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All nations will know the LORD is King
through His judgment and restoration
Ezekiel 39:28

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Outline of class

- Judgment against Jerusalem, 1-24 (<586 BC)
 - Signs for the house of Israel, 12
- Overview of “millennial” doctrines

Signs for the house of Israel, 12

- Bring out your baggage, 12:1-7
 - Only Ezekiel saw the visions in 8-11
 - But everyone can see these “sign-acts”
 - Were the exiles rebellious or the remnant?
 - They were spared from judgment...
 - But were also influenced by false prophets
 - Ezekiel 13; Jeremiah 29:1-9

Signs for the house of Israel, 12

- They shall go into exile, 12:8-16
 - Ezekiel now had more freedom (3:24-25)
 - But he was still mute (3:26-27)
 - “Prince” Zedekiah’s fate
 - Jeremiah 39:4-7; 2 Kings 25:1-7
 - Survivors brought knowledge of God with them
 - Daniel 4 → Nebuchadnezzar
 - Daniel 6 → Darius
 - Jewish exiles → neighbors

Signs for the house of Israel, 12

- Eat and drink in dismay, 12:17-20
 - Similar to Ezekiel 4
 - Helps us understand effects of siege on area

Signs for the house of Israel, 12

- The days are near, 12:21-25
 - “The days grow long, and every vision comes to nothing”
 - Scoffing attitude also found 2 Peter 3:1-4
 - Exiles should have known better
 - 2 Kings 17:21-23

Signs for the house of Israel, 12

- My words will not be delayed, 12:26-28
 - Judgment may come, but not for a long time
 - This was another false hope

Application

- Man's words cannot change God's words, 12:25
 - 2 Peter 3:4-7
- Don't squander God's patience, 12:27
 - 2 Peter 3:8-10

Additional comments:

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Overview of Millennial Doctrines

- Info from Lexham Bible Dictionary and GotQuestions.org
- “Millennialism”
 - Refers to different understandings of the return of Christ and the 1000-year reign in Rev. 20:1-6
- Three major interpretations:
 - Premillennialism: “before” the millennium
 - Postmillennialism: “after” the millennium
 - Amillennialism: “no” physical millennial reign

Overview of Millennial Doctrines

- Premillennialism
 - Christ will return before the 1,000-year reign
 - God's kingdom must be spiritual and physical
- Includes two sub-views:
 - Historic
 - Promises fulfilled in both Church and Israel
 - Dispensational
 - Promises fulfilled distinctly in national Israel



Historic Premillennialism

Jesus' Birth

The Ascension



Kingdom remains through the Holy Spirit

Return of Christ

The Millennium

The Final Judgement

The New Heaven & New Earth

Kingdom of God is manifest



Apostasy and Tribulation breaks out

The First Resurrection

- Satan is bound
- The Kingdom is consummated

- Satan is loosed
- Massive rebellion led by Gog and Magog

The Second Resurrection



Dispensationalism



Christ



Church is "Plan B"

Age of Grace
(The Church Age)

God deals with Gentiles

The Rapture

7 years
of Tribulation

Christ's 2nd Coming
(Bodily)



The Kingdom
(The Millennium)

The Nations
Revolt

The Final
Judgment

The
Eternal
State

Jesus' offer
of a
Messianic
Kingdom to
Israel

Offer was
rejected

Signs
of the
End
Times

- God deals with Jews and National Israel
- Repopulation of the earth by the 144,000 Jews and new Christians
- The Kingdom of God is fully manifest on earth. Glorified believers will rule with Christ during His reign over all kingdoms

- Return to Old Testament temple worship

Overview of Millennial Doctrines

- Basic difference between historic and disp:
 - Disp. insists on distinction between the nation of Israel and the Church.
 - In disp., during the millennium God will revert back to fulfilling His OT promises after this current “Church Age” is concluded.
 - It will be a state of Jewish dominion over the world with a restored (*physical*) temple and priesthood.

Overview of Millennial Doctrines

- Problems with Premillennialism:
 - Jesus' kingdom is spiritual, not physical
 - John 19:36
 - Kingdom is here, Christ reigns now
 - Col. 1:3; Rev. 1:6; Matt. 28:18; Acts 2:34-36
 - Jesus' return → resurrection and judgment
 - John 5:25-29; 1 Thess. 4:13-18
 - 2 Thess. 1:7-10; 2 Peter 3:8-13

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- Problems with Premillennialism:
 - “Israel” is all those who have faith in Christ
 - Romans 9:6-8; Galatians 3:25-29
 - Restoring OT worship is an accursed “gospel”
 - Galatians 1:6-9; 5:1-6
 - Hebrews 7-10
 - Old covenant was “weak”
 - New covenant in Christ is far superior
 - Forsaking Christ profanes the new covenant

Overview of Millennial Doctrines

- Postmillennialism
 - Christ will return after the 1,000-year reign
 - Church must influence the whole world culturally, politically, and economically so that Christ can have dominion.
 - The Church replaces national Israel

Postmillennialism

Start of
Millennium is
Debatable



The Millennium (literal or not)

- Tremendous expansion of Christianity
- Increased peace and prosperity in the world
- Large numbers of ethnic Jews will come to faith in Christ

Beginning of
the Millennium is
either abrupt or
gradual

Christ's Return



The New Heaven
& New Earth



- Resurrection
- Final Judgement

A short time of
apostasy



Overview of Millennial Doctrines

- Amillennialism
 - There is no future millennial reign
 - The “millennium” is symbolic; Christ reigns now
 - God’s promises are primarily spiritual

Amillennialism



Christ's Birth



Christ's Resurrection and Ascension

**The Millennium
(This Present Age)**

Christ's 2nd Coming



The New Heaven & New Earth

First Advent

- Christ is presently reigning in Heaven
- Triumph of the spiritual kingdom of God in the midst of the rise of evil in opposition to Christ and His Kingdom
- Promises made to Abraham, Israel and David are fulfilled by Christ or His church

Satan Bound

Second Advent

- General Resurrection
- Final Judgement

Satan is released and apostasy breaks out

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Lesson 9 in workbook

Ezekiel chapters 13-14