

THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST

Revelation 20:1-10

I. INTRODUCTION-

- a. Imagine what this world would be like there were no more wars and if rebellion, injustice, and unrighteousness were removed.
- b. The Bible says such a time is coming! Today we are going to look at this time which we call the millennial or 1,000 year reign of Christ on this earth.

II. THE TIME OF THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM-

- a. According to the timeline of the Bible we are currently in the Church Age. The Church Age began at Pentecost and will continue until the Rapture.
- b. After the Rapture occurs the Bible says that seven years of Tribulation will come upon the earth. At the end of the Tribulation the Lord Jesus Christ will literally return to this earth.
- c. When Jesus comes again the Bible says He will defeat His enemies, He will bind Satan and his demons in a bottomless pit and He will establish His millennial Kingdom.
- d. The Lord Jesus will literally rule this earth for a thousand years from His throne in Jerusalem.

III. THE INHABITANTS OF THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM-

- a. **#1, The saints in Heaven.** 1 Thessalonians 3:13 says that when Jesus comes again He is going to bring with Him all of the believers who are in Heaven. All the believers who are in Heaven will once again inhabit the earth and reign with Christ during His millennial reign.
- b. **#2, The Holy Angels.** *Matthew 25:31 (NKJV) "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory."*
- c. **#3, Believers who survive the Tribulation.** Believers who are saved during the Tribulation who survive the Tribulation and are alive when Jesus comes again will enter the Millennial Kingdom.
 - d. **#4, Children born during the Millennial Reign of Christ.** The Tribulation believers who survive the Tribulation and enter the Millennial Kingdom will apparently marry and have children. There will be children born during the Millennial Reign of Christ.

IV. THE PURPOSE OF THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST-

- a. According to the Bible the Millennial Kingdom will occur between the Second Coming of Jesus and the establishment of the New Heavens and the New Earth. What is the purpose of this 1,000 year interlude between these two events?
- b. **#1, To reward the people of God.** The Bible teaches that part of the reward the Lord is going to give His people will be the opportunity to rule and reign with Him on a renewed earth during the millennial reign of Christ.
- c. *Revelation 20:4 (NKJV) "...And they (all believers) lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."* Every believer will have an opportunity to serve the Lord during His Millennial Reign based on our faithfulness in serving Him right now.
- d. **#2, To fulfill the predictions of the Old Testament Prophets.** There are more prophecies concerning the Millennial Kingdom in the Old Testament than any other prophetic event. Psalm 72:11, Isa 9:7, Isa 60:21, Zech 9:10
- e. **#3, To vindicate the Lord Jesus.** The last time this world saw the Lord Jesus He was seemingly defeated by His enemies. But one day this same Jesus will come back to this earth in triumph and rule it as King for 1,000 years.
- f. **#4, To answer to the Disciples' Prayer.** *Matthew 6:9-10 (NKJV) "...Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven."* This prayer has not been answered yet but one day it will be when Jesus comes again.
- g. **#5, To renew the earth.** When Jesus comes again, He will renew and restore the earth. The Millennial Kingdom is the prelude to the New Heavens and the New Earth and the eternal state where all sin and all death will be eliminated.
- h. **#6, To reemphasize man's depravity and the necessity of Christ's death.** The Bible says that at the end of this 1,000 year reign of Christ Satan will be released and there will be one final rebellion.
- i. The children born during the Millennial Kingdom will have to be saved just like people are now.
 - j. You would think with the perfect conditions of the Millennial Kingdom, with King Jesus ruling the world, with the angels and the glorified people of God present everyone born during in the Millennial Kingdom will be saved but they won't.
 - k. After his release from the bottomless pit Satan will lead this mass of unbelievers in a failed rebellion against God.

- l. The problem with human beings is not our environment. Adam and Eve rebelled against God in a perfect garden. Multitudes will rebel against God even after living in a world characterized by peace and righteousness.
- m. The problem with man is not our environment but our heart. We have a sinful heart and a sinful nature and the only thing that can change us is the redemption and grace of God that comes through the Lord Jesus Christ.

V. THE NATURE OF THE MILLENNIUM-

- a. **#1, It will be a time of peace.** *Isaiah 2:4 (NKJV) "He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore."*
- b. **#2, It will be a time of unprecedented prosperity.** *Amos 9:13 (NKJV) "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, And all the hills shall flow with it."*
- c. **#3, It will be a time of purity.** Sin will be kept in check and disobedience will be immediately dealt with. The Millennial Kingdom will be a holy kingdom. *Isaiah 11:9 "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea."*
- d. **#4, It will be a time of prolonged life.** *Isaiah 65:20 (NKJV) "No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old..."* People 100 years old will be considered children! Death will be rare during the Millennial Reign and when the righteous die they will be immediately resurrected.
- e. **#5, It will be a time of personal joy.** It will be a time of happiness and contentment. Isa 9:3, Isa 12:3, Isa 14:7, Isa 25:8, Isa 30:29, Isa 42:10-12.

VI. CONCLUSION-

- a. Jesus came the first time to be our Savior, He is coming the second time to be our King.
- b. Is He your King? Don't wait until it is too late to receive Him as your Savior and the Lord of your life.
- c. Give your life to Him today!