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the world (Matt. 24:14). “Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus” (Rev. 22:20).



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The Bible teaches that Jesus is coming again to this earth. In Acts 1:11 as the disciples were watching Jesus ascend into heaven, the two men standing by them in white apparel said to them, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." Matthew 24:30 tells us that "they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Revelation 1:7 states, "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced" (Zech. 12:10).

The purpose of the second coming of Christ is to establish the kingdom of God on the earth. In His model prayer, Jesus told His disciples to pray, "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10). During the Millennium, the damage of the Tribulation will be reversed, and Christ will reign on the throne of David (Isa. 9:6-7; Zech. 12:10). In Revelation 5:10, John said, "And have made us

kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth." Hence, when Jesus comes to reign, the Church will reign with Him. Revelation 20:4 tells us that the length of our reign on the earth will be one thousand years. In Latin, a thousand years is *mille annum*, from which we get our English word "millennium".

Revelation 5:9-10 speaks of the new song the Church will be singing in heaven of the worthiness of the Lamb to take the book and loose the seals: "for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

His kingdom will not be meat or drink, "but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit". (Rom. 14:17). It is at this time that "the wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them" (Isa. 11:6). "The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox" (Isa. 65:25). This is the time when "they shall beat

their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Mic. 4:3). God's promises to Israel included both earthly and spiritual blessings. Christ's disciples, who understood the earthly aspect of the blessings on Israel, asked Christ just prior to His ascension when he would fulfill the earthly blessings and establish His kingdom (Acts 1:6). They were then ignorant of the fact that this phase of Christ's kingdom would not take place until the End Times.

Until Christ returns, our purpose and commission is to be at work declaring His gospel to



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