

A Kingdom On Earth?

Many teach that Jesus will return to this earth to rule over an earthly kingdom. Is such true? The Bible provides the answer. Consider the words of Jesus Himself: “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here” (John 18:36). Some also teach that capital city of the earthly kingdom Christ will rule from will be Jerusalem, which some believe is the current “holy city.” Is this true? Consider next the words of Holy Spirit inspired writer in Hebrews: “For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come” (Hebrews 13:14). What is the “city to come” the Hebrew writer speaks of? John tells us with these words: “And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God” (Revelation 21:10). So, where is Christ ruling from now and where will He continue to rule from for all eternity? Paul answers with these words in Ephesians 1:20 - “Which He (God) worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His (God’s) right hand in the heavenly places (the new, holy Jerusalem).”

Jesus says, “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). Jesus says, “Repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins” (Acts 2:38). Jesus says, “Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins (Acts 22:16). May we at the Cleveland church of Christ assist you in living in heaven with the ruling Christ for all eternity. Join us for worship. Visitors are welcome.