

# The Throne of Christ: In Jerusalem or in Heaven?

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Dispensational Premillennialism (hereafter abbreviated as “Premil”) teaches that Christ will one day return to earth and rule on David’s literal, physical throne at the physical site of Jerusalem. Proponents of this false doctrine arrive at this conclusion through misapplying the teachings of Rev. 20:1ff, ripping them from their figurative context and forcing a literal interpretation. This article will show that Christ is ALREADY reigning on the throne of his fore-father David, and this throne is in heaven.

## OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES:

There are numerous prophecies in the Old Testament that reveal the future (with respect to the time they were written) reign of Christ on the throne of David. **Isa. 9:6-7**: “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.” **2 Sam. 7:12-13, 16**: “And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever ... And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.” **Zech. 6:12-13**: “And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: 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.” **Dan. 7:13-14**: “I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.”

## NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT:

The New Testament teaches that Christ’s kingdom came on the first day of Pentecost after His resurrection, and that Christ is now reigning as Prophet, Priest, & King on His throne in heaven. Thus, the Premil position that the kingdom is yet to come, and that the Lord still awaits His reign upon the Davidic throne, is false. Jesus affirmed that His kingdom was never intended to be an earthly one, **John 18:36**: “Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.” Christ was not and COULD not have been a priest upon earth (See **Heb. 7:14; 8:4**), but He IS our High Priest in heaven (See **Heb. 4:15; 8:1-2**).

**Luke 1:32-33**, in affirming Old Testament prophecy, says of Christ: “He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.” Christ is, in fact, sitting upon that throne today. Compare **Dan. 7:13-14** with **Acts 1:9. Heb. 1:3**: “Who being the

brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.” (See also **Heb. 4:14; 10:12; 12:2; Acts 2:33; 7:56; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20-22; Col. 3:1; 1 Pet. 3:22; Rev. 3:21**). Jesus is already reigning in Heaven. Why would He want to give up that spiritual reign in heaven to reign on a PHYSICAL throne on earth? Not only does it not make any sense, but it is blatantly un-Scriptural. Christ is reigning today on His throne in heaven!