

Session 12 Jesus' Primary Governmental Strategy in the Millennium

I. JESUS' EARTHLY RULE AS A HUMAN JEWISH KING REQUIRING ACTIVE OBEDIENCE

- A. The Church needs a deeper revelation of Jesus as the human King of kings on the earth. Jesus will reign over all the governments of this earth for 1,000 years (Rev. 20:1-6). The kings will live in active obedience to His leadership. Unlike now, if they do not obey, they will be removed from their position.

The LORD shall be King over all the earth. (Zech. 14:9)

A name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (Rev. 19:16)

- B. John saw Jesus as the ruler over two sets of kings, the Millennial earthly kings who have natural non-resurrected bodies and the resurrected saints who were made kings that operate by virtue of their priesthood. Each will have specific spheres of dominion. Both sets of kings will work closely together as they operate in a priestly function with the spirit of prayer as the foundational way in which they administrate their governmental responsibilities. All kings shall fall down in worship before Jesus as their nations shall serve or minister to Him (Ps. 72:11; 102:15; 138:4; 148:11; Isa. 60:10-11, 62:2; Rev. 12:5; 15:4; 21:24).

Jesus Christ...the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who...6 made us kings and priests to His God and Father. (Rev. 1:5-6)

II. JESUS' MILLENNIAL REIGN: COMPLETING THE CULTURAL MANDATE

God said, "Let Us make man in Our image...let them have dominion over the fish... over the birds...over the cattle, over all the earth..." 28 God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion...over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Gen. 1:26-28)

- A. ***The Cultural Mandate*** – given to Adam in Gen. 1:26-28 was hindered by the curse of sin. However, God was determined to reverse the lost authority and dominion that was forfeited to Satan by Adam (Gen. 3:1-19; Lk. 4:5-6). Jesus, as the last Adam, won the rights to the dominion of the earth and will fulfill the Cultural Mandate, after His return, as He disciples the nations by bringing every area of life under active obedience to His Father. The nations that do not obey will be destroyed.

For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish, and those nations shall be utterly ruined. (Isa. 60:12)

- B. The Cultural Mandate speaks of establishing the Kingdom of God worldwide in a way that affects every sphere of life (political, social, agricultural, economic, spiritual, educational, law enforcement, family, media, arts, technology, athletics, environment, social institutions, etc.). Isaiah and Micah gave us more revelation on the Cultural Mandate, declaring that would it be led by the Lord Jesus from Jerusalem (Isa. 2:2-4; Mic. 4:2-5). See session 11 for more info.

III. JESUS’ MILLENNIAL REIGN: COMPLETING THE GREAT COMMISSION

All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nation... (Mt. 28:18-19)

- A. The Great Commission is the Father’s commission to Jesus to exert leadership as an anointed man, over every area of life across the earth in fulfilling the Cultural Mandate that was originally given to Adam (Gen. 1:28). The inheritance Jesus receives requires that He disciple the nations to make them worthy of His glorious presence on earth lest they be destroyed (Isa. 60:12). The Great Commission is much more extensive than giving a witness of the gospel of the kingdom in every nation (i.e., large evangelistic campaigns with follow up training) which must be accomplished before Jesus returns (Mt. 24:14).
- B. ***Jesus’ manifest dominion over the earth occurs in three stages.*** Stage one, is His partial rule now (which is mostly in the hearts of His people). This stage started at the cross and continues until the 2nd Coming. Stage two, is a substantial manifestation of His political rule over all the nations, and will occur in the Millennial Kingdom. Stage three is Jesus’ ultimate rule over the New Earth, which begins after the Millennial Kingdom. Jesus’ disciples will be dynamically involved in partnering with Jesus in all three stages of the Great Commission, its partial, substantial and ultimate expressions.
- C. All nations must maintain active obedience to Jesus to make them worthy of His glorious presence on earth lest they be destroyed (Isa. 60:12). The nations must go to Jerusalem annually to worship Jesus and whatever Gentile families and/or nations across earth that do not come up to Jerusalem will be struck with a plague (Zech. 14:16-18)

***For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you (Israel) shall perish, and those nations shall be utterly ruined.* (Isa. 60:12)**

***And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. 17 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain. 18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.* (Zech. 14:16-18)**

- D. ***King on a Throne and High Priest in the Temple*** - Jesus will be the King of kings ruling on His Throne of Glory and the Holy Priest running the Millennial Temple. Both will involve vast worldwide infrastructures with many different activities. Jesus’ leadership will involve the office of King with political and governmental responsibilities as well as being Priest with worship and intercession responsibilities that establish holiness in the earth. The “Oval Office” will be in the “Prayer Room”.

***He said to me, "Son of man, this (Holy of Holies in the Millennial Temple) is the place of My Throne...where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever.* (Ezek. 43:7)**

- E. ***The Church (Temple) and State (Throne) become one*** – Jesus' leadership will join together the offices of king and priest. He will bring peace or full integration of the two offices.

He (Jesus) shall build the Temple (worship/intercession) of the LORD 13... and shall sit and rule on His Throne (political/governmental); so He shall be a priest on His Throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. (Zech. 6:12-13)

IV. JESUS' RULE WILL PROGRESSIVELY INCREASE (EXPAND) OVER THE 1,000 YEARS

Of the increase (expansion) of His (Jesus') government and peace there will be no end, upon the Throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. (Isa. 9:7)

- A. Jesus' rule gradually increases until all nations are disciplined by His teachings and values including a release of the Holy Spirit's power and revelation. Resurrected saints will have a dynamic role with positions of government as will Millennial kings and angels. The increase will include building more and better infrastructure for every area of life.
- B. We can easily miss seeing the process involved as Jesus takes dominion over the earth. As Gentile believers, we do not naturally think of His humanity as a King in context to the natural conditions of the earth, rather we think of His rule in terms of His deity in the supernatural conditions of heaven.
- C. There will be a combination of supernatural power along with natural processes as God's dominion (authority) progressively affects every sphere of life (political, social, agricultural, economic, spiritual, educational, law enforcement, family, media, arts, technology, athletics, environment, social institutions, etc.). This increase will grow in capacity, quality and size, with diverse expressions including skill development and understanding.

V. DAVID'S REVELATION OF THE MESSIANIC KING RULING BY INTERCESSION – PS. 2

- A. Psalm 2 is the high water mark of David's eschatology. In this Psalm, he makes his clearest and most significant overview of the End-Times. For the premier End-Time chapters of other writers in Scripture see 2 Thess. 2 for Paul; 2 Pet. 3 for Peter; Rev. 12-14 or Rev. 19-21 for John; Dan 7 for Daniel and Deut. 30 for Moses.
- B. The nations defy God through history culminating at Armageddon (Ps. 2:1-3). Here, David prophesies the Armageddon Campaign with international hostility to God's people. This Psalm had a partial application in David's day and again in the early Church (Acts 4). The fullness of this prophecy involves the gathering of the most formidable resistance in world history to God's people. This coalition of unrighteous Gentile nations will be against the Father's choice of setting Jesus as a Jewish man, as King over all the Gentile nations of the earth (v. 6).

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us." (Ps. 2:1-3)

- C. God mocks the nations who dare to oppose Him and Jesus (Ps. 2:4-6). The Father commits Himself to intervene as He mocks (Isa. 40:17) this unprecedented worldwide build up of resources and military power and intelligence. The Father is determined to establish Jesus, as a Jewish King over all the Gentile nations (v. 6)

He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall hold them in derision. 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: 6 "Yet I have set My King (Jesus) on My holy hill of Zion (Jerusalem after the Second Coming)." (Ps. 2:4-6)

- D. David has a revelation of the Messianic King using intercession in taking possession of each area of each nation (including political, economic, spiritual, educational, military, agricultural, family, media, arts, technology, environment, social institutions, etc. (Ps. 2:7-9).

"I will declare the decree: The LORD (Father) has said to Me (Jesus), 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" (Ps. 2:7-9)

1. David's revelation of the Messianic King using intercession. In Psalm 2:7, David makes one of the most important statements about Jesus' method for world government. Jesus will rule by making decrees that the Father gave Him and by interceding in the will of the Father.
2. I will declare the decree – the implications are vast. This is Jesus' method of governing now and forever.
3. Through intercession, Jesus will break and dash every institution on the planet that does not righteously line up with His Father's agenda.

- E. ***Jesus mentioned 5 categories of truth that He declares both to God and to man.*** First, He is God's Son (spiritual identity). Second, that He is begotten (divine and human). Third, that He uses intercession as His primary means of government. Fourth, that the nations are His inheritance that must be possessed and fifth, that He will break and dash all resistance. These five decrees are made by Jesus and His governmental administration now and in eternity and can be made by singing and/or speaking.

VI. THE TRINITARIAN DYNAMIC OF INTERCESSION IN CREATION

- A. The intercessory dynamic within the Trinity in creation (Gen. 1).

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void...and the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. (Gen 1:1-3)

1. The Father thoughts (plans) and power

2. The Son articulation of the Father’s thoughts (plan).
 3. The Holy Spirit’s release of power in response to the Son speaking the Father’s word.
- B. The principle of intimate partnership within the Trinity is seen when Jesus spoke to release the Father’s into the earthly realm in union with the Holy Spirit (Gen 1:3, 9, 11, 15, 24, 30).

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. (Gen 1:1-3)

God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together...and it was so. (Gen. 1:9)

God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass...and it was so. (Gen. 1:11)

God said, "Let there be lights in the...heavens to divide the day from night; and let them be for signs and seasons...15 and let them be for lights...on the earth"; and it was so. (Gen. 1:14-15)

God said, "Let the earth bring forth...the beast of the earth...and it was so. (Gen. 1:24)

VII. JESUS AS GOD’S INTERCESSORY ORACLE: CREATING, SUSTAINING AND RULING

- A. Jesus is identified as the creator who spoke and said, “let there be light” in Gen. 1.
For by Him (Jesus) all things were created...in heaven and that are on earth. (Col. 1:16)
God has...spoken to us by His Son...through whom also He made the worlds. (Heb. 1:2)
- B. The Father has deep thoughts (plans) burning in His heart. Jesus gives voice to those thoughts. When He articulates them, He functions as the Living Word of the Father.
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word (Jesus as the intercessory oracle), was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him (Jesus as the intercessory oracle), and without Him nothing was made that was made. (Jn. 1:1-3)
- C. The Father has many thoughts that have never been spoken. He has chosen Jesus to speak His thoughts and thus to bring them into existence under His authority. When Jesus declared the Father’s thoughts in Gen. 1, it resulted in creating the heaven and the earth. Jesus is the “spoken Word” that brings God’s private thoughts into existence in the natural world. Because of this, John called Jesus the Word that was with God the Father.
- D. When Jesus declared the Father’s thoughts, God’s creative power was released. In this way, Jesus created by declaring “intercessory decrees” that He received from the Father. By declaring the Father’s decrees, He both creates, and then sustains (governing) everything under the Father.

- E. Thus, Jesus function as a “**powerful intercessory oracle**” in perfect unity with the Father’s heart. In other words, Jesus releases the Father’s power in the earthly realm in context to the spirit of prayer that flows through Him.
- F. Jesus expressed Himself as an “intercessory oracle” as creator (Gen 1:3, 9, 11, 15, 24, 30).
- G. Jesus manifests His power in the earthly realm (in time and eternity) in living before the Father with intercessory authority as the “The Word or The Logos.”
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. (Psalm 33:6)
- H. Jesus sustains, upholds or holds together the created order by speaking the word to the Father (intercession).
Who being the brightness of His glory...and upholding all things by the word of His power (Heb. 1:3)
He (Jesus) is before all things, and in Him all things consist (hold together: NIV, NAS, RSV). (Col. 1:17)
The 24 elders...worship Him...saying: 11 "You are worthy, O Lord (Father), to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created." (Rev. 4:10-11)
- I. Based on Jesus’ passion for partnership with His people, I think that Jesus may have an “intercessory worship network” (heaven and earth and through all eternity) consisting of saints and angels that partner with Him in governing (sustains/upholding) all that He created by the word of His power.

VIII. DECLARING GOD’S DECREES (INTERCESSORY WORSHIP)

- A. Jesus’ rules the universe by an “intercession based government.” The simple statement, “I declare the decree of the Lord” is the tool that God uses to transform the human race and to unify it to Him and to one another. This declaration can be both singing and speaking.
- B. Jesus declares the decree in 2 directions as His method of extending His rule under His Father’s authority.
1. First, He declares it to God – this is called intercession.
 2. Second, He declares it to people – this is called preaching.
 3. Jesus’ decrees were directed vertically to God and then horizontally to men.

4. The revivalist of old would commonly say, “We must first talk to God about men before we talk to men about God.”

IX. THE MYSTERY AND MAJESTY OF INTERCESSION

- A. The mystery and majesty of intercession is revealed by the fact that Jesus uses it to govern under the Father’s authority.
- B. This is the primary principle in all His co-workers who rule in partnership with Him now and forever. In other words, the possession of the Millennial earth will come under Jesus’ possession, area by area, city by city only as Jesus and the company of His Millennial rulers ask the Father to release it. Jesus’ possession of the earth is progressive and is dynamically related to the prayer of the leadership (and all others as well) during the Millennial Kingdom.

- C. Dan. 4:13, 17, 23-24 the angels are watchers that fulfill God’s decrees.

"I saw in the visions of my head while on my bed, and there was a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven. (Dan. 4:13)

This decision is by the decree of the watchers, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones, that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men...(Dan. 4:17)

Inasmuch as the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, 'Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave its stump and roots in the earth...let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him graze with the beasts of the field, till 7 times pass over him'; 24 this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High... (Dan. 4:23-24)

X. WHY INTERCESSION AS THE MEANS OF PARTICIPATING IN GOVERNMENT

- A. *Intercession causes us to internalize God’s Word* and ideas by saying them back to Him many times throughout our life in time an eternity. This is why spontaneous singing is so effective. Each time we say what God thinks and says, *it marks our mind and spirit and changes us*.
- B. *Why? Because the Father’s words are spirit and life (Jn. 6:63)*. They are the vehicle that carries and imparts the life of God. When those words are in our being and we speak them with our mouths, the life of God touches us as well as the environment and the spiritual realm of which we speak it into.

- C. Intercession is a brilliant strategy for government because it draws us into intimacy and then humbles, transforms and unifies the people who will bear God’s governmental authority.
- D. It is an amazing strategy of God because in this, God’s mind and heart progressively dominates and saturates the human mind and the human heart. By simply declaring what is God’s heart it progressively dominates our hearts so God conquers us while using us to govern His universe through this method.
- E. “I will declare the decree” as our most significant expression of government leads us to a progressive, perpetual, protective renewing of our mind while in the act of governing the universe and partnering with God. It results in **Jn. 17:23** that we are perfected in unity together and with God, simply by our inner man being renewed or changed line by line like the rewriting of code, thousands and thousands of times in this age and then countless millions in the age to come. It is the same process that God uses.
- F. The simplicity of this methodology of God, this sovereignly chosen method is easily missed. Within God’s order through this simple edict of declaring the decree of the Lord, God’s government merges together with unity and intimacy with His heart and with one another. Government, intimacy and community are the net result of God ruling everything through each individual simply declaring God’s mind back to God and then to His people as it transforms the vessel who is declaring it unifying them to God and to the other people.
- G. Jesus said that the Father’s word was abiding in Him and that the Father’s word should abide in us which is, in essence, the fuel for intercession. It is the speaking of the Word that abides in our heart. (Jn. 5:39; 8:31-32; 15:7) Jesus spoke about the need of the Word abiding in us. The Father’s Word abides in us as it was abiding in Jesus.
- H. Jesus said, “The truth will set you free” (Jn. 8:32). The truth renews or releases the life of God wherever it is spoken whether inside of us or external. Our spirit comes into contact with the words of spirit and life when we speak them in intercession.

XI. THE INTERCESSORY ROD OF JESUS’ MOUTH

- A. Jesus will rule through speaking to the Father in intercession (called the rod of His mouth). This rod of His mouth is what He strikes the earth with. It is the same rod that He used in Gen. 1 when He said, “Let it be” as He created the earth. It is a direct parallel to the rod of Moses that struck the earth in judgment. The rod of His mouth (Rev. 19:15; 12:5; Ps. 2:7, 9; 110:2; Isa. 11:4; Eph. 6:17-18; Rev. 2:27 with saints).

He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. (Isa. 11:4)

The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule (bring dominion and government to the Millennial earth) in the midst of Your enemies! (Ps. 110:2)

She (Israel) bore a male Child (Jesus) who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. (Rev. 12:5)

LORD has said to Me (Jesus), “You are My Son...8 Ask of Me...9 You shall break them with a rod of iron (Ps. 2:7-9)

He (the overcoming believer) shall rule them with a rod of iron... (Rev. 2:27)

- B. The sword from His mouth is another term for releasing God’s power through His words.

Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. (Rev. 19:15)

The sword of the Spirit which is the word of God (Eph. 6:17)

- C. Note that Jesus strikes the earth with the rod of His mouth and the sharp sword of His mouth which refer to the Father’s power being released through Jesus’ words.

Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. (Rev. 19:15)

He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth (Isa. 11:4)

- D. Jesus blowing on His enemies to slay them. The breath of Jesus’ mouth is another way of expressing how Jesus’ releases God’s power through His words. The Holy Spirit is hovering over the earth waiting the to release God’s power when Jesus speaks the Father’s word. Jesus will blow on His enemies as He blew on the apostles after the resurrection to release the Spirit.

By...the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. (Isa. 11:4)

The lawless one (Antichrist) will be revealed whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth. (2 Thes. 2:8)

He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” (Jn. 20:22)

God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. (Gen. 2:7)

XII. JESUS’ LEADERSHIP THROUGH ETERNITY OPERATES BY INTERCESSION

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. (Heb. 7:25)

Christ...at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us. (Rom. 8:34)

For Christ...entered...into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us (Heb. 9:24)

XIII. THE GOVERNMENT IN HEAVEN OPERATES BY INTERCESSION FOREVER

- A. The Holy Spirit is the great intercessor on the earth and in heaven.

*The Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the **SPIRIT HIMSELF MAKES INTERCESSION FOR US** with groanings which cannot be uttered. (Romans 8:26)*

*The **Spirit** and the Bride **say, "Come!"** (Rev. 22:17)*

*I will **pour on...**the inhabitants of Jerusalem the **Spirit of grace and supplication...**(Zech. 12:10)*

*I will **pour out My Spirit** on all flesh...**32** it shall come to pass that whoever **calls** on the name of the LORD shall be saved...(Joel 2:28, 32)*

- B. The highest ranking vessels in heavenly government (4 creatures and 24 elders) live before the Father in intercessory worship.

*The 4 living creatures...do **not rest day or night**, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" (Rev. 4:8) house of prayer: the governmental center of the Millennial earth*

XIV. JESUS RULES BY THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER IN THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM.

- A. ***King on a Throne and High Priest in the Temple*** - Jesus will be the King of kings ruling on His Throne of Glory and the Holy Priest running the Millennial Temple. Both will involve vast worldwide infrastructures with many different activities. Jesus' leadership will involve the office of King with political and governmental responsibilities as well as being Priest with worship and intercession responsibilities that establish holiness in the earth. The "Oval Office" will be in the "Prayer Room".

*He said to me, "Son of man, this (Holy of Holies in the Millennial Temple) is the place of My Throne...**where** I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel **forever**." (Ezek. 43:7)*

*Jesus went into the Temple of God...and overturned the tables of the money changers...**13** He said to them, "It is written, 'My House (Jerusalem Temple) shall be called a House of Prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'" **14** Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. (Mt. 21:12-14)*

- B. Jesus' main sphere of leadership will be in governing from the Temple of glory. Jesus' Temple on the holy Mountain is called the House of Prayer. The Millennial Temple was revealed to Zechariah, Isaiah and Ezekiel as functioning as a House of Prayer. Jesus called the temple, (which has continuity with the Millennial Temple), the House of Prayer.

*Even them (Gentiles) I will bring to My holy Mountain (Millennial Temple), and make **them joyful** in My House of Prayer....for My House shall be **called** a House of Prayer for **all nations**." (Isa. 56:7)*

- C. Jesus was consumed with zeal for the temple. He knew the temple would be torn down (Mt. 24:2). His zeal was for the Millennial temple.
His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." (Jn. 2:17)
- D. Jesus identified the Temple as God’s House the prophesied that the Temple would be called (by God, man and angels) the House of Prayer for all nations. The Throne of Jesus is in the Temple which is focused on prayer of all nations as the primary way in which Jesus governs all nations.
- E. ***The Church (Temple) and State (Throne) become one*** – Jesus’ leadership will join together the offices of king and priest. He will bring peace or full integration of the two offices.
He (Jesus) shall build the Temple (worship/intercession) of the LORD 13... and shall sit and rule on His Throne (political/governmental); so He shall be a priest on His Throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. (Zech. 6:12-13)
- F. Jesus’ primary mode of government will be intercession that He leads from the Millennial Temple. His Throne is in His Temple.
He (Jesus) shall build the Temple of the LORD...and shall sit and rule on His Throne; so He shall be a priest on His Throne..." (Zech. 6:13)
Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the LORD, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. (Jer. 3:17)
- G. Jesus is a King (ruler of the earth on a Throne) and Priest (worship/intercession in the Temple) after the order of Melchizedek.
The LORD (Father) has sworn..., "You (Jesus) are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek (King)." 5...He shall execute kings (a political function) in the day of His wrath. 6 He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries. (Ps. 110:4-6)
1. The essence of the Melchizedek priesthood is government through the priesthood ministry of worship and intercession. In other words, it joins together the government of the King and the worship and intercession of the Priest.
 2. It releases government through the priestly function. This merges government with intimacy and community and is the premier activity of the saints in time and eternity.
- H. The capital of the Millennial earth is the house of prayer in the Jerusalem Temple. The governmental center of the Millennial earth is the Jerusalem Temple in a dynamic convergence with the New Jerusalem where Jesus’ Throne on earth and heaven are unified. As the Throne of the Father is surrounded by prayer and worship (Rev. 4-5), so will Jesus’ Throne of glory on earth be.

- I. Continual intercession to the Father will be made to bless Jesus as the human leader who is called to bring the earth under God’s dominion.
- He (Jesus) shall live; and the gold of Sheba will be given to Him; prayer also will be made for Him continually, and daily He shall be praised. (Ps. 72:15)***
1. Believers will pray to Him as well as pray for Him in His human responsibility.
 2. As Jesus interceded to the Father in the process of creation and during His ministry at His first coming and as the angels strengthened Jesus, so also, there will be a dimension in which Jesus as the Son of David is blessed as prayer to the Father is made continually for Him.
- J. Everything in Jesus’ Throne of Glory will enhance prayer and worship in all who enter it.
- And in His Temple everyone says, "Glory!" (Ps. 29:9)***

XV. JESUS' PRIMARY GOVERNMENTAL STRATEGY IN THE MILLENNIUM

- A. The prayer movement in that hour will consist of the intercession of Jesus and the Holy Spirit combined with the worship and prayers of saints on the Millennial earth with worship and prayer of saints and angels in the New Jerusalem.
- B. He will build a “network” of houses of prayer and will cultivate the spirit of prayer in His governmental leaders from all over the earth. Thus, all the governmental leaders of the earth will encounter the Father through prayer and worship regularly.
- C. Jesus will mobilize believers in the Millennium to prayer for Jesus’ government (capital in Jerusalem) to go forth until it possesses every sphere of life. This will be so dynamic that the Gentile nations will be filled with gratitude for this government, thus, Jerusalem will be praised across the whole earth.
- I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, 7 and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. (Isa. 62:6-7)***
- D. Jesus will mobilize Jewish believers in the Millennium to prayer for the restoration of Israel.
- Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock. (Ezekiel 36:37)***
- Ask the LORD for rain in the time of the latter rain. The LORD will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, grass in the field for everyone. (Zech. 10:1)***
- E. Isaiah prophesied of prayer that releases Jesus’ judgments and deliverances in Jerusalem related to His Second Coming.

Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; and therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him. 19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; You shall weep no more. He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you. 20 And though the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction...your eyes shall see your teachers. 21 Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left. 22 You will also defile the covering of your graven images of silver..." (Isa. 30:18-22)

- F. The Gentile nations will go up to the "Jerusalem IHOP" to learn about prayer so that they can go home and exercise governmental authority through what was imparted to them in Jerusalem.

Peoples (Gentiles) shall yet come, inhabitants of many cities; 21 The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, "Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, and seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also." 22 Yes, many peoples and strong (Gentile) nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.' 23 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'In those days ten men from every language of the (Gentile) nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you (in blessing)."' (Zech. 8:20-23)

1. The spirit of prayer and worship will be the chief issue of government on earth to release the Deut. 28 prosperity to their nations.
2. The measure of the quality of life in their nation will be released to their authority in intercession. The measure in which they disperse knowledge and wisdom will be given to the nations in context to this spiritual atmosphere.

- G. Jesus will mobilize Gentile believers in the Millennium to prayer from Jerusalem.

Also the sons of the foreigner (Gentiles) who join themselves to the LORD...7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My House of prayer...for My House shall be called a House of prayer for all nations." 8 The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, "Yet I will gather to him others besides (Gentiles) those who are gathered to him." (Isa. 56:6-8)

- H. Formerly hostile Gentile nations must come to Jerusalem to worship and prayer. Obedience to this will be mandatory affecting the rain fall (agriculture) in their nations. All hostile Gentile nations especially that disobey this will receive a plague sent from God.

It shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations (Gentiles) which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. 17 It shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain. 18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. (Zech. 14:16-18)

- I. The Millennial prayer movement will release Jesus’ judgments through the earth.

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, 7 to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; 8 to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 to execute on them the written judgment-- this honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD! (Ps. 149:6-9)

Behold, the name of the LORD comes from afar, burning with His anger...His lips are full of indignation, and His tongue like a devouring fire. 28 His breath is like an overflowing stream...to sift the nations...29 You shall have a song...and gladness of heart...to come into the Mountain of the LORD, to the Mighty One of Israel. 30 The LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard, and show the descent of His arm, with the indignation of His anger and the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, tempest, and hailstones. 31 For through the voice of the LORD Assyria will be beaten down, as He strikes with the rod. 32 And in every place where the staff of punishment passes, which the LORD lays on him, it will be with tambourines and harps; and in battles of brandishing He will fight with it. 33 ...the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone...(Isa. 30:27-33)

- J. Jesus taught that justice would be established through night and day prayer. Jesus was referring to the time until His return; however, He will also use this same method to establish justice across the Millennial earth.

Shall God not avenge (release justice) His own elect who cry out day and night to Him...(Lk. 18:7)

XVI. THE VALUE OF INTERCESSION TO DAVID

- A. David had a glimpse of the supremacy of intercession and worship when he vowed to make the Temple as God’s resting place forever (Ps. 132). David set worshipers and intercessors around the ark during his life time as Solomon did around the Jerusalem Temple (after David’s death). This is what the Father did around His Throne in heaven (Rev. 4-5).

LORD, remember David...2 How he swore to the LORD, and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: 3 "Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house...5 Until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob." 13 For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place: 14 "This (Jerusalem Temple) is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it. (Ps. 132:1-5, 13)

- B. This revelation greatly affected David’s method of government. He established 24/7 worship and intercession as the foundation of his earthly reign (1 Chr. 23-25).

1. David is the model of the anointed Church that operates in power through worship and intercession that comes from those who walk out lifestyles of radical love and obedience towards Jesus.
2. The foundation of David’s ministry was his revelation of the governmental impact of prophetic intercessory worship (Ps. 22:3).

XVII. APPLICATION TO US NOW

- A. Jesus crowned intercession as the chief ministry by revealing it as His foundational governmental tool in ruling by in the Millennial Kingdom. In **Ps. 2** The Father said, “Ask of Me”. In this Trinitarian dialogue between the Father and the Son, the Father beckoned the Son to take possession of the ends of the earth through asking for it in intercession. In this the Father established intercession as the primary governmental tool in universe.
1. Therefore, the house of prayer is the governmental center of the universe. When the Father told the Son, “Ask of Me” He was pointing out to the rest of the redemptive community that we should make cultivating the spirit of prayer the wisest pursuit of our lives both in time and eternity. In this one passage, the Father clearly establishes all ministry in time and eternity as subordinate or of secondary importance to intercession. In other words, the spirit of prayer is here identified as the most powerful weapon in existence.
 2. Jesus’ government as a perfect Man – he emphasized intercession in His Millennial model of leadership. This reveals the value of intercession in the Father’s kingdom economy. Jesus’ life crowned intercession as supreme over all ministry activities putting it in a class of its own in the Millennial model of government. Ps. 2 reveals Jesus’ ministry model for fulfilling the Great Commission now and after His return.
- B. We study Jesus’ prayer ministry during His first time on earth as well as after His Second Coming to see its value to Him and thus for us now. Intercession is supreme to all other ministry in Jesus’ leadership.
- C. The concluding principle is that we must give the best of our strength (time, energy, money) to intercessory worship in our pursuit to fulfill the Great Commission now and in the Millennium.
- D. We are now being trained to reign in the Millennium, especially as we develop meekness and the spirit of prayer.
- E. In whatever labor of ministry, we must do most in intercession. It is our first ministry in the Spirit because our primary enemies are spiritual and it takes a spiritual weapon to prevail. It takes spiritual people to operate in spiritual weapons.
- F. Jesus’ End-Time teachings all end with exhortation to prayer (Matt. 24-25; Mk. 13; Lk. 17; 21). I am struck by the simplicity of Jesus ending each of His teachings on the End-Times with a focus on prayer and almost no other statements of preparation. Jesus ends the Book of Revelation with this same simple focus. He shows the Church and Holy Spirit in cooperation crying come. The Bible also ends with this focus passage.

- G. Jesus crowned intercession as supreme over all ministry activities in emphasizing it in a class of its own in the Millennial model of ministry and governmental change
- H. Prayer is supreme over all as the apostles were to give themselves first to prayer and then to the Word of God (Acts 6:4). It is not an either, or but it is a both and, but within Divine order. We must remove everything that hinders the spirit of prayer. Time issues cause us to neglect it as well as character and pride issues that destroy the spirit of prayer. All that dismisses, weakens or marginalizes the spirit of prayer is the enemy’s work. The spirit of prayer is the most powerful weapon that Jesus uses and therefore the Church, but it is the most difficult to attain and sustain because it requires meekness and purity.
- I. The spirit of prayer is the rarest yet most effective means of changing the government, yet the most difficult weapon to attain and sustain.
- J. The spirit of prayer that we cultivate in this age has some determination on our position in the age to come because that is the central governmental means in God’s kingdom.
- K. Even the saints in heaven, use intercession to pursue the establishing of justice on earth.
They (martyrs) cried (interceded) with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge (bring justice) our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" (Rev. 6:10)
- L. Jesus operated by speaking God’s heart (intercession) in creating in Gen. 1, thus Adam was to follow the same pattern to bring Jesus’ dominion to the planet by naming or speaking (a form of intercession) over every living thing.
God said, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing..." (Gen. 1:28)
God formed every beast...and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. Whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. (Gen. 2:19-20)