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**Christ’s Return with The Kingdom in View
Excerpts from *Prophecy on Mt. Olivet* by Arlen Chitwood of** [**Lamp Broadcast**](http://lampbroadcast.org/)

Everything surrounding Christ’s return is seen having to do with *the kingdom that He had gone away to receive* ([Matthew 25:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+25.14&t=NKJV), [Luke 19:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+19.12&t=NKJV)). When Christ returns, between the time His feet touch the Mount of Olives and the time He and His co-heirs ascend the throne and reign ([Zechariah 14:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+14.4&t=NKJV), [9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+14.9&t=NKJV)), numerous things, of necessity, will have to occur.

At the time Christ returns, Satan will still be in power, with Antichrist seated on His throne; an unconverted Israel, which Satan will still be seeking to destroy, will still be scattered among the nations; and the Gentiles, saved mainly as a result of the ministry of the 144,000 Jewish evangels, who survived the Tribulation, will still be scattered throughout the nations of the earth as well.

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Then the incumbent powers must be removed from their positions, which is what is seen in [Revelation 19:17-20:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.17-20.3&t=NKJV) (allowing Christ and His co-heirs to take the scepter and reign). The beast and false prophet will be dealt with first ([Revelation 19:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.20&t=NKJV)), the armies of the beast (led by the kings of the earth [[Revelation 19:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.21&t=NKJV)]) will then be dealt with, and then Satan himself (which can only include his angels as well) will be dealt with ([Revelation 20:1-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+20.1-3&t=NKJV)).

Christ will then deal with the saved Gentiles, both those surviving the Tribulation in [Matthew 25:31-46](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+25.31-46&t=NKJV) and those having been slain during the Tribulation ([Revelation 7:9-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+7.9-17&t=NKJV); [20:4-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+20.4-6&t=NKJV)); and His dealings with these Gentiles, as His dealings with the Jews, will be *with a view to the kingdom*.

In short, everything surrounding Christ’s return will have one thing at the forefront: *the kingdom that He had gone away to receive.*

Gentile nations, comprised of unsaved Gentiles surviving the judgments of the Tribulation, will enter into the Millennium and populate the millennial earth. And not only will they enter into this time in natural bodies, capable of procreation, but atmospheric conditions will once again be of a nature that man can, as in the antediluvian world of Noah’s day, live for hundreds of years, even for the entire duration of the Millennium, in a natural body (*ref*. [Bible One - Arlen Chitwood's Prophecy on Mount Olivet, Ch. 9](http://bibleone.net/POMO_09.htm)). Thus, the population of the earth, over time, can only increase, evidently dramatically.

(The common thought and teaching that only saved Gentiles will enter into the Millennium is based on a misunderstanding of [Matthew 25:31-46](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+25.31-46&t=NKJV), attempting to make this section of Scripture teach a judgment of all the Gentiles at the time of Christ’s return, both the saved and the unsaved.

This though is *not* what [Matthew 25:31-46](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+25.31-46&t=NKJV) or any other section of Scripture teaches. The millennial earth, at the very beginning, will evidently be populated by unsaved Gentiles, forming nations, occupying different geographical locations throughout the earth. [See [Hurt By the Second Death and Sheep and Goats](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-three.php#Hurt%20By%20the%20Second%20Death%20and%20Sheep%20and%20Goats) in this site.])

Israel will be placed at the head of the nations here on earth, with the Jewish people realizing their calling. A converted Jewish nation will not only rule over the Gentile nations but will send the evangels out, worldwide, to reach the Gentiles with God’s message; and God will bless the nations through Israel ([Genesis 12:1-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+12.1-3&t=NKJV); [Isaiah 43:7-11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+43.7-11&t=NKJV); [Jonah 1:2ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jonah+1.2ff&t=NKJV)).

(As the 144,000 of [Revelation 7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+7&t=NKJV); [12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+12&t=NKJV); [14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+14&t=NKJV) began carrying God’s message to Gentiles worldwide during the last half of the Tribulation [forming a first-fruit of the nation], the entire nation will continue this task during the Millennium [forming the main harvest].)

Then, in the heavens, Christ and His co-heirs will rule the nations as well, which will evidently be through representatives here on earth. And this could possibly be accomplished through saved Gentiles, those seen on Christ’s right hand in [Matthew 25:34-40](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+25.34-40&t=NKJV), who realize an inheritance in the kingdom.

(The present kingdom under Satan is structured after the preceding fashion. Powerful angels in Satan’s kingdom rule from a heavenly sphere through men in corresponding positions of power here on earth [[Daniel 10:12-20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+10.12-20&t=NKJV)]. In this passage from Daniel, there is both a “*prince of the kingdom of Persia*” and “*kings of Persia*” [evidently lesser rulers under the prince] in the heavens, which would correspond to both the main ruler and lesser rulers under him who ruled over the Persian kingdom here on earth. [See [Organizational Set-up of Satan’s Rule over the Earth](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-one.php#Organizational%20Set-up%20of%20Satan%E2%80%99s%20Rule%20over%20the%20Earth) in this site.]

Governmental power and authority originates in the heavens — “*Heaven rules* [KJV: “*the heavens do rule*]” [[Daniel 4:26b](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+4.26b&t=NKJV)] — and progresses from rulers in the heavens through rulers on the earth. Governmental powers throughout the Gentile nations possess corresponding governmental powers in Satan’s kingdom in the heavens in this fashion. Powers in the heavens rule through these corresponding powers on the earth. Or, to turn that around, the powers on earth govern under these corresponding powers in the heavens.

This is the manner in which the government of the earth is presently structured, which is also the same manner in which the government of the earth — all of the Gentile nations — will be structured yet future, though under Christ and His co-heirs rather than Satan and his angels.

There is one exception to the preceding — the government of the nation of Israel, for Israel *is*” *not reckoning itself among the nations*” [[Numbers 23:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Numbers+23.9&t=NKJV)]. Israel, though possessing a government of the same type, with powers in the heavens ruling through powers on earth [it must, for “*the heavens do rule*”], rules separate from powers in Satan’s kingdom. Israel’s ruling angel in this respect is Michael, separate from Satan’s kingdom [[Daniel 10:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+10.21&t=NKJV)].

And, as previously noted, the coming kingdom of Christ can only be established after the same fashion, with Christ and His co-heirs ruling from heavenly places through corresponding powers among the nations here on earth. This though would be over the Gentile nations alone [note that overcoming Christians have been promised power over the nations, not over Israel ([Revelation 2:26-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+2.26-27&t=NKJV))].

The twelve apostles would seem to be the lone exception, having been promised power over the twelve tribes of Israel [[Matthew 19:27-29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+19.27-29&t=NKJV)]. And, since other rulers over Israel will be needed in the heavenly sphere of the kingdom, these positions may very well be filled by Old Testament saints who qualified to rule from the heavens prior to this part of the kingdom being taken from Israel [*cf*. [Matthew 8:11-12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+8.11-12&t=NKJV); [Luke 13:28-29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+13.28-29&t=NKJV); [Hebrews 11:8-16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+11.8-16&t=NKJV)].)

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[Bible One - Arlen Chitwood's Prophecy on Mount Olivet, Ch. 24](http://bibleone.net/POMO_24.htm)