

THE MILLENNIUM – EARTH’S GLORY YEARS

Revelation 21:1-5

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

INTRO.: A. I hate unfinished things! So does God! He always finishes perfectly what He starts. The Millennium is Paradise on earth, but not the end of our life in Paradise. Eternity future awaits us.

B. We are very narrow-minded and extremely short-sighted. Our focus is generally on the 70 plus years of our earth life. Jesus taught His disciples to look forward to the 1000 year reign with Him in the Millennium. ***"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven..."*** Even the rapture and the Judgment Seat of Christ, along with the Marriage Supper of the Lamb will only take seven years (while the Tribulation Period takes place on earth). But then comes the 1000 years of earthly reign with Christ.

C. Though the ****Kingdom of Heaven's rule on earth*** is a promise to Israel, the raptured Church is actively involved. Church-age saints will touch down with the King of Kings on the Mt. of Olives and become *Kingdom cops, Savior servants, and Paradise police*, in a world full of "Adams & Eves!" God gives abundant information throughout the Old and New Testaments. Christ will be crowned ***"King of kings and Lord of lords"...***

I. HIS GLORIOUS CORONATION:

A. Its Significance for Israel:

1. The Kingdom has been promised to the nation of Israel for thousands of years.
2. It will be an extension of David's Kingdom over Israel with his "son" reigning.

Luke 20:41-44 *41 And he (Jesus) said unto them, How say they that Christ is David's son? 42 And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 43 Till I make thine enemies thy footstool. 44 David therefore calleth him Lord, how is he then his son?*

3. The Palestinian Covenant and the Davidic Covenant will be fulfilled when Christ rules.

NOTE: Among other things the **Palestinian Covenant** promised the restoration of **the land** to Israel, the conversion of the nation, the judgment of Israel's enemies, and national prosperity. The **Davidic Covenant** promised to Israel a **"house"** (posterity), a **"throne"** (royal authority), a **Kingdom** (sphere of rule), and **perpetuity**, i.e., "forever." All these promises will become a reality when Christ ascends the throne of Israel at the Revelation or 2nd Coming. Shortly after His return the Millennium begins. Also the **Abrahamic Covenant** promised Abraham a vast multitude of descendants, a **land** and spiritual blessings. The Millennium will fulfill all these promises. In the New Covenant God promised Israel a new heart, forgiveness and the presence of His Spirit. (Jer. 31:31-34; 32:36-40; Ezek. 11:18-20; 36:24-27; 37:11:14)

4. All Israelites who died in faith and are resurrected at the end of the Tribulation will be included. Rev. 12:1-6
5. All those who escaped Antichrist's reign of terror will enter the Millennium.
6. Those who are saved AS A NATION at His coming will be included.

Romans 11:25-26 *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. 26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

NOTE: Since salvation is by faith and not by sight, apparently Israel does not merely believe on Him because of His Revelation (***"every eye shall see Him..."***), but when they also open their hearts and trust Him.

7. Those born in the Millennium will be born with old natures and will either submit or rebel against Christ's reign.

ILLUS.: It appears as if men on earth will not die of natural causes during this 1000 years since the curse is lifted. The earth will yield only nutritious foods. Satan will be bound. The water canopy which shielded the planet from harmful radiation from the sun before the flood of Noah will again protect the earth and its inhabitants. Hate, jealousy, and sin will not be tolerated. (Perhaps those of us in glorified bodies will become Kingdom cops, and Paradise police to enforce Christ's righteous rule.)

B. Its Significance for the Church:

1. This will include all who participated in the "first resurrection."

Revelation 20:5-6 *5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*

2. We will have glorified bodies like Jesus.

1 John 3:1-2 *1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

- a. Not just a resurrection body.
- b. But a glorified body reflecting His glory.

Matthew 17:2 *And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.*

Luke 9:29 *29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.*

NOTE: We will be spirit-beings wearing glorified bodies. NOW we are subject to the limitations and demands of our natural bodies (we must feed them, put them to bed, etc.). THEN our new bodies will obey the desires of our spirit. Our circumcised souls will be free from our fleshly bodies. (Col. 2:11) We will leave the flesh (as we know it) and the old nature behind!

We will be perfect, but not equal...in rank, station or position. (Example: 3 light bulbs of different wattage...all function perfectly but with varying intensity.) All believers will be made perfect but will vary in maturity and thus in assignments.

QUOTE: "According to Heb. 12:22-24 the New Jerusalem will house the glorified saints of the Millennial era. Unfallen angels, Christians and all other glorified saints will reside with Christ in the New Jerusalem. It appears as if Christ and His saints will rule the earth mainly from the New Jerusalem but will also exercise judicial functions on the earth as occasions warrant." - RBP Sun. Schl. Lesson

C. Its Significance for the Gentile Nations:

1. Those who were martyred in the Tribulation and resurrected will either be subjects in the Kingdom or help administrate.
2. Those who survived the Tribulation (saved on the basis of faith and their works, before the Millennium), find their justification in the Millennium.
3. Those born after the Millennium begins with old natures may or may not chose to accept the King's rule; if not they will follow Satan in his final rebellion when he is **"loosed for a little season."**

II. THE GLORIOUS CONDITIONS:

A. Political Conditions:

1. **"...and on earth peace, good will toward men"** will finally become a reality.
2. The cessation of war will come through the unification of the kingdoms of the world under Christ's reign.

Isaiah 2:4 *And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*

3. There will be the administration of perfect justice – at last!

Isaiah 9:7 *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.*

4. There will be no social, political or religious oppression in that day.

Isaiah 14:3-6 *And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, 4 That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased! 5 The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers. 6 He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth.*

B. Social Conditions:

1. Comfort: The King will personally minister to every need.

Isaiah 12:1-2 *And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. 2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.*

Isaiah 66:13-14 *As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. 14 And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.*

2. Holiness: Christ's Kingdom will be a holy Kingdom; the land, city, temple and the subjects will be holy.

Zechariah 14:20-21 *In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowl's before the altar. 21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.*

3. Glory: The Kingdom will be glorious.

Isaiah 24:23 *Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.*

Isaiah 4:2 *In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.*

4. Joy: The fullness of joy will be a distinctive mark of this glorious age.

Isaiah 12:3-6 *Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. 4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. 5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. 6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.*

5. Protection: There will be supernatural protection of life in the Millennium.

Isaiah 41:8-14 *But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. 9 Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. 10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. 11 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. 12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. 13 For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. 14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.*

6. Reproduction: The living saints who go into the Millennium in their natural bodies will have children and the population will soar.

Ezekiel 47:22 *And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.*

Zechariah 10:8 *I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased.*

C. Environmental Conditions:

1. The curse on the planet will be removed resulting in abundant productivity to the earth.

Isaiah 11:6-9 ****The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. 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.*

Isaiah 35:9 *No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:*

2. There will be an increase of solar and lunar light in the age enabling greater productivity.

Isaiah 4:5 *And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence.*

Isaiah 30:26 *Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.*

D. Economic Conditions:

1. As stated above the earth will become more productive and business will flourish.

Isaiah 35:1-2 *1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. 2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.*

Zechariah 8:11-12 *But now I will not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts. 12 For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.*

2. The language barrier will be removed so there will be increased communication and hence productivity.

Zephaniah 3:9 *9 For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.*

E. Spiritual Conditions:

1. God's presence will abound and fellowship with Him made possible to all.

Ezekiel 37:27-28 *My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 28 And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.*

2. The Fullness of God's Spirit will prevail.

Isaiah 44:3 *For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:*

Joel 2:28-29 *And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.*

CONCL.: While Jesus reigns on the earth, Satan will be bound in the bottomless pit. The Millennial Temple will be more glorious than Solomon's Temple. The Messiah will sit in the Temple as King and priest and sacrifices of a memorial nature will be offered. The whole earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord.

Unsaved children will be born into the households of saved family members, just like today. Unglorified saints will have children and their children will have children, etc. throughout the Millennium. The unsaved will give lip service to the King, but they will do so with rebellion seething in their hearts. Therefore when Satan is "**loosed for a little season**" he will find a willing army of multitudes to follow him in a last ditch effort to overthrow the Kingdom of Christ and His followers. But this attempted coup is short-lived and will fail. Fire will fall from heaven and devour them, and Satan will be forever cast into the Lake of Fire.

Then the eternal state will begin and we will "live happily ever after!"



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The Kingdom of God is God's rule in hearts now and always – a spiritual Kingdom***

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