

Right at this point this other question fits which says that, Is it not possible that Jesus received the authority at the time of the resurrection, figuratively raised at the right hand of the Father, but only received the kingdom upon His return to earth, much as an ancient traveller=== ancient ruler would travel to the castle to receive the kingdom from the king as in Luke 19:12? It seems to me that is a very good statement of what the situation is.

He approached the Ancient of Days. They brought him near to him and there was given to him dominion, glory and a kingdom that all people and nations should serve him, and an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away. His kingdom is that which shall not be destroyed. It seems to me that the second thing stated here is happening before the first. That he sees the One coming who HAD been brought near to the Ancient of days. The Ancient of days has given him this authority and so he is sitting at his right hand waiting until his foes be made his footstool.

So Jesus combines the two passages, putting them in chronological order. "Hereafter ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven." So much for the time order there and the next point we look at is

G. The New Kingdom.

We are told his kingdom is that which shall not pass away which shall never be destroyed. It's an entirely different kind of regime. It follows the destruction of the beast. It's an entirely different kind of regime. It covers the entire earth. It is given to the saints. We find that in vv.18,22, and 27. It nowhere says that the saints are going to destroy the . It nowhere says that the saints are going to established the kingdom.

It says that the Son of man will come in clouds of heaven and He will establish the kingdom. I believe God wants us to do everything we can as an incidental part of our activities on this earth to make it a better earth for in which all men to live. But if we take an objective to make a perfect world and to set up the kingdom of God on earth, I think we'll have disappointments ahead because God has never promised that human beings will succeed in doing this.

We've had wonderful people starting out to establish a perfect society, time after time and it always has degenerated and proven in the end to be a failure. God is interested in the development of individuals who will live forever, and He has individuals here in the midst of a condition upon this earth which is a condition where sin is on the earth, where government is necessary but where human government has these many evil features which will be completely destroyed.

The new regime is to be indestructible, and at that point I read in some commentaries, This is not the millennium; it is an