

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Waiting for the Kingdom

Ephesians 2:6; Psalm 68; Daniel 7; Psalm 2

**Eph. 2:6, “and raised us up together, and
made us sit together in the heavenly
places in Christ Jesus,”**

Amillennialism

No literal, earthly Kingdom
1,000 is merely a symbolic
number

**First
Resurrection**
is spiritual at
conversion



**Second
Coming**

Second
Resurrection
All Judgment

Church Age

Spiritual Kingdom

Christ Reigning from His Throne in Heaven

Eternity

**Jesus is now ruling on
David's throne from
Heaven**



Postmillennialism

Christ returns *after* the
Millennial Kingdom

**First
Resurrection**
is spiritual at
conversion

Continual Progress



**Second
Coming**

Second
Resurrection

All Judgment



Church Age

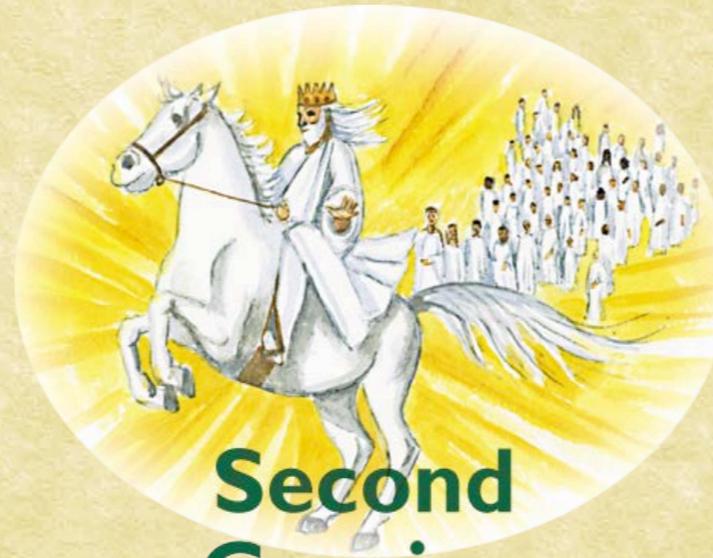
Kingdom

Eternity

Jesus is now ruling on
David's throne from
Heaven

Premillennialism

Jesus returns *before* the beginning of the Kingdom



Second Coming

First Resurrection



Great White Throne

Second Resurrection



Church Age

Tribulation

Millennium

Eternity

**Jesus is NOT ruling on David's throne from Heaven—
Dispensational premillennialism**

Premillennialism

Already, but not yet



Second Coming

First Resurrection



Great White Throne

Second Resurrection



Church Age

Tribulation

Millennium

Eternity

Jesus is now ruling on David's throne from Heaven

Inaugurated, and progressively coming in

Eph. 2:6, “and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”

**We are seated together in Christ Jesus. Cf.,
(Christ seated at the right hand of the
Father:**

Acts 2:33–34; 5:31; 7:55–56;

Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20; 2:6; 4:8–11; Col. 3:1;

Heb. 1:3, 13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2;

1 Pet. 3:22; Rev. 3:21; 12:5)

**What the Bible Teaches
About
The
*Session of Christ***



What happened to God's plan when the Lord Jesus Christ was rejected and crucified?

Acts 1:6, “Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, ‘Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ”

What, then is the purpose for the ascension and the unforeseen inter-advent age—the present Church Age?

John 16:7, “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.”

- 1. Psa. 110 shows that Christ sits at the right hand until God finishes preparing His enemies for the final defeat.**
- 2. Psa. 68:18 is applied to Christ's ascension and giving gifts to the Church.**
- 3. After waiting at the right hand, the Son of Man is finally sent to destroy the enemies of God and establish His kingdom.
Dan. 7:13–14**
- 4. Psalm 2 shows the Messiah's victory over His enemies.**

Psa. 110: The most quoted Psalm in the New Testament!!

**7× in Hebrews: Heb. 1:3, 13; 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:17, 21, 28; 10:12; 12:2;
Also in Matt. 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42, 43; Acts 2:34, 35. That is a least 13× in the New Testament.**

Psa. 110:1 is directly quoted 4× in Matt. 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42, 43; Acts 2:34, 35, and alluded to 7× in Matt. 26:64; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2

Who wrote Psa. 110?

David

1. It is clearly stated in the superscript:

“A Psalm of David”

**2. Jesus affirmed David's authorship:
Matt. 22:43**

**Psa. 110:1, “The LORD said to my Lord,
‘Sit at My right hand, till I make Your
enemies Your footstool.’ ”**

- 1. The future Messiah-King is fully Divine,
undiminished deity. Psa. 110:1a**
- 2. The future Messiah-King is at the right
hand of God the Father. Psa. 110:1b**
- 3. The future Messiah-King sits to await a
future victory. Psa. 110:1c**

**Psalm 110:2, “The LORD will stretch forth
Your strong scepter from Zion, saying,
‘Rule in the midst of Your enemies.’ ”**

Psa. 110:3, “Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.”

***This last line is meaningless.**

“from the womb of the dawn I have begotten You.”

“The verb ‘begotten’ in its literal sense refers to a child who shares the nature of the father (as opposed to words like ‘made’ and ‘created’). To describe Jesus as ‘begotten’ indicates that he has the nature of the Father, i.e., divine and eternal; and if he is eternal, then ‘begotten’ refers to nature and not a beginning. The description is figurative. This is why the Nicene Creed clarifies the point: Jesus is ‘begotten not made.’ When Scripture uses ‘begotten’ in that sense, the expression includes ‘only’ (μονογενής, ‘the only begotten’); there is only one person who shares the divine nature of the Father, and that is Jesus Christ.”

~Allen Ross, *Psalms*, 1:208, fn 28.

Heb. 10:12, “But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,

Heb. 10:13, “from that time waiting until His enemies are made His footstool.”

Psa. 110:4,

**“The LORD has sworn and will not relent,
‘*You are a priest forever according to the
order of Melchizedek.*’ ”**

**God Promises a future Royal High Priest,
Psa. 110:4a**

**The future everlasting Royal High Priest,
Psa. 110:4b**

**The Future Messiah King will then defeat
the enemies of *Yhwh*. cf., Psalm 2; Daniel 7**

During the intervening period:

1. We are seated with Him.

We, too, are awaiting the giving of the Kingdom. We are not in the Kingdom or to bring in the Kingdom. Amillennialism and post-millennialism are rejected.

2. Like Him, our role is related to our royal priesthood IN HIM. We are to carry out our priestly role: the great commission, evangelism, teaching, prayer, “one another” ministry to the Church.

Psa. 68:16, “Why do you look with envy, O mountains with many peaks,

At the mountain which God has desired for His abode?

Surely the LORD will dwell there forever.

Psa. 68:17, “The chariots of God are myriads, thousands upon thousands;

The Lord is among them as at Sinai, in holiness.

**Psa. 68:18, “You have ascended on high,
You have led captive Your captives;**

You have received gifts among men,

Even among the rebellious also, that the LORD God may dwell there.”

Eph. 4:7, “But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

Eph. 4:8, “Therefore He says: ‘When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.’ ”

Dan. 7:9, “I kept looking until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, its wheels were a burning fire.

Dan. 7:10, “A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before Him; Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; The court sat, and the books were opened.”

Dan. 7:13, “I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.

Dan. 7:14, “And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.”

Psalm 2