revelation. It is preceded by this terrible holocaust known as The Tribulation. But he sees in chapter 4 God sitting on the throne, preparing to give the Kingdom to Christ. They would roll it, and then they put a seal. They would roll it further, and seal it again. Roll it further, and seal it again. Sometimes they would do it on the edges. Roll it a little ways and seal it there. The Roman law required that a will or a testament be sealed seven times so that it could not be broken. It is, if you will, the title deed to the earth. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and read the book, neither to look on it. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open

the scroll and to loose its seven seals. And He came and took the scroll out of the right of Him that sat upon the throne. And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures—who are angels—the four and twenty elders—who may be angels or possibly representatives of the church—fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They could anticipate the Kingdom, because the One whose right it was to take the Kingdom, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the One who had the right to take the scepter, Shiloh. The Root of David, as well as the seed of David. The Lamb slain from the foundation of the earth. The One who had redeemed us to God, Christ Himself, ascended and took the scroll and had the right to open its seals and to establish His reign on earth. The Father giving to the Son the right to reign. A sealed scroll was the title deed. If you read the 32nd chapter of Jeremiah, you will find that there was such a scroll used there as the title deed to certain land which was purchased, to be recuperated after the Babylonian captivity. So the scroll represents, then, the title deed to the earth. Revelation chapter 5 indicating to us that the earth is occupied presently by usurpers. Satan, of course, the master usurper, controls the earth. He is the god of this age, the prince of this world, the monarch of this system. But the time is coming when he has to forfeit that to the One who has the right to rule. The One whose right it is, Shiloh, the One who deserves the scepter. The One who earns the crown and shall receive it from the Father. And we see, in chapter 5, the taking of that right. Then in chapter 6, He begins to unroll the scroll, and you have immediately a series of devastating judgments. They are the breaking of the seals. And out of the seals flow the trumpet judgments, and out of the trumpet flow the vial or the bowl judgments. And Christ then establishes His eternal Kingdom. There is coming, then, beloved, a day when Christ will take back the right to rule in this world. You see, when God created man in the Garden, He gave him dominion over the earth, but Satan usurped that dominion in the Fall, and it will not be until Christ comes back, the second Adam, that that dominion is restored to man, and then we will reign with Jesus Christ. Now, the message of the Second Coming of Christ dominates the Bible. The message of Christ coming to establish His Kingdom is replete in Scripture. Just to give you an idea, prophecy occupies approximately one-fifth of Scripture, and the Second Coming prophecies occupy approximately one-third of that—There are general prophecies, of them are about Christ. Or about half of them. So there are at least prophecies related to the return of Christ. Put it another way. There are 7, verses in the New Testament; of them are about the Second Coming. Next to the subject of faith, no subject is more discussed than the Second Coming of Christ. Each time the Atonement is mentioned, the Second Coming is mentioned twice. The Lord Himself personally referred to His return 21 times. Over 50 times, we are told to be ready for it—Some time ago, there was a convocation of church delegates from around the world, and they met in Evanston, Illinois. History peaks out at the return of Christ. Now, Daniel was given this amazing vision at least years before this time. He could perceive this by the inspiration of the Spirit of God, and people who have lived through all of that history and have it here in the Word of God deny it. Now, look back at Daniel 7. As we look at the chapter, we find three themes that I mentioned to you in our last two studies. Number one, the coronation. We saw the coronation. The second thing that we see in the chapter is not only the coronation of the King, but the character of His Kingdom. The character of His Kingdom is described in verse

5: Coming of the Kingdom - Truth For The World

(3) Just prior to the prophecy of the coming kingdom, as reflected in the testimony of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, there was the exchange between Jesus and his disciples; then more specifically between Christ and Peter.

By Wayne Jackson Approximately six months before his crucifixion, and just a few days prior to his transfiguration, Christ prophesied regarding his impending kingdom. The prophecy is expressed in all three synoptic accounts. Verily I say unto you, there are some of them that stand here, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom Matthew Verily I say unto you, there are some here of them that stand by, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God come with power Mark 9: But I tell you of a truth, there are some of them that stand here, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God Luke 9: As the careful reader can observe, the language employed by the different authors varies slightly, yet the basic message remains consistent. In other words, though there is some supplementation, there is no conflict in content. As a matter of fact, the minute differences demonstrate the originality of the respective writers, rather than collusion. Sadly, for many the exegetical format frequently is: See, for example, Matthew Others allege that the terminal focus of the text was in the destruction of Jerusalem in A. Let us reflect briefly upon each of these views. On the mountain the Lord alluded to things yet to come, e. Contrast this with the events of the day of Pentecost Acts 2. Its lack of credibility is seen in the fact that: Let us reflect upon these two points. This is an example of the figure of speech known as metonymyâ€”one form of which is when a cause is put for its effect. In other words, God the Cause orchestrates the judgment, though seemingly by natural meansâ€”in this case the providential exercise of kingly authority the effect. This was because the second coming would be a universally visible event Matthew That clearly is the significance of the expression in this passage. A conglomerate of evidence indicates that this sacred pattern of obedience was accessed by thousands; and through it men and woman entered the kingdom of God in the New Testament era cf. This was decades before the destruction of Jerusalem. Early Christian preachers proclaimed the kingdom of God Acts 8: By the proclamation of the gospel, men and women were called to the kingdom 1 Thessalonians 2: Of the various views discussed thus far, this one stretches the biblical language even more egregiously beyond reason. Skeptics, like Bertrand Russell, assumed that Jesus was referring to his second coming and so contended that the Lord was a false prophet! Millennialists, likewise drawing an erroneous conclusion regarding the coming of the kingdom, unintentionally thrust the Son of God into the same mold. Some advocates of millennialism feel the force of this difficulty and, like Carson , , squirm mightily in attempting to deal with it. We are in the pre-second coming era. Christ is reigning now. He will not receive his kingdom at the time of his return; he will deliver it back to the Father on that occasion 1 Corinthians If, however, he was speaking of his second coming, such was wholly at variance with his later affirmation that he did not know when the time of his return would be. This is clear not only on the merits of the case, but by the process of elimination as well as seen above. Consider the following facts. And, as emphasized earlier, the information in Acts and the Epistles as well as Revelation â€” 1: The most natural interpretation of that phrase centers on the events of Pentecost. It is beyond doubt that this was fulfilled ten days later on Pentecost Acts 2: And they saw the Son of man coming in his kingdom, not literally, but by manifesting his invisible presence to the eye of faith. What they saw with their eyes and heard with their ears attested his presence in his kingdom , Without a doubt, the kingdom had arrived! Contrariwise, however, there is ample evidence of his coronation following the ascension, and of his current reign Acts 2:

6: Kingdom of Christ is Coming Soon

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The coming judgment of God 1 Timothy 6: To Him be honor and eternal dominion! He is the eternal judge Psalms He is the perfect judge Isaiah 1: He is the fiery judge Hebrews This is the second death, the lake of fire. The fire was bright, and lightning was flashing from the fire. And whenever the living beings rose from the earth, the wheels rose also. He is the final judge Revelation And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. The sentence of burning for the beast 1. This fourth beast is destroyed 2. The former beasts are destroyed Daniel 2: The coming coronation of Messiah 1. The coming of Messiah Matthew So it is to be. The presentation of Messiah John 5: What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy; 3. The proclamation of Messiah Isaiah 9: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him! He cannot fail, He must prevail; Have faith in God, have faith in God.

7: The Coming of the Kingdom of God | Luke

When the kingdom of God is established, finally with the new heaven and the new earth, those who have not repented and received the forgiveness of sins offered through the gospel of Christ's shed blood and perfected righteousness will perish.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. It was not the Church, for that body of believers, composed of Jews and Gentiles together without distinction, was explained for the first time through Paul and the other apostles after the Day of Pentecost. Instead, it was the Kingdom prophesied throughout the centuries of Old Testament history. This rather obvious fact has been very difficult for the average Christian to believe. I am deeply grateful to God that this is not true, for if He can break His unconditional covenant promises to utterly unworthy Israel cf. But actually de facto, we still await the day when He and His Kingdom will appear on the earth. In other words, the Kingdom is not yet here; it is still future. The Kingdom has not yet arrived. When His glorious Kingdom finally comes to the earth, in answer to the prayers of His people, then not only redeemed and glorified Israelites, but also the glorified Church under Christ her Head and Bridegroom will have significant functions to perform. For one thousand years, the church—with glorified Old Testament saints and Israelite martyrs of the Beast—will reign with Him over the earth Revelation. Even the theologically and spiritually weak Corinthian church will exercise that function in the Millennium: And if the world is judged by you, are you not competent to constitute the smallest law courts? Doubtless their regal and judicial position will be relatively low, for the Judgment Seat of Christ will bring to light all the hidden things of darkness and will determine the level of honor and privilege each saint will occupy during the Kingdom 1 Corinthians 3: Their eschatological ignorance was so profound that they actually viewed themselves as opposed to the true apostles—to be above reproach in their regal lordship! Paul, with a touch of irony, told them: Yes, unbelievable though it may seem, all born again Christians men, women, and children will function as kings under Christ during the coming Kingdom age. If worthiness is the qualification, then there will be no rapture at all, nor will any Christian ever reign with Him. Today, angels both righteous and wicked exercise enormous governmental powers over the world of mankind, under God cf. Daniel 10; 1 John 5: The prophet Jeremiah of the non-Zadokian line of Abiathar priests in Anathoth wrote: Significantly, God will identify, save, and seal 12, Levites by the middle of the Seventieth Week Revelation 7: In all the intricate descriptions of Zadokian priestly functions in the millennial Temple in Ezekiel 43–46, there is not one word about a high priest! Ezekiel must have been fully aware of the prophecy of Psalm Under this absolutely unique High Priest, we will doubtless intercede for non-glorified saints on the earth, even as Levitical priests interceded for Israelites in the pre-Pentecost era. This is a deep mystery and a marvel! The precise function of the Church during the Kingdom Age is not revealed to us. We do know that we will participate in the great inaugural banquet Matt. Beyond that, it seems reasonable to envision our Lord appearing in Jerusalem at least at the annual Feast of Tabernacles Ezekiel Kregel Publishers, For a thorough critique of this book, contact George W.

8: The Coming Kingdom of Christ (Daniel) – Grace Baptist Church of Shrewsbury

What an EXCITING life we have just ahead of us in Christ's soon-coming Kingdom! Christ's GLORIOUS Kingdom In Zechariah , God's word gives us a detailed description of Christ's return and the early years of His Kingdom: "Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst.

This is in contrast to the rapture of the church, which is always presented in Scripture as an imminent event. Many detailed prophecies relate to this period, and understanding this helps one to analyze current world affairs as shaping up in preparation for these events. In the revelation of Daniel 7, the prophet sees four great beasts, the first being a lion, representing Babylon, the second a bear, representing Medo-Persia, and the third a leopard, representing the empire of Alexander. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. The Roman legion conquered country after country and carried off able-bodied men as slaves and enforced their rule by leaving contingents of soldiers in each country. In the explanation given to Daniel concerning the four beasts and the ten kingdoms, he was told: It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. The prophecies of the four empires have already been fulfilled in history except that the Roman Empire has never developed into a ten-nation kingdom. Accordingly, many believe that this is a future situation that will take place after the Rapture of the church. Many prophecies of the Old Testament that deal with the end of the age leap from the first coming of Christ to the second coming of Christ without taking into account the present age. This is true of the feet of the image in Daniel 2, and it is also true of the prophecy concerning the fourth kingdom, which today seemingly has disappeared, but in Scripture will be revived in the ten-nation form preceding the second coming of Christ. The Emergence of Antichrist In addition to explaining that the empire will consist of ten kingdoms, Daniel was told that there will be an eleventh horn, an individual who will conquer them all. This is stated in Daniel 7: This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully. In the final empire, the beast gathers in all of the preceding empires pictured as a lion, a bear, and a leopard. From Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 it may be concluded that the Bible speaks of a future world empire that will be a revival of the Roman Empire that was in existence when Christ was on earth. The extent of the power of this world empire is given in Revelation The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. According to the book of Revelation, this ruler will head the world government for forty-two months. This forty-two month period is the last three-and-a-half years prior to the second coming of Christ. In that period there will be a time of unprecedented trouble. This is described in Daniel But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. The Covenant with Israel Christ will deal with the world of the Gentiles pictured in the ten-nation group and the world empire that follows, according to Daniel, in the seven-year period leading up to His second coming. These years, however, are divided into three periods, with the first two consecutive, but the last seven years will be separated from the preceding period by the present age that intervenes, during which God is calling out His church. Once the rapture of the church takes place, however, it will be possible for God to bring about the fulfillment of the last seven years described in Daniel 9: The Jews will make this seven-year covenant with the ruler over the ten kingdoms who later becomes the world dictator. Though the term Antichrist is never applied directly to this world ruler, he will be the ultimate fulfillment of predictions of the Antichrist 1 John 2: Antichrist is anyone who opposes Christ or who claims to be a substitute for Christ. The apostle John declared that the Antichrist is coming, but that there are many antichrists: It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. John further describes an antichrist as one who denies that Christ came in the flesh as God in 1 John 4: This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. Three Periods Between the Rapture and the Second Coming In a study of all the passages that relate to the end time, it becomes clear that there are three

major time periods between the Rapture and the Second Coming. The first is the period of preparation, a relatively short period, in which the ten-nation kingdom emerges. Its leader rises to conquer first three and then all ten kingdoms. When this leader becomes powerful, because of his backing of the ten kingdoms, he is able to make the covenant with Israel for seven years described in Daniel 9: This introduces the second period of time, which covers the first half of the seven years mentioned in the covenant. In the middle of the seven years, however, a dramatic change takes place, and the ruler of the ten kingdoms becomes a world dictator, apparently without a war. This sets the stage for the third period, the last three-and-a-half years leading up to the second coming of Christ. Accordingly, there is first a period of preparation leading up to the seven-year period. Then there will be three-and-a-half years of peace, the second period, and this will be followed by the third of great trouble and tribulation. The third period will be followed immediately by the Second Coming.

The War with Russia In Ezekiel a strange war is predicted in which a great nation to the north of Israel, a reference to Russia Ezek. Though a number of explanations have been given of the prophecy, it seems that this Soviet invasion will come during the first three-and-a-half years leading up to the second coming of Christ. This would correspond to the time of peace described in Ezekiel 38 see 1 Thess. This war turns out to be a disaster for Russia and her other allies Ezek. The destruction of the invaders will change the world situation, which apparently then will be much like it is now, with Russia and her allies opposed to the rest of the world. With Russia out of the way as a military power because of the destruction of her army, it will be possible for the ruler of the ten kingdoms to declare himself a world dictator, and apparently, there will be no power great enough to oppose him, and a world empire will be born overnight. Who can make war against him? And the answer is that no one will be strong enough to deny the ruler of the ten kingdoms the place of a dictatorship over the entire world. When this takes place and the world empire suddenly emerges, the Middle East ruler will break his covenant with Israel and become her persecutor instead of her protector, and the final three-and-a-half years leading up to the second coming of Christ will be a time of trouble for Israel and for the entire world. The world ruler of the end time will not only claim political rule over all nations but will also claim to be God Rev. According to Daniel Armageddon As indicated in the breaking of the covenant with Israel, the future world ruler will bring on a terrible time of persecution by the government and judgment of God upon the world. This time of trouble is described graphically in Revelation This period will include disasters from God as well as persecution of all those who will not recognize the world ruler as deity. In his vision recorded in Revelation 6, John is introduced to a scroll with seven seals affixed to the side. As the scroll is unrolled, each seal is broken, signaling a great event on the earth. Some of these are great catastrophies. Seal one refers to the world empire that is brought out at the beginning of the three-and-a-half years. This is indicated by the bow without an arrow Rev. Seals two and three refer to warfare and starvation, which will affect many. The fifth seal recognizes that the world ruler will put to death those who do not recognize him as deity, and they are seen in heaven waiting for the time when the world ruler will be judged. In this period, according to the sixth seal, great disturbances will take place in the earth, with the sun darkened, the moon turning blood red, and stars of heaven falling to earth. There will also be a great earthquake, with every mountain and island removed from its place Rev. Out of the seventh seal will come a second series of sevens called trumpets. Again, there will be great disturbances in nature, and eventually war. Out of the seventh trumpet will come a third series of sevens called vials, or bowls, of the wrath of God. Each of these introduces another tremendous judgment on earth, usually extending to the entire earth. The first bowl judgment poured out will cause painful sores on people who have been worshiping the world ruler and the idol of him that was set up in the temple Rev. The second bowl pictures judgment on the sea so that every living creature in it dies Rev. The third bowl of the wrath of God will corrupt the springs of water, and they will become blood Rev. The fourth bowl will disturb the ordinary course of the sun, and people will be scorched because of the intense heat Rev. The sixth bowl will dry up the river Euphrates, which will make it possible for a great army from the East to approach the Holy Land and join in the final great war that is described taking place there. The final bowl of wrath will consist of a great earthquake that destroys the cities of the world, causing mountains and islands to disappear, and apparently the topography of the entire earth will be changed Rev. During the three-and-a-half years of the Great Tribulation, God protected , Israelites, 12, in each tribe, as described in

Revelation 7. By contrast, however, Revelation 7: In the Great Tribulation the final form of anti-God religion will consist of the atheistic worship of the world ruler and a denial of the true God. When Christ returns, He will judge the wickedness of the earth, rescue those still living in the earth who are saved and bring them into the millennial kingdom, and bring judgment of physical death on all the others Matt. According to Scripture, what events precede the Rapture? By contrast, what events precede the second coming of Christ? What are the four great world empires described by Daniel? How does the fourth empire resemble the Roman Empire? What is the evidence that there will be a future revival of the Roman Empire in the form of a ten-nation kingdom? Who does the eleventh horn of Daniel 7 represent? How does the prophecy of the eleventh horn support the idea that the ten-nation kingdom is still ahead? What does Revelation 13 add concerning the fourth empire? What do we learn of the future world ruler in Revelation 13? How long will be the period of his world rule? How does the period of his world rule relate to the seven years preceding the Second Coming? What does Revelation 13 teach concerning the coming Great Tribulation? What did Christ have to say about the Great Tribulation? What will climax the Great Tribulation? How does the forming of the covenant indicate the beginning of the seven years?

9: The Second Coming of Christ and the Millennial Kingdom | www.enganchecubano.com

The Coming Kingdom of Christ Our Lord John C. Whitcomb, Th.D. When the Lord Jesus Christ commanded His disciples to pray, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on.

He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. But Solomon did not reign forever. In fact, after him the kingdom was divided and the house of David became smaller. A Son of David will reign on the throne of David forever. And all the prophets spoke of the coming of this Messiah, this Anointed, on the throne of David. Finally, when the time was full, this great and long expected Son of David was born. The angel Gabriel announced His coming to Mary, saying: And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end. Daniel stands before Nebuchadnezzar, that mighty king of the greatest world empire ever, and tells him: Your mighty kingdom will fall and be grinded to dust, and the wind will blow it away. Your kingdom, mighty as it is, will not last. Other kingdoms will come, the one after the other, and they will all go backward from gold to clay. But note the message to this great heathen empire: Your kingdom, Nebuchadnezzar, will not last; nor will any other kingdom of this world. The God of heaven will establish His kingdom on earth, a kingdom that will fill the whole earth and last forever. Dear congregation, this is no gospel to the kingdoms of this world. It proclaims their destruction. They will all be utterly destroyed. It is indeed gospel to us. It is good news to the church, yes, the true church of Jesus Christ, which is a small and despised people in the midst of this world. But it is a gospel that seems unreal to the human eye, for it is the very opposite of what our eyes can see. What we do see with our eyes of flesh and blood is a miserable and small little church over against the mighty powers of this world. What we see in this world is very disappointing to the believer; for is the true church of Christ not pitifully small and very much despised? What visible evidence is there of the glory we expect? Yes, note the context in which this gospel is being proclaimed. The first captives are already in exile. And soon Jerusalem itself will be utterly destroyed. How can one still cling to that promise of an eternal King on the throne of David when the opposite seems to be reality? Did the gods of Babylon not triumph over the God of Israel? For, just look at the facts: Jerusalem conquered; Babylon in power! Congregation, it is within this context that God reveals the future of the kingdoms of this world and the future of His church. And the message is one of great comfort also to us. Babylon, and all the kingdoms of this world, will be utterly destroyed. The promised Messiah, the eternal King, yes, our Lord Jesus Christ, will crush and destroy the empires of this world, and establish His kingdom forever. The prophecy also relates to our time. The prophecy had a first fulfilment in the ages from Babylon up to the time of Rome when Christ was born; but the four empires from Babylon to Rome returns in the book of Revelation and becomes a picture in the New Testament of the kingdoms of this world until the second coming of Christ "so that this prophecy has its second and final fulfilment during the time of the New Testament, with its final fulfilment on that great day when Christ will appear on the clouds of heaven in great power and glory to judge the world and to establish His kingdom forever. That makes this prophecy most relevant for us and our time. He calls for the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans. These magicians, astrologers and sorcerers claimed that they have contact with the spiritual world and with the gods. But this time Nebuchadnezzar does not trust them. It is to him of the utmost importance to know for sure the correct interpretation of his dream. He wants to make sure that they do not give him a deceitful interpretation according to their own imagination. The king is convinced that the dream has come from the gods, but how will he know whether the interpretation is also from the gods? The solution is simple: These astrologers were the ones who claimed that they could tell the future by looking at the stars. These heathen prophets claimed to receive revelation from sun, moon and stars; revelation from the gods of Babylon. Also the magicians and sorcerers claimed to receive their spiritual powers from the gods. And the Chaldeans boasted of having knowledge and understanding to understand even the deep and hidden things. Now then, now is the time to prove their powers and their knowledge, and to see whether they truly have contact with the gods as they claim. First tell me the dream, then I will know that you are able also to give me the correct interpretation. They answer the king: And indeed, their gods are only dumb idols. Therefore there is no

revelation in Babylon. And the wise men of Babylon have no idea what the God of heaven has revealed. No wonder that the king was enraged and furious. The deceit of his wise men has been exposed. Of what worth are these prophets who claim to know the future, if they have no contact with the gods? They receive no revelation from the gods; they even count it impossible to receive an answer from their gods! Babylon receives no light or enlightenment from above. When it comes to the knowledge most worth knowing, all the wise of this world know nothing. Like the priests of Baal on Mount Carmel, so also these wise men of Babylon had to acknowledge that their gods do not hear or answer. But there is a God in heaven, the living God, who speaks and reveals secrets; who makes known what man does not know. Daniel stands before the king and proclaims this to him: But over against the dumb idols of this world stands the living God who speaks through His prophets and declare the future, revealing what man does not know. God is with us, and He grants us the true wisdom and knowledge of His revelation. Dear congregation, let us then not listen to the deceit of the prophets of Babylon and the so called wise men of this world as they proclaim in the media their own wisdom, but let us turn to the Lord and live in the light of His revelation. The wise men of this world are without knowledge, for their gods are dumb idols that do not speak. We may live in the sure knowledge of the coming of our eternal King and His everlasting kingdom. We know our destiny and the destiny of this world. The living God has made known to us the glorious future of Christ and His kingdom. This great image, whose splendour was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. Four great kingdoms will rule on the earth, the one after the other, until Christ, the eternal King, will come. The head of gold “that was the Babylonian Empire. The chest and arms of silver “that was the Medo-Persian Empire. The belly and thighs of bronze “that was the Grecian Empire. The legs of iron with the feet partly of iron and partly of clay “that was the Roman Empire. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. And it was indeed in the time of the Roman Empire that Christ was born. He came down from heaven without the doing of man. But the coming of this stone does not only refer to the birth of Christ; it refers to the whole history of His first coming, which includes His death and resurrection and His ascension into heaven. It was also in the time of the Roman Empire that Christ was seated at the right hand of God and received all authority and power in heaven and on earth. Christ did not utterly crush and destroy the kingdoms of this world at His first coming. But at this point we have to discern carefully, for the prophecy has a first and a second fulfilment. The first fulfilment lies in the past. But the same history is also described in Daniel chapter 7 where these four empires are compared to four beasts: But then these four beasts, or empires, return in the book of Revelation to describe the world-powers of the last days! There the four kingdoms are combined into one great monster: So then, the four beasts of Daniel 7, representing the same kingdoms as here in Daniel 2, returns in the book of Revelation; it becomes a picture of the world powers in the latter days. It is clear then that the four great world powers from Babylon to Rome “that is: The latter days, or last days “that is: That day when Christ will appear on the clouds of heaven in great power and glory will bring this prophecy to its final fulfilment. On that day His enemies will finally be crushed under His feet; so completely that no trace of them will be found on the earth “as we read here in our text. In the meantime Christ has come, and His kingdom is growing, and expanding until it will, on the day of His return, fill the whole earth “the new heavens and the new earth where righteousness dwells. It is then that the Son of David, the Prince of Peace, will reign forever without any trace of the kingdoms of this present world. The prophecy does not discern or separate the first and second coming of Christ. Once we understand this, there is no reason to try and separate the feet from the legs to create a fifth empire. Yes, many interpreters have tried to make the feet a fifth empire that will last until the second coming of Christ, the final judgment, when Christ will grind all the kingdoms of this world to powder.

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