

# End Times

Are the Jews still God's chosen people – or was that promise made to them conditionally?:

- Exod 19:5 Now therefore, **if** ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people ...
- Deut 28:58,63 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book ... it shall come to pass, that ... the Lord will ... destroy you, and ... bring you to nought; and **ye shall be plucked from off the land** whither thou goest to possess it.
- Matt 23:37-38 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and **ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.** And this is said right before Matt 24:1-34 which is all **about the final destruction of Jerusalem and the Jews in AD 70.**
- Matt 21:33-43-45-46 Therefore say I unto you, **The kingdom of God shall be taken from you,** and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. ... And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. Killing Jesus was the final straw that broke the camel's back.

So now there is no more Jew/Gentile distinction ...

- Rom 2:28-29 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But **he is a Jew, which is one inwardly;** and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.
- Gal 3:26-29 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. **And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**
- Gal 6:15-16 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the **Israel of God.**
- God designating Israel as his **chosen** nation - Exod 19:5-6 ye shall be a **peculiar ... people ... a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation**
- God describing Christians now I Pet 2:5,9 ye ... are ... a spiritual house, an holy priesthood ... a **chosen** generation, a royal **priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people**

**Premillennialism** teaches Jesus' Second coming will occur before a literal thousand-year reign of Christ from Jerusalem upon the earth. - <https://www.theopedia.com/premillennialism>

So some preachers say the physical Jewish nation/kingdom will be restored at the second coming of Christ ("Premillennialism"). But the Bible doesn't say anything like that. Instead the Bible says the earth will be burned up when Jesus comes back:

- II Pet 3:3-4,10 ... there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? ... But the day of the Lord will come as a

thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, **the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**

The promised kingdom is a spiritual kingdom. It was never intended to be physical:

- John 18:36 Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world:** if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.
- Luke 17:20-21 ... The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the **kingdom of God is within you.**

That kingdom exists now:

- Matt 3:2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is **at hand.**
- Mark 9:1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which **shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.**
- Acts 2:30b-31a,33 ... that ... he would **raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ ...** being by the right hand of God exalted
- Dan 7:13-14 I saw ... one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and **came to the Ancient of days,** and they brought him near before him. And **there was given him ... a kingdom,** that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him ...
- Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath **translated us into the kingdom** of his dear Son:
- Rev 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, & **companion ... in the kingdom ...** of Jesus ...

Instead of setting up the kingdom when He comes again the second time, at that time Christ shall deliver the kingdom back to God:

- I Cor 15:23-26 ... they that are **Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God ... For he must reign,** till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

Antichrist? - I John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, **even now are there many antichrists;** whereby we know that it is the last time.

When were the future events described (prophesied about) by the book of Revelation to occur?:

- Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants **things which must shortly come to pass;** & he sent & signified it by his angel unto ... John
- Rev 1:3 Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for **the time is near.**
- Rev 22:6 & he said unto me, These sayings are faithful & true: & the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the **things which must shortly be done.**
- Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: **for the time is at hand.**