Charles Feinberg:

Thus far, friends, we've seen that there must be a millennium. There must be a reign of Christ on earth because of David, the solemn, sure, wonderful promise of God to David in 2 Samuel 7, one of the great covenants of the Bible. There has to be a millennium for the reign of the son of David and then there has to be a reign of the Lord Jesus Christ on earth because of the promise to the Saints, believers today. And there must also be a reign of Christ on earth because of the nations, the hope of the nations of the world. But in addition there is yet a fourth reason why there must be a millennium.

There must be a millennium because of sin. How's that? Because of the utter putting down of sin. The Scriptures predict that sin is going to have a hideous culmination in the man of sin. Think of it, sin's man, he is a religious leader. We read of him 2 Thessalonians 2, he's going to be Confederate in league he's going to be allied with a political leader of Revelation 13:1-10. The Roman beast we call him. And the third one in this combination is Satan himself. Sometimes we hear men and they do not desire to be irreverent, we’re sure of that, and we don't want to be critical of them but they often speak of these three as the evil Trinity.

Now let's be careful of our speech. Trinity should be kept exclusively for the three wonderful, infinite persons of the Godhead: God the Father, the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. No other 3 in all the universe on Earth, in heaven, or under the earth should be called that. Now
if you want to use the expression, 'the evil trio' that's all right, or 'the gruesome threesome', but not the evil Trinity.

Your bible and mine predicts that in addition to this hideous culmination, there will be the bringing to not of these vicious opponents of God that Christ himself will consign the devil, Revelation 20, to the pit for 1000 years. He will be sufficiently curbed, sufficiently controlled, sufficiently suppressed. Would you say these things are actualized today? Could they possibly be? Is the devil Bound or is he bound to have his way? Is he not more rampant than ever before? We hear of multiple murders in the same family. We hear of unspeakable immoralities. We hear of such a radical blasphemies. We sometimes ask ourselves, "When will there be an end to these things?" Oh no the devil isn’t bound. He's more rampant than ever. 2 Thessalonians 2:7-10 tells us there's got to be a culmination, terrible culmination, where one is even going to say he's God. Going to sit in the temple of God in Jerusalem claiming to be God and putting down all idolatry and all other worship so that he himself alone can be worshipped.

My dear friends, are all those things actualized? Are they? If they [inaudible] If they have already come to pass, if they've already taken place, we’re in the millennium. Oh no, we know we're not. Sin is still rife. Its results are all about us. But in the millennium sin of every character is going to be brought into subjection. Look at these beautiful words, we read them at the beginning of this study in Isaiah 11 and verse 3, this blessed one, this shoot out of the stalk of Jesse, that's the Lord Jesus Christ, is the light. It’s going to be “the fear of the Lord”, he reverences God the Father. “He shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither decide after the hearing of his ears”. A human judge can have only those two avenues besides his reflective processes, his thinking process. But Christ has another way. He has divine omniscience and with righteousness he's going to judge the poor. It doesn't happen very often does it? Or have you
been reading the newspapers lately? And he's going to decide with equity, with the quality, with evenness for the meek of the earth. They don't come into the reckoning very often today. They are about the last to be thought of. But he's going to decide with equity for the meek of the earth. They haven't had much of a chance in the history of the world but they will when he comes.

"AND he's going to smite the earth with a rod of his mouth and with a breath of his lips" that's means with a word he's going to slay the wicked. How is it all going to be done? Righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist. Faithfulness the girdle of his loins, and we saw how God is going to be so faithful and is faithful to the Davidic covenant.

They tell us there was a man who in the weekly prayer meeting, and he was always faithful, he was a dear man. He was faithful in his duties to the house of God and the privileges of it and he was found in the weekly prayer meeting week in, week out. But the difficulty was, he always felt he was called upon to pray, that he had to be one to pray at every prayer meeting and when he did he was always confessing the same things. It tended to become just a little bit monotonous to say the least. His prayer was seldom, if ever, changed. He said, "Oh Lord since we've last gathered together the cobwebs have come between us and thee. Clear away the cobwebs that we may again see thy face". One day a brother had all he could take and he called out, "oh Lord God kill that spider". You and I know the spiders are left about. There are going to be cobwebs no matter how many times they are removed. The best way is to get rid of the cause.

When Christ Jesus died on the cross, he not only died for the effect for sins, the results the fruit. But he dealt with the very cause of sinning, the sin nature. And not only so, he vanquished the first instigator to sin. We have that in Colossians Chapter 2 verses 14, "and following the vanquished the first instigator to sin, the devil himself". And praise the Lord he's going to show his victory openly in that millennial day. We will see it as never before. You tell it
to a man out in the street and he'll laugh at you. He doesn't see any change but he will yet see the change in all the world will in that time.

And then there's yet another reason why Christ must reign on the earth. And that's because of creation. What about creation? Well there's a promise. There’s a promise of glory for creation. Who made that promise? And to whom? Well we’ll find out. God has foretold that this groaning creation, did you know that the earth groans? Oh yes, you won't find it in any book of science, any book of zoology, or paleontology, or botany. But creation groans and God has said that this groaning creation is going to know, it's going to experience glory., Beautiful enlargement, beautiful unheard of splendor as never before when at the manifestation of the glory of the sons of God, When we the sons of God Make our appearance (you might say our court entry) at the manifestation Of the sons of God When we come with the Lord Jesus Christ and reign with Him.

In Romans 8, look at these remarkable verses. Romans 8:19, well we should start with verse 18, "for I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us for the earnest expectation of the creation". That means that all creation is earnestly expecting or looking forward, to what? The revealing of the sons of God. When we come out in our full glory as given to us by God for the creation. Why is all of lower creation waiting for this? Because it was subjected to vanity. Now that word vanity can mean emptiness From the Latin Wonham [SP] but the word in the Greek Mattei otis [SP] means a lack of attainment of his full goal or purpose.

You see when Adam and Eve sin God placed a curse on the ground. Well the ground hadn't sinned but in Genesis 3 the ground is to bring forth thorns and thistles and all the rest. Well the earth hadn't sinned but you see if God had put Adam and Eve, left them and their
descendants on earth with fallen bodies and the original creation was in its pristine, its primordial, its beginning glory my man would have it brought in on him more than ever before. The big difference, the big disparity between him in a fallen state, and nature in a non-fallen state God said well out of my mercy I'm going to allow nature to be beautiful. You know the sunsets, and the sunrises, and the beauties of nature. I'm going to allow a certain beauty to nature but I'm going to put, as it were, a pressure cooker lid on it so that it will not attain its full potential. Until what time? Until all of the lower creation sees the creation in Christ, the new creation come into its own as the Bride, as the wife of the lamb in her glory. How beautiful, how marvelous. So we read, "For the creation was subjected to vanity not of its own will", it didn't ask to be. And of course Adam of his own will sinned and Eve of her will sinned, but not of its own will. The lower creation. Didn't say it wanted this but by reason of him who subjected it. God did it in hope that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. "For we know that the whole creation groaneth". How do we know it? Because God says so. You don't know it any other way. We know that the whole creation groaneth like a great organ tone. It groans and travails in pain together until now. And we do too, we’re waiting for our redemption of our body in verse 23. What a picture as a promise of glory for creation.

And that's not just in the New Testament, My dear friends. In Isaiah 35 It is as beautifully stated as anywhere Isaiah is one of those past masters. He Is the Past Master of the Hebrew language. And in the Old Testament there is no book that has greater style than his. Even more words than the Psalms, more individual words, different words do you have in Isaiah than anywhere in the Old Testament. No what does Isaiah say? Listen to it Isaiah 35, "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." Well you say,
"We know about deserts blossoming as rose in the Holy Land, and parts of California, and other places". Yes, but that's by irrigation of the soil, I sometimes say irritation of the soil. But here the desert is going to rejoice and blossom as a rose by the supernatural working of God. It shall blossom abundantly. Not just barely making its way. It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice even with joy in singing. Beautiful figures, O lower creation. The desert can rejoice and sing. The glory of the Lord shall be given unto it. The Excellency of Carmel and [inaudible]. Those are beautifully productive parts, lush in the Holy Land. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the Excellency of our God. "strengthen you that we cannot confirm the feeble ease", and so on and he goes on to talk about the glowing sand of the Mirages going to become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water. Oh in years of drought what folk wouldn't give for water. Now I remember the day in my Christian experience if there was a drought, folk went on their knees at home and in churches to pray for God's rain, God's moisture and now you scarcely ever hear of it. They talk rather about seeding the clouds or getting some kind of a witching stick or some other nonsense. Oh, my dear friends in the habitation of Jackal's where they lay, there's going to be grass, Not everything cropped close, but grass with reeds and rushes. Oh how beautiful, Yes.

And look at Isaiah Chapter 11. Look what's going to happen to creation. You know this beautiful picture, I suppose. It is one of the best known and best remembered of all the passages in the book of Isaiah. I've read it at the beginning of this study but I do want to read these verses again. Verses 6-9 in Isaiah 11, "and the wolf shall dwell with the lamb." Really? I thought that's why we had shepherds, to keep wolves away from lambs. But he's going to dwell with the lamb, "and the leopard shall lie down with the kid". Well we have to have Watchmen to keep leopards away from the kids, the goats, and the calf and the young lamb and the fat lamb together. My, "a little child shall lead them and the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down
together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox”. He won’t be carnivorous any more, he will be herbivorous. You say they are going to lie down together? Yes these animals lie down together now but one inside the other. In that coming day they are going to lie down together separately. Oh how beautiful it is going to be. And the child, no matter how old, doesn't need to be afraid of the most venomous, the most poisonous snake, they’re not going to hurt who? The snakes "are not going to hurt nor destroy and all my holy mountain because God is going to restrict their operations.

Now the deliverance of creation is beautifully stated friend. Has that come true? You ask the farmer whether the Earth is in a state of glory. If it were, would we need organizations and legislation and education to better the condition of the farmer? My sympathy is with them. No matter how industrialized you become, no matter how great your economy commercially in other ways, Computerized, you can't computerize the food that has to go into your stomach. No, we need the former. Well is creation in the state indicated in Isaiah Chapter 11? Chapter 35? Romans 8? You know well enough that promise of glory for creation has never yet been fulfilled. You try to have some lawn that looks somewhere decent and you've used grass seed and you have coddled it and all. You’ve invited decent grass to come but you've never planted any weeds, you've never sown any weeds, but they don't have to be invited. They come with their own. Why? Because the promise of glory for creation has not yet been fulfilled. But in the millennium, if you believe the Bible at all, in the millennium it will be.

Then there's got to be a reign of Christ on earth for Israel. The promises to Israel for her glory as far back as the fifth book of the Old Testament, Moses had told that Israel will be a disobedience. In Deuteronomy 28, He had warned them that there would be curse for disobedience and blessing for obedience but knew, he knew they would be carried away captive
into far off lands. Even as early, Deuteronomy 30. And in verse 3 he says if when you are scattered among the nations of the earth you recall to mind all the Lord your God has spoken to you and if your heart will go out to the Lord and you turn back to him, you will come in penitence and repentance. Ah, then the Lord will gather you back from all these places. Now we know that we're seeing a fore gleam of that but not all of the nation is back there. There are more Jews in the United States of America than in all Israel, to say nothing about where they are found elsewhere. No, they are not all back there. And yet in Zechariah 2 verses 10 to 12, an angel is sent forth from God and said, tell this young man, “Run”, the young man is Zechariah, “Run”, he says, and “Preach to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as a city without walls”, as a city without any need for walls. Now the reason you find so many walls in the Near East, the reason you find the wall around Jerusalem and so much said about Gates because that was their protection. Definitely so, in the Turkish period at a certain time of the evening, certain time of the night, it was closed. It was very difficult to get in he says, "Jerusalem shall dwell as unwalled is just because of the abundance of man and beast in the midst that is not dangerous. Ah I will be as a wall of fire around about her." But that's not all. She needs just more than protection. He says, “I shall be glory in the midst of it”. Does that look as though that's happening over there in the Holy Land? No.

Has it happened, what we read in Romans 11:25-27? That when the fullness of the body of Christ from among all believers, Jew and Gentile, has taken place, then shall all Israel, the remnant, all that remained at that time, then shall all Israel be saved as it is written, “The rivers shall come forth out of the Zion”. In his first coming he came to Zion, this is the second coming, “The deliverer shall come out of Zion and shall turn away all ungodliness from Jacob. This is my covenant with them when I shall take away their sin”, as in Jeremiah 31:31 and following. Has
Romans 11:25-27 happened already? No. to ask the question is to answer it. Has Micah 4:4 come to pass? God promised it to Israel, There's going to come a day, be no warfare. "They'll not study war anymore", as the old Negro spiritual had it. And every man we reach shall sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and I often say without any mortgages or leans on it either. He shall sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree and none, none shall make him afraid.

Yes. Oh there are so many of these wonderful promises. What do these promises do? They promise Israel a time of settlement of the land, a time of peace, conversion, and glory in the earth. Is this our condition today? Has it ever been her condition? Does it seem likely that it's going to be her condition soon through man's plans and agency? These pledges solemn and true are going to be redeemed by God in the millennial age.

But friends, we've been giving you the truth in this study. But now we come to the all-blessed, wonderful climax. All mortal man cannot fully tell it forth. There has to be a reign of Christ for all these reasons that we've just given but more; there has to be a reign of Christ for the exaltation of Christ. What do we mean by that? Well friends it was no small thing for the second person of the Trinity to come to this earth. That one who were the father and the spirit of God Heard the Seraphim with veiled faces cry, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of Hosts". He's one of the members of the Trinity. It was no small thing for him to come from that infinite position, Second person of the trinity, to come to earth and to bear nothing but shame and reproach and blasphemy and ridicule. Think of it, in the chapter of John they said You keep talking about Abraham not being our father, else we would do the works of Abraham, that he is not truly our father. If we were you, Jesus of Nazareth, we wouldn't go talking about a father. We'd keep that subject way in the background. We be not born of fornication. They accused him of illegitimate birth. Oh there was nothing too hideous but what they could cast at him, they threw into his teeth
while he was on the cross. "You claim to believe in God? Our Fathers believed in God, they trusted in him to deliver them and God was as true as his word. Now if you belong to God, come down from that cross, let him deliver you. Seeing that you say you delight in him". And then they, with a great sneer said, and they spoke more truth than they knew, "He saved others. Talked about saving others, himself he could not save". And the reason he didn't save himself and come down from that cross, which he could have done and dismissed the world, the reason he didn't is that he might save you and me.

So he bore all kinds of shame and reproach and blasphemy and ridicule conceivably. Wouldn’t have made any difference to the Roman soldiers, the Roman government to have crucified Christ on some other day or to have had him crucified alone. But they wanted to show on what plane they put him, how little they thought of him. They crucified him with two criminals. And at that he went to that cross because they had chosen a murderer, an insurrectionist, a man who had no concept of the property rights of others or their lives.

Barabbas, they chose him rather than Jesus. And as far as conditions appear now, Christ never carried out his promises. In the eyes of the world he is a failure, many say that. True, others say he's a success because of his followers. But there means so much to be realized yet when he died didn't he tell the amazed disciples, "Oh fools and slow of heart, to believe all that the prophets had spoken. Ought Not Christ to have suffered these things and to have entered into his glory? But he hasn't yet entered into his glory. God has given him, God has highly exalted him we read in Philippians 2, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name". That is the name of Jesus the name in which he said it not that the name of Jesus if he knew you should have the tongue should confess things in heaven on earth under the earth". What? That Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the father. He’s the reign from sea to
sea, from the river to the ends of the earth. Does that look as though that's happened yet? Oh, others say he's a success because of his followers But I say well these scriptures say a lot more. A lot more needed to be fulfilled when he died and he said it would happen. It would be fulfilled.

We're told of an incident in the life of two important statesmen. One of them was the famous Chinese statesman, Li Hong Zhang, and the other was Colonel Dyer of Europe. They were speaking of the authority of Jesus Christ, his right to claim human life. Said Li Hong Zhang, "men ought always to admire success. For the life of me", he said, "I cannot understand why clever men like some of you Europeans are, should actually worship Jesus Christ. Why, that man's life was a failure. He was actually crucified at the end of it. Now crucifixion, we know, was a very painful death, besides being a very degrading form of punishment. How can you call yourselves followers of such a man as that?" Colonel Dyer said without a moment's hesitation," Well, your Excellency, I don't know what you call failure but when a man's words and the story of his life of influence many of the best and noblest of men for nearly two thousand years, I don't call that failure."

But oh friends, beloved, There's more to it than that. In that very place where he was set up, they thought Jerusalem was too holy. He had to die outside the walls as a common criminal. And they had to do it hastily so they could be ready to be Levitically clean to keep their memorial of a deliverance from Egyptian bondage and here he had made, He was making deliverance for all men everywhere spiritually. Oh my dear friends, that very city where he was cast out, Inside that city he shall yet reign and rule. On this very scene of Earth where he was so humiliated, He's going to be exalted and owned and recognize and claimed. And there must be, there will be a millennium for that. He who had the agony is going to have the acclaim. He who

He who had the blood will have the blessing. He who had the cross will have the crown. He who had the
death will have the delight. He who had the ridicule will have the reign. He who had the sorrow will have the satisfaction. He who had the thorns will have the throne. Bless God There must be, there will be a millennium for that. He will reign. All God's purposes, Mark you, will be fulfilled in his king. All of God's purposes will be.

Have you accepted him? Receive him now and believer, Crown Him Lord. Crown him king of your heart and life. We sing so beautifully but do we mean it? "Crown him with many' crowns, the lamb upon his throne hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee and hail him as thy matchless King. K I N G, hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity Jesus shall reign where the sun does its successive journeys run, his kingdom stretch from shore to shore till moon shall wax and wane no more. All hail the power of Jesus name. Let angels prostrate fall, bring forth that royal Diadem, it rightfully belongs to him. Bring forth that royal diadem and crown him king, Lord of all."