

Christ as Priest and King

We know that Christ is both our High Priest and our King. The problem with the pre-millennial view is that Christ could never serve on earth as either as the following texts will show.

I. Zechariah prophesied that Christ would be both priest and king.

- a. Zech. 6:12-13 - *Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: "Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the LORD; Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both.*

II. Christ Can't be Priest on Earth.

- a. *Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people (Heb. 2:17).*
 - i. Other passages in Hebrews that call Him our high priest (Heb. 3:1, 4:14-15, 5:5, 5:10, 6:20).
- b. The Hebrew writer says He's disqualified from being High Priest on earth.
 - i. *For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.*
 - 1. This passage also has implications for the musical instrument argument because of the respect for silence it teaches.
 - ii. *For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law;*
 - iii. *But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.*

III. He Could Not Reign on Earth as Our King Either.

- a. Notice the words of Jeremiah 22:24-30.
 - i. No descendants of Jeconiah shall sit on David's throne in Jerusalem.
- b. Jesus is a descendant of Jeconiah and therefore cannot sit on David's throne in Jerusalem without contradicting Jeremiah's words.
 - i. Matthew 1:10-12