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Start Isaiah 44:21



The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

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Detectives looking for Eschatological Evidences in Isaiah

Tribulation and Kingdom Truth



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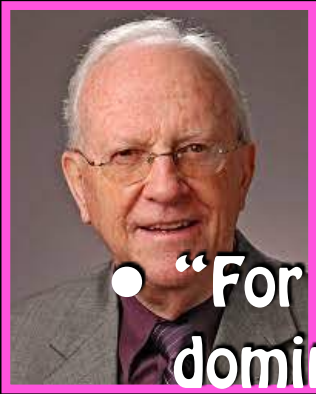
Holy Justice

- Two weeks ago we had Isaiah 42:1 where the Anointed One will bring justice to the World.
- We took that opportunity to explain why a spiritual or universal “Kingdom of God” is an imaginary or false construct that dates back to Augustine because **there is no justice in our present world**. True justice waits for the coming of the Messiah at the Second Event—today we have “man’s form of justice” punish the criminal after the crime is committed, it can not be stopped before it happens. (Chicago justice.)
- Many Dispensationalists have abandoned the idea of a Spiritual Kingdom (I used to hold it) but the **(Universal)** Kingdom of God is considered something different—is a legitimate kingdom.

Domain or Kingdom?

- To be fair I will give you another advocate for the argument of a Spiritual Kingdom (and its cousin the Universal kingdom) that is any form of “The KINGDOM NOW.”
- My example is Eugene Merrill in his 2006 book entitled “Everlasting Dominion.” Interesting title—that it is not
“Everlasting Kingdom”

Domain or Kingdom?



- “For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation.” –Daniel 4:34 (Holman CSB) **Everlasting Dominion** is the magnum opus of the greatly esteemed Dr. Eugene H. Merrill, a thoroughly researched theology of the Old Testament based on decades of study and teaching experience.



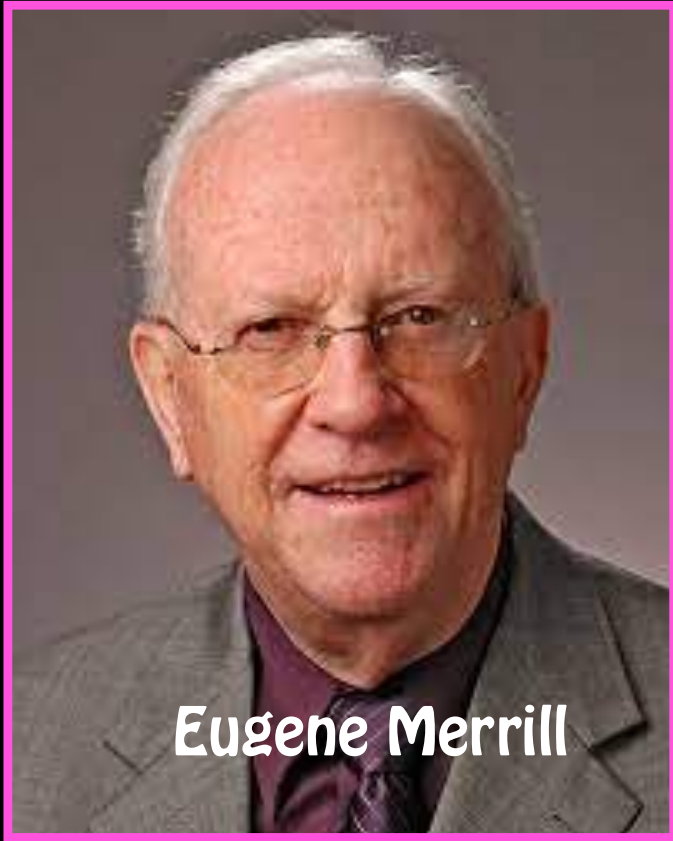
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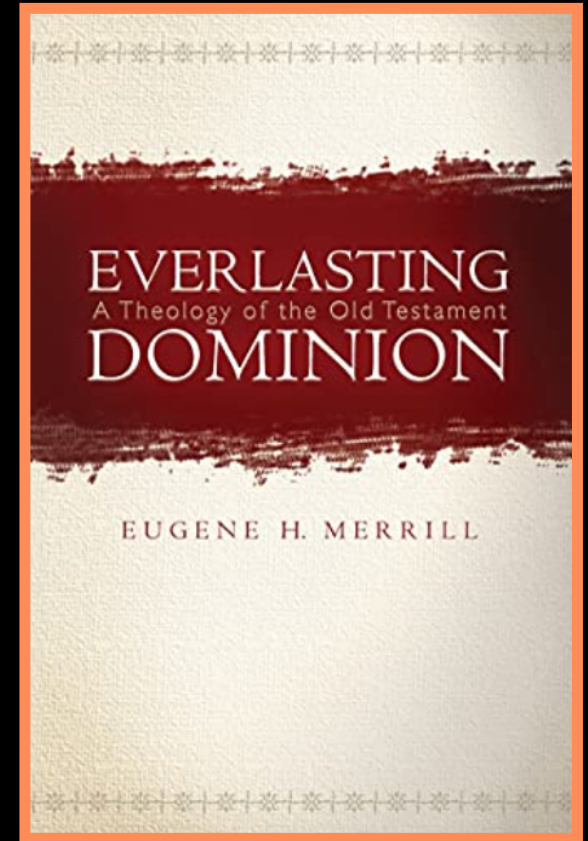
- What about this? “For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation.” –Daniel 4:34
- This is already history: ⁴⁴“In the days of those kings (Babylon-Roman) the God of heaven will set up a kingdom (on earth) which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. Daniel 2:44

Domain or Kingdom?

- ⁴⁵“Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.” Daniel 2:45
- This is said after 586 b. c. David’s promised dynasty was c. Promised circa 1000 b. c. There can be no doubt that this kingdom is of the Lord Jesus Christ reigning as king over the eternal kingdom.



Eugene Merrill



In his own words—

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- [A] He says are human kingdoms—only once of another.
- [B] Merrill: “In addition, Psalm 103:19 speaks of “His [the LORD'S] kingdom” that “rules over all,” “The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all.” Psalm 103:19
- Ed: Spoken in the context that God gave David this successful kingdom. God sovereignly rules over all— even David’s kingdom— David takes no credit for his success.

The Concept Of The Kingdom

- Ed: Comment on [A] Merrill having established that the term **Kingdom of God** occurs only 1x in Old Testament — is an astounding admission—for **THE CLAIM** that the “Kingdom of God is the unifying principle of Scripture.”
Echoes of A. J. McClain?—
- But in the one use he correctly identifies it, **as referring to the David’s dynastic Kingdom.**
- **But then** he mixes David’s dynastic kingdom with the “**THE** really big **KINGDOM.**” (Is this AJM?)

The Davidic Dynasty

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- Ed: “Your kingdom is glorious—refers to David’s own dynastic kingdom. As before he gives God the credit for his throne knowing that his Descendant will rule on its throne forever.

Domain is the Right Term

- What Merrill claims to prove is overwhelmed by the text of a Son of David's earthly kingdom.
- So committed is Merrill to the Spiritual/Universal Kingdom that even in the face of no evidence, in his own words he cannot bring himself to deny the “greater spiritual kingdom”—which is unseen, with no visible king whose territory has no bounds where he rules with no Divine Justice.

Review Kingdoms and Dynasties

Notice how clear the subject is
developed for the Kingdom of
David

There is no
comparable text
in support of
another greater
kingdom than is
described.

Dynasties

- A dynasty is a sequence of rulers from the same family. (We are talking about kings.)
- Saul was the first king of Israel. It was expected that Saul's son would rule after his father.
- But Saul sinned in his disobedience as king he offered sacrifices on behalf of Israel.
- Saul lost his Kingship first then he lost his dynasty
1 Samuel 13:13-14.

Saul's Dynasty Never Started

- ¹³Samuel said to Saul, “You have acted foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you, for now the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel [2] forever.
- ¹⁴“But now your [personal] kingdom shall not [1] endure. The Lord has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.” 1 Samuel 13:13–14

Confirmed in New Testament

- 22“After He had removed him [Saul], **He raised up David to be their king**, concerning whom He also testified and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do all My will.’ Acts 13:22

Nathan the Prophet

Speaking to David—while he was King of Israel

- God speaks through Nathan the prophet: ⁷“Wherever I have gone with all the sons of Israel, did I speak a word with one of the tribes of Israel, which I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?’ ” ’ [NO!]
- ⁸“Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, “I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel.
- ⁹“I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like the names of the great men who are on the earth.
- ¹⁰“I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly, 2 Samuel 7:7–16

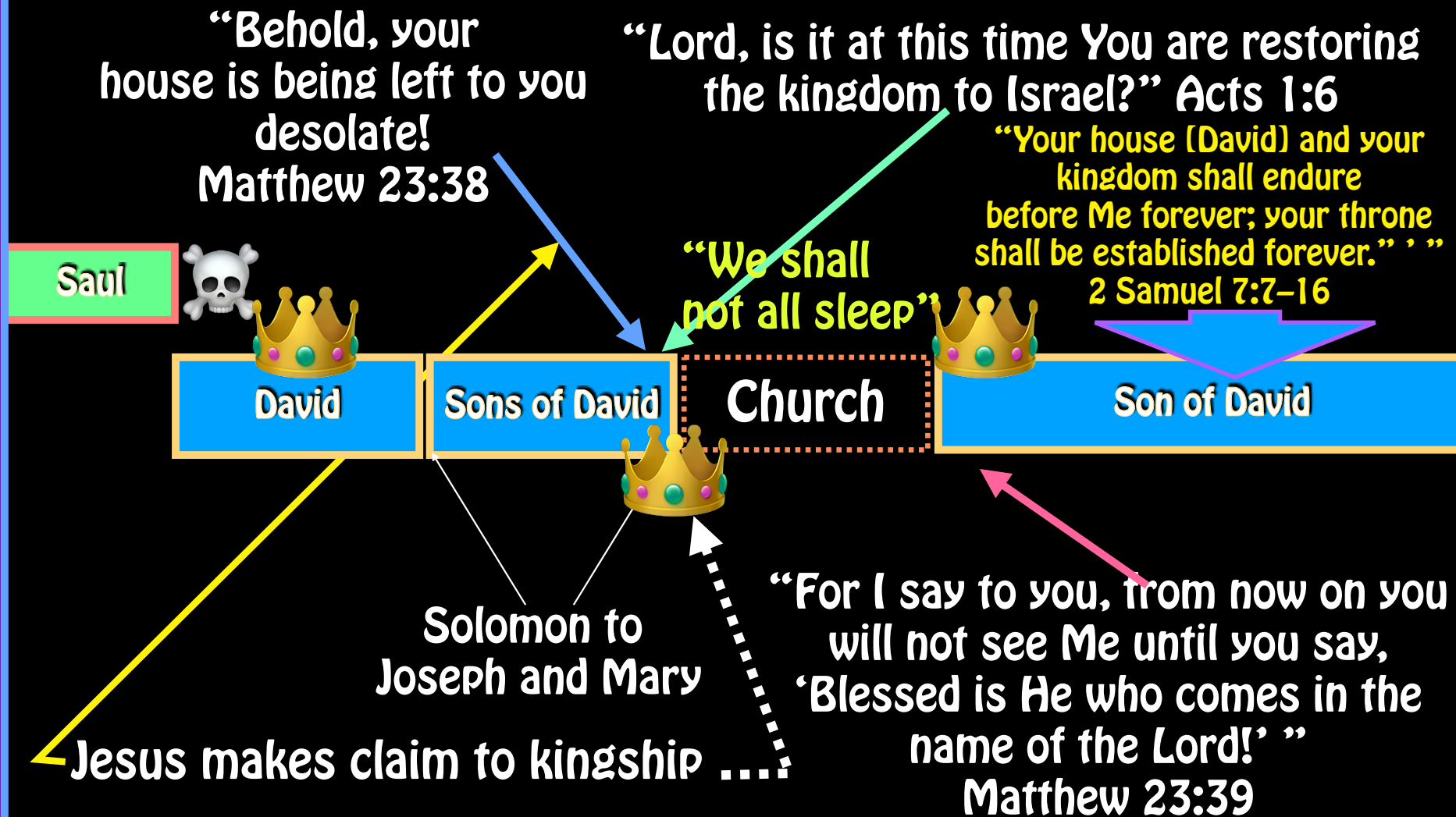
- ¹¹even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The Lord also declares to you that the Lord will make a [dynastic] house for you.
- ¹²“When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. [David-Solomon etc. Jesus son of Jesse]
- ¹³“He shall build a house [temple] for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴“I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,
- ¹⁵but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.
- ¹⁶“Your house [David] and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.” ’ ”2 Samuel 7:7–16

- 18 Then David the king went in and sat before the Lord, and he said, “Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that You have brought me this far?”
- 19 “And yet this was insignificant (small thing) in Your eyes, O Lord God, for You have spoken also of the house of Your servant concerning the distant future. And this is the custom (kings and dynasties) of man, O Lord God.
- 20 “Again what more can David say to You? For You know Your servant, O Lord God! 2 Samuel 7:18–20

Even Wiki has it Right!

- “In Judaism and Christianity, the Davidic Line is the bloodline from which the Hebrew Messiah has a patrilineal descent. In Jewish eschatology, the Messiah is a future Jewish king from the Davidic line, who is expected to rule the Jewish people during the **Messianic Age and world to come**. The Christian gospels claim that Jesus descends from the Davidic line and is therefore the legitimate Hebrew Messiah. The New Testament books of Matthew and Luke give two different accounts of the genealogy of Jesus that trace back to David.” Wiki Davidic Dynasty

A Theocracy



Careful not to Make a Kingdom Metaphor a Real Thing

Think Carefully about This

Isaiah 44:1

Assurances in Isaiah 44

- **¹“But now listen, O Jacob, My servant, And Israel, whom I have chosen:**
- **²Thus says the Lord who made you And formed you from the womb, who will help you, ‘Do not fear, O Jacob My servant; And you Jeshurun whom I have chosen. Isaiah 44:1–2**

Assurances in Isaiah 44

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- ³‘For I will pour out water on the thirsty land And streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring And My blessing on your descendants;
- ⁴‘And they will spring up among the grass Like poplars by streams of water.’ Isaiah 44:3–4

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- **6“Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: ‘I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.**
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- **8“Do not tremble and do not be afraid; Have I not long since announced it to you and declared it? And you are My witnesses. Is there any God besides Me, Or is there any other Rock? I know of none.’ ”Isaiah 44:6–8**

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Ezek 36:²⁴“For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.

²⁵“Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

²⁶“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

²⁷“I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

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⁸Bring out the people who are blind, even though they have eyes, And the deaf, even though they have ears. ⁹All the nations have gathered together So that the peoples may be assembled. [Q.] Who among them can declare this And proclaim to us the former things? Let them present their witnesses that they may be justified, Or let them hear and say, (they made a good prophecy) “It is true.” Isaiah 43:8–9

Hope in Isaiah 44

The Dynasty of David is Alive in Isaiah's Time

- ⁶“Thus says the Lord, the King (prolepsis) of Israel and his Redeemer, (prolepsis) Lord of hosts: ‘I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.
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**But they Fall Down
and Worship a
Block of Wood**

Isaiah 44:9-20

Contrasting the Idols with no Power

- **Present and Future redemption:** ²¹“Remember these things, O Jacob, And Israel, for you are My servant; I have formed you, you are My servant, O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me.
- ²²“I have wiped (prolepsis use) out your transgressions like a thick cloud And your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.”
- **A prolepsis look into the Kingdom:** ²³Shout for joy, O heavens, for the Lord has done it! Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth; Break forth into a shout of joy, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it; For the Lord has redeemed (prolepsis) Jacob And in Israel He shows forth His glory. Isaiah 44:21–23

Contrasting the Idols with no Power

- ²⁴Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, “I, the Lord, am the maker of all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself And spreading out the earth all alone,
- ²⁵Causing the omens of boasters to fail, Making fools out of diviners, Causing wise men to draw back And turning their knowledge into foolishness,
Isaiah 44:24–25

Contrasting the Idols with no Power

- **A prolepsis look into the Kingdom:** ²⁶Confirming the word of His servant And performing the purpose of His messengers. It is I who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited!' And of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be built.' And I will raise up her ruins again. ²⁷"It is I who says to the depth of the sea, 'Be dried up!' And I will make your rivers dry. Isaiah 44:26–27
- "I will lay waste the mountains and hills And wither all their vegetation; I will make the rivers into coastlands And dry up the ponds. Isaiah 42:15
- Also coming 50:2— Behold, I dry up the sea with My rebuke. Rev. 21:1

Contrasting the Idols with no Power

- **Coming Generation will see this:**²⁸“It is I who says of Cyrus, ‘He is My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire.’ And he declares of Jerusalem,
 - ‘She will be built,’
 - And of the temple,
 - ‘Your foundation will be laid.’ ” Isaiah 44:28