

God will give Christ the nations for His inheritance. Even the uttermost parts of the earth are to be His possession. His enemies are all to be made His footstool. There is to be nothing left that will lift up its head against His control. This thought of the completeness of His victory over this earth is found in the New Testament as well. All the nations of this world are to become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. In 1 Corinthians 15:25 this note of universality is especially stressed: "*For He must reign, till He hath put all enemies under his feet.*" Everything shall be subject to Him. All rule and all authority and all power shall be subject to our Lord.

AN INDESTRUCTIBLE KINGDOM

The fact that this kingdom can never be destroyed could be made clear by the passage already quoted. All enemies are to be put under the Lord's feet.

The prophecies in Daniel bring out this feature very clearly. In Daniel 2 and 7 successive human governments are symbolized in two ways -- under the picture of a great statue and under the picture of several great beasts. In chapter 2 the statue is completely destroyed and its place taken by a new regime that covers the whole earth. This new regime will never be destroyed nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever (Daniel 2:44).

In Daniel 7:14 the assertion is made that the new dominion that follows all wicked human governments is to be "*an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.*"

This application of the term "millennium" to this kingdom is derived from Revelations 20:2-7, where the term thousand years is used six times. John foresaw a great uprising at the end of the thousand years that would attempt to destroy this kingdom but would utterly fail. The kingdom is indestructible. This parallels the statement in 1 Corinthians 15:24 that after He has reigned He will deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father. We do not know just what sort of change in conditions will occur at that time, but the kingdom will certainly not end. It is indestructible.