

## **A Priest On His Throne**

Premillennialists have many misconceptions about Jesus and His work on earth. They believe that He came to set up a kingdom, but failed in that effort. In their belief, the church was established as a substitute or standby until He comes again to truly set up His kingdom and reign for 1,000 years. Can this be true?

The Bible says that Jesus is a priest on His throne. Zechariah 6:13 says, “Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.” However, Jesus is also a priest in heaven: “Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession” (Hebrews 4:14). Therefore, His throne must be in heaven.

Furthermore, Hebrews 8:4 says that Jesus could not be a priest if He were on earth: “For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law” (Hebrews 8:4). David said that he could be a priest after the order of Melchizedek; that is, without predecessor or successor in the office (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:10; 7:4-10). But we have already observed that He is a priest on His throne from Zechariah 6:13. The only logical conclusion is that His throne cannot be on earth, negating Premillennialist belief about a future earthly reign.

As you can see, the beliefs of Premillennialists simply cannot be true once all of the Bible teaching is considered. Jesus invited everyone to “search the scriptures” (John 5:39), and when we carefully do so, we will be able to understand and appreciate His beautiful accomplishments while on earth, and His intercession at the right hand of God.

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