

ONE KINGDOM

The Gathering of All Things and the End of All Things

The Scriptures speak plainly. God has appointed a moment when all things in heaven and all things on earth will be gathered together in Christ. This is not a partial gathering, nor a temporary arrangement, nor a stage before another age. It is the fullness of the times.

Paul wrote that God will "*gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth.*" This is final. Nothing remains outside His hand. Nothing continues in a separate order.

Peter confirms the same truth. The heavens will pass away. The elements will melt. The earth and its works will be burned up. Nothing of the old creation survives. Nothing is preserved for another age.

God brings all things to their end, and He does so in righteousness. The prophets saw this day from afar, and the apostles declared it openly. The gathering is complete, and the destruction is total.

Because of this, there can be no future kingdom. There can be no future age where sin remains present, where rebellion is possible, and where evil rises again after Christ has already gathered all things into Himself. Cannot happen, will not happen.

Such a kingdom would require sin to endure beyond the destruction Peter describes. It would require nations to remain after God has dissolved the heavens and the earth. It would require rebellion to appear under the direct rule of Christ, as though His reign could be breached.

Scripture does not allow this. God's perfection does not allow this. The gathering is full. The end is complete. The new creation follows, not another temporary age.

The hope of the saint's rests in the final work of God, not a provisional kingdom. Christ does not reign over a world where sin still waits to rise. He reigns over the new heavens will be where only righteousness dwells. This is the promise.

I seldom speak of the "new earth." I say it only in passing. I explain that what lies ahead is beyond human comprehension, and I refuse to pretend to understand what cannot be understood.

The new earth will not resemble this earth in any way, so I have chosen instead to speak of the "new heavens," the realm where God's presence defines reality itself. The first earth is too corrupted to compare, and the next one will be too glorious to describe.

The Apostles Never Taught a Future Earthly Kingdom

The apostles spoke with one voice. They declared one hope, one gathering, one end, and one kingdom and it was present. None of them taught a future age where Christ reigns over a world that still holds sin, rebellion, and death.

Their message was consistent: the present age ends, the creation is dissolved, and the new heavens appear. There is no interval between the destruction of the old and the arrival of the new. The kingdom is singular.

Paul wrote that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Mortality does not enter it. Corruption does not enter it. The kingdom belongs to the resurrected, not the living people of a surviving earth.

If the kingdom requires mortals to remain, then Paul's words cannot stand. But he spoke plainly. The perishable does not inherit the imperishable. The kingdom is not a mixture of the redeemed and the unredeemed. It is the inheritance of those who have been raised in glory.

The writer of Hebrews (Paul) said that God will shake both heaven and earth, removing what can be shaken so that what cannot be shaken may remain. This is not a partial shaking. It is not a cleansing for another age. It is the removal of the entire rebellious order.

God removes everything temporary because the temporary realm is the rebellious order. The permanent realm is already eternal and cannot be shaken. At the end of time, God clears away what will not last, and what remains are the saints, the holy angels, and the heavenly order.

Peter declared that the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire. He did not say they are reserved for renewal before

another age. He said they are reserved for destruction. The elements melt. The works are burned up. The heavens pass away. After this, he spoke of the new heavens and the new earth where righteousness dwells. He did not place a thousand-year kingdom between these two realities. He placed judgment, destruction, and then the new creation.

John saw the same order. The resurrection, the judgment, the end of death, and the arrival of the new creation. He did not describe a world where Christ reigns over mortals who still carry sin.

He described the final defeat of death and the removal of all that defiles. The kingdom he saw was the eternal kingdom, not a temporary one. The nations that enter it are healed, not rebellious. The gates are never shut because there is no threat left to rise.

The apostles did not teach a kingdom that fails. They did not teach a reign where sin returns. They did not teach an age where rebellion rises under the authority of Christ. They taught one kingdom, revealed at the end, established in the new creation, filled with righteousness, and secured forever. This is the hope they preached. This is the kingdom they proclaimed. This is the inheritance of the saints.

Verse-by-Verse Support for the One and Only Kingdom

The Scriptures do not leave the matter open. They speak plainly about the end of the age, the gathering of the saints, the destruction of the old creation, and the arrival of the eternal kingdom. When read together, they form a single line that cannot be bent into a future earthly kingdom. The verses stand as witnesses, each confirming the others, and each pointing to one kingdom revealed at the end.

Ephesians 1:8-10

Paul wrote that God will gather all things in Christ, both in heaven and on earth. This is not a partial gathering. It is not a gathering of some while others remain. It is the fullness of the times. When God gathers all things, nothing is left outside. No nations remain. No sinners remain. No earthly order continues. The gathering is complete, and the age ends.

1 Corinthians 15:50-54

Paul said that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Mortality does not enter it. Corruption does not enter it. If a future kingdom requires mortals to remain, then Paul's words cannot stand. But he spoke plainly. The perishable does not inherit the imperishable.

Hebrews 12:26-29

The writer of Hebrews (Paul) said that God will shake both heaven and earth, removing what can be shaken so that what cannot be shaken may remain. This is not a cleansing for another age. It is the removal of the entire rebellious order.

What remains are the redeemed saints, now within the perfect kingdom of God. The apostles taught that when the temporary is taken away, the kingdom is simply revealed. There is no second age and no interval. There is time no longer, and the kingdom thrives in eternity.

2 Peter 3:10-13

Peter declared that the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire. The elements melt. The works are burned up. The heavens pass away. After this, he spoke of the new heavens and the new earth where righteousness dwells.

He did not place a thousand-year kingdom between these two realities. He placed judgment, destruction, and then the new creation. Nothing survives the fire. Nothing remains for another age; it begins the everlasting eternity with Jesus Christ.

Revelation 20-21

John saw the resurrection, the judgment, the end of death, and the arrival of the new creation. He did not describe a world where Christ reigns over mortals who still carry sin. He described the final defeat of death and the removal of all that defiles.

The kingdom he saw was the eternal kingdom, not a temporary one. The nations that enter it are healed, not rebellious. The gates are never shut because there is no threat left to rise.

Isaiah 65-66

Isaiah spoke of the new heavens and the new earth. He did not describe a temporary kingdom. He described the final state. The

former things are not remembered. The old order is gone. The new creation is the dwelling place of righteousness. Isaiah's vision aligns with Peter, Paul, and John. They all speak of one kingdom revealed at the end.

Jesus' Words

Jesus said His kingdom is not of this world. He said the world will continue on its course until the last day. He said the angels will gather the elect at the end of the age.

He did not describe a kingdom where sin remains. He did not describe an age where rebellion rises again. He described the final separation, the final judgment, and His eternity with us.

The verses form a single testimony. The kingdom is one. It begins at when Jesus rose from the grave. It is eternal. It is righteous. It is not of this world. It does not share space with sin. It does not coexist with rebellion. It does not follow another age. It is the final work of God.

The Millennial Kingdom Already Fulfilled in the Christian Era

Many speak of a future millennial kingdom, but Scripture places its features in the Christian era. It began when Jesus rose from the grave. Satan was restrained when the gospel went out, and he is now loose for a short season. The Spirit was given and will continue His work until the last day, when Jesus removes all sin, all rebellion, and every evil thing from the presence of God. These realities belong to the present age, not a future one. The Christian era ends when Christ appears, but the kingdom does not end; it continues in perfect eternity.

The Gospel to the Nations - Matthew 24:14

Jesus said the gospel would be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations before the end comes. This is not a future kingdom. This is the Christian era. The Word has gone out for two thousand years. It continues to go out. It will not stop until the last day. The nations hearing the gospel is not a sign of a coming kingdom. It is the work of the present age.

Satan Restrained - Revelation 20:1-3

John saw the adversary restrained so he could not deceive the nations in the same way he once did. This restraint is not a future event. It began when Christ rose from the dead. The

gospel broke the darkness that once held the nations. Idols fell. Temples emptied. The Word spread where it had never been heard. The restraint is no longer present today. The nations are again under deception as they once were. The short season fulfills this description.

Christ Reigning from Above - Acts 2:33-36

Peter declared that Christ is already seated at the right hand of God, ruling until His enemies are made His footstool. This is not a future throne. This is the present reality. Christ reigns now. His authority is complete. His kingdom is active. The apostles did not point to another age where He would begin to reign. They said He reigns already, and His reign continues until the end.

The First Resurrection - John 5:24

Jesus said that those who hear His word and believe have passed from death to life. This is the first resurrection. It is spiritual. It is present. It is the mark of the Christian era. The saints live in it now. They have already crossed from death into life. The Scriptures do not place this resurrection in a future kingdom. They place it in the hearts of believers today.

The Saints Reigning with Christ - Ephesians 2:6

All believers are raised and seated with Christ now, that is their position. But only those who suffer for Christ receive the reward of reigning with Him. Martyrs reign because they paid the price. Believers who die naturally "sleep" in Christ, they are saved, but they do not receive the martyr's reward.

The Nations Responding - Revelation 7:9

John saw a multitude from every nation standing before the Lamb. This is not a future gathering. It is the fruit of the gospel's work across the earth. The nations have been coming to Christ for centuries. They continue to come. This is the Christian era fulfilling what many claim belongs to a future kingdom.

The Spread of Righteousness - Romans 1:16-17

Paul said the gospel reveals the righteousness of God from faith to faith. This is not a future age of righteousness. It is the present work of the Spirit in the lives of believers. The righteousness that spreads across the earth is the righteousness

of Christ revealed through His people. It has been spreading since the day the Spirit was poured out.

The Peace of Christ - John 14:27

Jesus said He gives a peace the world cannot give. This peace is not the peace of nations. It is the peace of the heart. It belongs to the Christian era. It belongs to the saints who walk through a world filled with conflict yet carry the peace of Christ within them. This peace is not a future promise. It is the present inheritance of those who belong to Him.

The descriptions used to support a future millennial kingdom are already fulfilled in the Christian era. They began when Christ rose. They continued when the Spirit was given. They have unfolded across the centuries. They will continue until the last day. The Scriptures do not place these works in a future age. They place them in the present age, where Christ reigns from above and His people walk faithfully below.

Closing Reflection

I have lived long enough to see how men build entire futures out of passages that were meant to steady them in the present. They look for another age, another kingdom, another chance for the world to become something it has never been.

But the Scriptures do not speak that way. They speak of one kingdom revealed at the end, one gathering of all things, one destruction of the old creation, and one new heavens and new earth where righteousness dwells. Nothing in the Word points to a second age where sin survives under the reign of Christ.

Nothing suggests a world that continues after God has brought all things to their end.

The Christian era has carried every description men have assigned to a future kingdom. The truth: Christ reigns now. The gospel has and is going out. The nations are confronted now. Satan was restrained when the gospel went out and is now loose for the short season. The Spirit continues until the last day.

Everything men push into a future age is already present in this one.

Righteousness appears wherever His people stand. These things have been unfolding since the day the Spirit was given, and they

will continue until the last day. The Scriptures place them in this age, not another.

The kingdom that remains is the kingdom that cannot be shaken. It is not of this world. It does not share space with sin. It does not wait for another era. It arrives when the old creation is gone and the new creation stands in its place. This is the hope of the saints. This is the promise of God. This is the kingdom Christ spoke of when He said it was not of this world.

Scripture teaches one kingdom, revealed at the end, eternal in nature, and never shared with sin. The Christian era carries every description men have assigned to a future kingdom. Christ reigns now. The gospel goes out now. The nations are confronted now. Satan was restrained when the gospel went out and is now loose for the short season.

The Spirit continues until the last day. Everything men push into a future age is already present in this one. When the end arrives, the old creation is destroyed, the gathering is complete, and the new heavens appear. Nothing of the former order survives. The kingdom that remains is the kingdom that cannot be shaken.

I have watched the world run its course, and I have seen how easily men are pulled into its conflicts and expectations. But the kingdom of God does not rise from the world's dust. It comes from above. It appears at the end. It gathers all who belong to Him, and nothing of the old order survives. The few understand this. They walk quietly. They endure. They wait for the day when the King reveals the kingdom that has always been.