



Maranatha! Come O Lord!

(Mark 8:38)

"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this."

- C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



The Second Coming According to Mark

He will Come Heavenly – “... on the clouds.” (13:26)

He will Come Visibly – “... everyone will see.” (13:26)

He will Come Powerfully – “... with great power.” (13:26)

He will Come Gloriously – “... and glory.” (13:26)

He will Come Collectively – “... he will send out his angels to gather his chosen ones—from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.” (13:27)

He will Come Unexpectedly – “... of that day or hour no one knows.” (13:32)



But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; ³³ and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right, “Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...”⁴¹ Then He will also say to those on His left, “Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.”

- Matthew 25:31-34; 41 (NLT)



The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, ⁴² and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.



- Matthew 13: 41-43 (NLT)

And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ This is the first resurrection. (The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended.) ⁶ Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years.



- Revelation 20: 4-6 (NLT)

“God’s people will actually be running the new world on God’s behalf. The idea of our participation in the new creation goes back to Genesis, when humans are supposed to be running the Garden and looking after the animals. If you transpose that all the way through, it’s a picture like the one that you get at the end of Revelation.”

- N. T. Wright



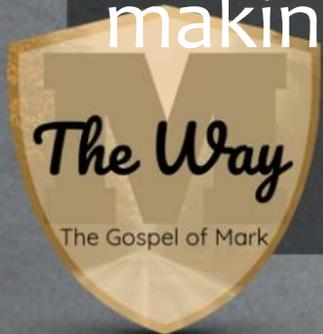
After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power.²⁵ For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. ²⁶ And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For the Scriptures say, “God has put all things under his authority.”... ²⁸ Then, when all things are under his authority, the Son will put himself under God’s authority, so that God, who gave his Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything everywhere.



- 1 Cor. 15:24-28 (NLT)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone.
² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” ⁵ And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!”

- Revelation 21:1-5 (NLT)



What is the Millennial Reign?

1. It is paradise regained.
2. It is the creation restored.
3. It is the nation of Israel reingrafted.
4. It is the yearning of the human heart.
5. It is the literal reign of Christ on earth.
6. It is a time of perfect peace and justice.
7. It is God's promise and the climax of human history.
8. It is the answer to the prayer:

“Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Why a Millennial Reign?

1. God created a Paradise on Earth (Gen. 1-2).
2. This Paradise was lost by sin (Gen. 3).
 - a. Sin entered the world (Rom. 5:12).
 - b. Death entered the world (Heb. 2:14).
 - c. The Curse pronounced on the world (Rom. 8).
3. But God is omnipotent and can't lose a war.
4. So, there must be a literal Paradise regained that will:
 - a. Reverse sin (by salvation) --Rom. 4-5; Heb. 7-10
 - b. Reverse death (by resurrection) --Jn. 5:28-29; Rev. 20:4-6
 - c. Reverse the curse (by restoration) --Rom. 8
5. Only by a millennial reign will Paradise be restored.



If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.



- Mark 8:38 (NLT)