

ISAIAH 60-62 (PART 2)



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Jesus has inaugurated this kingdom of holiness, righteousness, and justice through his spiritual offspring, the church. We continue the battle as His image bearers until He returns to finalize His victorious reign on this earth by judging the living and the dead.”

An Introduction To
“Theological Lenses”

What We View As The Eternal
Purpose Of God Drives How We
Live Our Lives Today

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended.

After that he must be released for a little while. Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands.

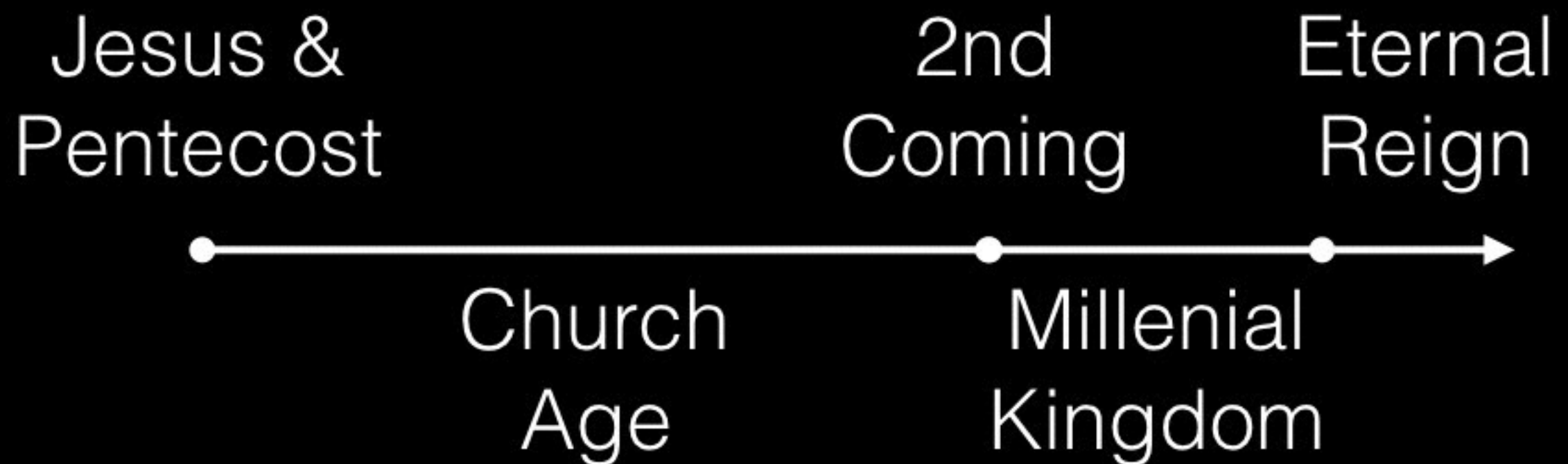
They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:1-6

Theological Lenses For The “Kingdom”

Deciphering Revelation 20:1-10

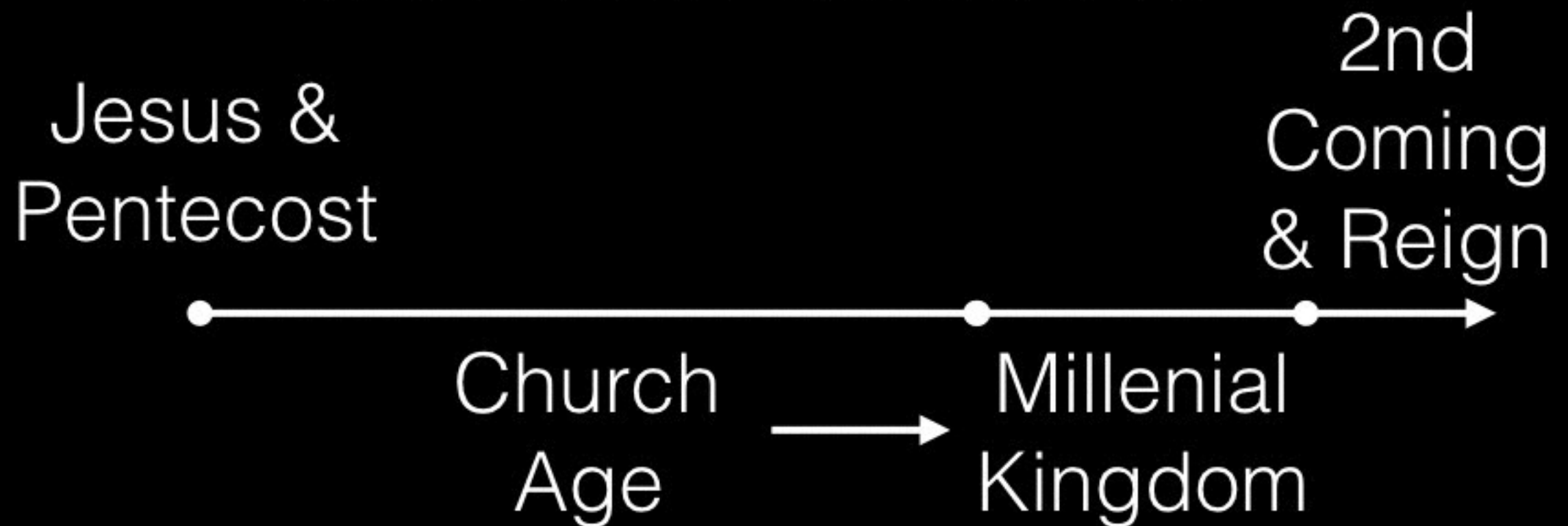
With A **Pre-Millennial** Lens



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With A **Post-Millennial** Lens



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With An **A-Millennial** Lens

Jesus &
Pentecost

2nd
Coming
& Reign



Church
Age

Theological Lenses For The “Kingdom”



Definition: Christ’s Return Begins The Kingdom

Focus: Looking For Christ’s Return To Be Ready

Application: Pay Attention To Events & Live As
“Paul Revere” Warning Of His Return

Supporters: Justin Martyr, Irenaeus,
Tertullian, Scofield, Chuck Smith

Theological Lenses For The “Kingdom”



Definition: Christ’s Return Is After The Kingdom Is Established

Focus: Social Justice To Bring In The Kingdom

Application: We Have A Lot Of Work To Do

Supporters: Puritans, Christian Abolitionists,
Charles Finney

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“A (No)” Millenium

Definition: No Millenium, all events happen at the end of the church age

Focus: Being The Church, Awaiting Christ

Application: Can Lead To Internal Focus And Apathy Regarding The Last Things

Supporters: Augustine, Medieval Church, Majority View

1) Jesus Christ Will Return To Reign

2) Love, Justice, Holiness, And
Righteousness Will Characterize His
Kingdom And Its Citizens

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Context of Isaiah 61

(Luke 4:16-22)

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but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."

Luke 4:43

The Kingdom of Isaiah Has Been
Inaugurated And At Its Center Is
The Anointed One Of God

(Isaiah 61:1-4)

“The Year of Jubilee”

Leviticus 25, Deuteronomy 15:12-15

The Covenant Citizens of the
Kingdom Take Part In The Work Of
The Anointed One Of God

(Isaiah 61:5-9)

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

Exodus 19:5-6

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already,

because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light,

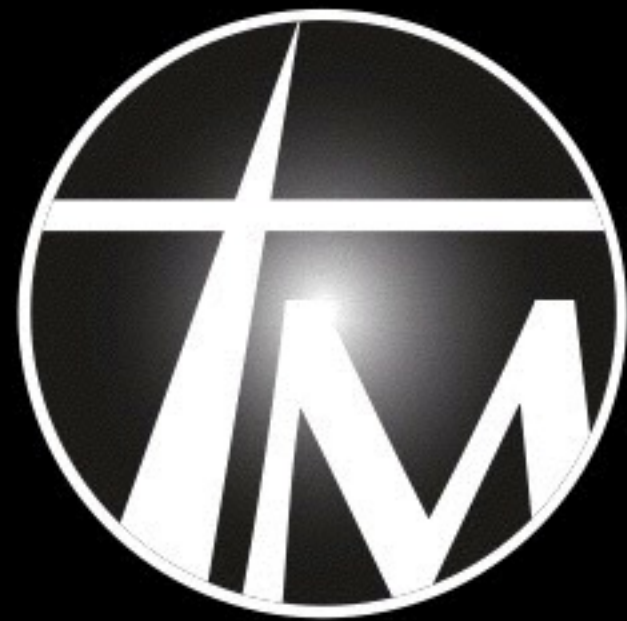
so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

John 3:16-21

The Citizens of the Kingdom Will
Grow In The Covenant Love of
God Until His Return

(Isaiah 61:10-11)

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MISSION

"Go Therefore and Make Disciples..."