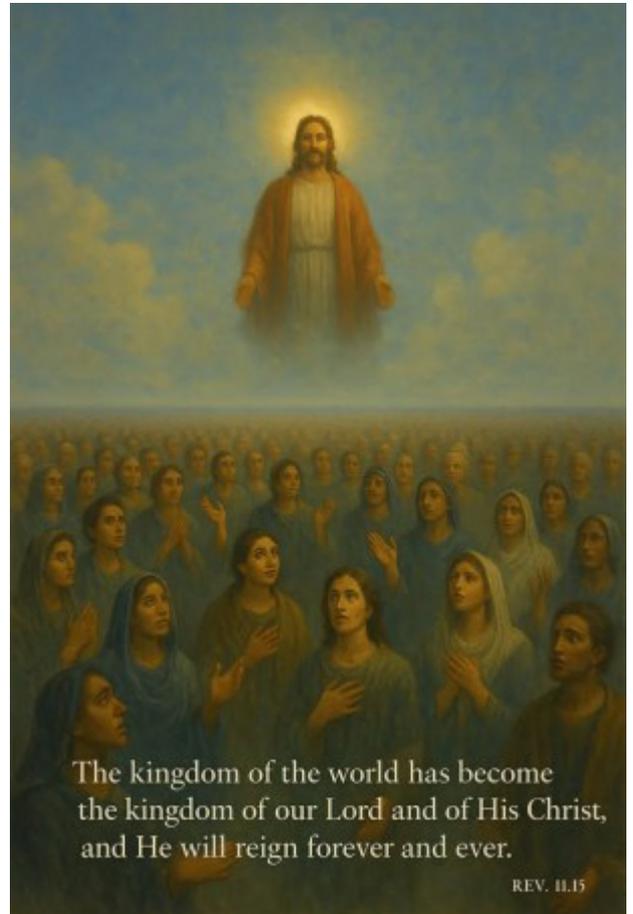


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Jesus clearly stated, **"My kingdom is not of this world"** (John 18:36). It is not political, not earthly, but spiritual (Romans 14:17).

Jesus said, **"The kingdom of God is in your midst"** (Luke 17:21), affirming it was already present during His ministry.

The kingdom began in the first century:

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand"
(Mark 1:15)

"Some of those who are standing here will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom"
(Matthew 16:28)

Paul declared believers had already been **"rescued from the domain of darkness and transferred to the kingdom of His beloved Son"** (Colossians 1:13)

Revelation never says Jesus will reign **on earth**. His reign is **from heaven**:

"We have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens"
(Hebrews 8:1)

There is **no need for Him to be on earth** to reign (Hebrews 8:4)

Jesus' reign has **no end**, and it is **not tied to a literal thousand-year reign**:

"He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever" (2 Samuel 7:13)

"Of His kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 1:33)

"His dominion is an everlasting dominion" (Daniel 4:3)

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever"
(Revelation 11:15)

The New Covenant is eternal:

"The blood of the eternal covenant" (Hebrews 13:20)

The gospel is eternal:

"I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach" (Revelation 14:6)

Jesus does not need to reign physically on earth. He has been reigning from heaven since His ascension, and His kingdom, covenant, and gospel are eternal and unshakable.

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