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The Millennial Kingdom

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Why don't we start with a prayer? Father, we thank You so much. You do not want anyone to perish. But not only that You don't want anyone to perish, You also want us to be informed and grounded in Your Word so we will not be easily deceived. One of the ways for us to be deceived is if we're not in the truth. Deception and truth are the opposite. Father, we ask that You will sanctify us by Your truth. Your Word is truth. We thank You for that. In Jesus' name, Amen. Amen.

The topic of our message right now, today, is... Can you see what we have there? "The Millennial Kingdom." I have good news and bad news. The good news is that the Millennial Kingdom is *wonderful*. The bad news is that *we are not there yet*.



You really want to tell me that some of you think this is the Millennial Kingdom right now? If that's the Millennial Kingdom, I'm super disappointed. I want to tell you folks, first of all, we're going to ask ourselves, "What is the Millennial Kingdom?" It's a very, very controversial thing. Then we're going to look into the rest of it.

What is the Millennial Kingdom? Let's look at Revelation chapter 20, which is the portion that speaks of that in the New Testament, verses 1-6. Again, it's the *New Testament* portion that speaks of the Millennial Kingdom. John is writing, **Revelation 20:1-6**, "**Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him**

for a thousand years.” The term thousand, “millennium,” thousand, “mille,” is a thousand in Latin. The term millennium is already referring to the time that Satan will spend in the bottomless pit. Then he says, **“And he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.”**

Wow.

There is going to be a point at the end of the Tribulation—Satan is roaring, Satan is doing what he knows how to do, he's deceiving the nations—where God is going to throw him into a bottomless pit and He will shut him up—shut up, Satan!—and He will seal him all the way that he *cannot*, the Bible says, that he will no more deceive the nations *until* the thousand years are finished.

This is the key I want you to remember. You cannot take the Bible only in parts and leave the other outside. There is a word that says “until.” That means there is a timeframe where *the world will be free of satanic presence*. But that timeframe is limited for how long? A thousand years. Now watch this. **“But after these things, he must be released...”** Say the word “must.” The word “must” here is the key to my whole message. I want you to understand. So, remember that, circle that in your Bible. **“...he must be released for a little while.”** Say, “a little while.” See God is going to test the world. After a whole thousand years of no satanic presence, He's releasing him. He *must* be released for a short time.

Watch this: **“Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus, and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on the foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”** Again, the term “millennium” in the Latin, “mille,” a thousand. So, a thousand

years is the time that Satan will be in the bottomless pit. And parallel to that, it is the time that the saints will reign with Christ. Where? Here, on Earth.

Now watch this. **“But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.”** Wow! So, watch this. God is setting a time period where He's going to free the world from satanic presence; we're going to talk about it in a few sentences what it's going to look like. It's amazing. This [where we are living now] is, are you kidding me, Millennial? I'm going to tell you what the Millennial Kingdom is going to look like. You're going to understand why we're *certainly* not there right now.

But I want you to understand: No more satanic presence for a thousand years. Satan *must* be released for a short time at the very end. And at the very end, after all of that, only *then* all the people who ever lived throughout history, who died already, are going to resurrect. The Bible says, **“But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.”**

ORDER OF RESURRECTION				
	Which	Timing	Who	Scriptures
1	First	The Third Day	Jesus	Matt. 28:1-7 Mark 16:1-11 Luke 24: 1-12 John 20:1-18 1 Cor. 15: 20
2	First	Before the Tribulation	The Church	John 14:3 1 Thes. 4:13-18 1 Cor. 15:50-53
3	First	Middle the Tribulation	The Two Witnesses	Rev. 11:11-12
4	First	After the Tribulation	Old Testament Saints	Dan. 12:1-2 Isa. 26:19 Ezek. 37:13-14
5	First	Beginning of The Millennial Kingdom	Tribulation Martyrs	Rev. 20:4-6
6	Second	End of The Millennial Kingdom	Unbelieving dead	Rev. 20:11-15

Okay, what is the First Resurrection? I'm going to show you the difference. Watch this. There is the "Order of the Resurrection": There is the First Resurrection and there is the Second Resurrection. The First Resurrection is all about Jesus. It's all about Jesus and those who belong to Jesus. On the third day, Jesus resurrected; He was the first person. The Bible says He's the Firstfruits from those who fell asleep.

Then before the Tribulation, the Church is going to resurrect. The dead in Christ will rise first, and we that are alive and remain will be with them, remember?

Then, in the middle of the Tribulation, we know that the two witnesses that are going to be killed will resurrect.

Then, after Jacob's Trouble, we know that after Israel is back, we know that all the Old Testament Saints are going to resurrect as well because they will be ushered into the Millennial Kingdom. It's going to be awesome. Guys, do you see King David right now? He's not here yet. Moses, Elijah? They are not here. They will be there in the Millennial Kingdom! You must understand that.

Then you see, in the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom, all the Tribulation Martyrs. You see those who went through the Tribulation, and throughout the Tribulation, became believers. Not that many, but they will also, the Bible says they will resurrect, and they will reign with Christ, those who did not receive the mark of the beast. We just read about it.

So, the common here is: They are all godly, not because of who they are, but because of who God is and because they submitted their life to God. They became believers. We are talking about all of that known as the First Resurrection. So, the First Resurrection was from the moment when Jesus resurrected to the moment the martyrs of the Tribulation will be resurrected. This is the First Resurrection.

Then there is a thousand-year gap, and at the end of that, there will be a Second Resurrection of all the unbelieving dead. That's what we just read. Now look what the Bible says, **“This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power.”** What is the second death? Look, some of us are going to die. Some of the martyrs of the Tribulation will die, of course. The Old Testament martyrs have died. The two witnesses will die. This is a death that we know that has no power anymore. That's the first death, first death of a person.

The second death is the death after God judges the whole world. Those as Daniel says, some will go to have eternal life and some eternal damnation. That's it. It's final. Not all men are saved; some will [be saved] and some will not. Now, God already knows. We don't. Because God knows all things. God knows things of the future, but we don't. We thank God that we do not have part in the second death, only one. It is appointed upon man once to die and then comes the judgment.

The question is: What did you do in your life until you died? Will you deserve the second death? Or, over you, the second death has no power? Amazing! So now we're going back to the verses, **“Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”**

Millennium, again, appears here and it talks about a time where we reign *with* Jesus. *Physically*, Jesus will be on Earth and we, *physically*, will be on Earth and we, *physically*, will reign on Earth with Him. Very important that you know that.

Now, is the Millennial Kingdom in the Old Testament? I just read to you the classic New Testament thing. But is it in the Old Testament? Well, I want to tell you something. I might surprise you,

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but there are more verses in the Old Testament about the Millennial Kingdom than in the New Testament. In fact, the Old Testament has more prophecies about the Millennium Kingdom than about the First Coming of Jesus.

You just need to understand **Zechariah 14:16-20**. At the end of that terrible war, the war that all of you call Armageddon. **“And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts [where?] and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to [where?] Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts,...”** It's not the king of Israel, David. It's the King, the Lord of hosts. It's a term that only belongs to God and if you are not going there, **“...on them shall be no rain. If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the Lord strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. In that day ‘HOLINESS TO THE LORD’ shall be engraved on the bells of the horses. The pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.”**

I told you regarding the First Coming of Jesus, there are over 300 prophecies. But some of them are repetitious, which means if you take away all of those that repeat themselves, it's about 109 prophecies about the First Coming of Jesus. But there are way more than that related to the Second Coming and the Lord's Millennial Reign. All the First Coming prophecies were *literally* fulfilled, and there is no reason to assume that the fulfillment of the Second Coming prophecies will be any different. We need, therefore, to take the Old Testament seriously, and we need to study what it has to say prophetically about the end times.

The Political Side of the Millennial Kingdom—that's just so you understand how we're not there yet. First of all, the Bible says...

The Political Side of the Millennial Kingdom

- The reign of the Lord will be world-wide. There will be one King over all the earth. Is that what we have today? No. Isaiah 2:2 and Isaiah 9:6-7.
- It will be peaceful in nature. Hello? Do we have peaceful reign over all the earth right now? No, but Isaiah 2:4 says that.
- The world will be blessed with righteousness (Isaiah 11:4-5) and justice (Isaiah 42:3-4). Huh? Is that what we have right now? Even in Manila, you can say it's not happening. Every mayor is more corrupt than the one before. Corruption is there. Sin is there.
- The Lord's throne will be established in Jerusalem, for He will occupy the throne of David (Isaiah 2:3). Is it there? Is the Temple Mount even in the hands of the Jews? Are they having their temple standing there already? No.
- His government will be a theocratic one in which He will serve as king, legislator, and judge, according to Isaiah 33:17-22. Is that what we have today? Today everybody is bowing down to Supreme Courts. They rule over government.
- The Redeemed will reign with the Lord as princes (Isaiah 32:1). Are you ruling already? No, not yet. And I'm not talking about now in the natural aspect. I'm talking about the political aspect of it.
- Because the Lord will be reigning from Jerusalem, the nation of Israel will be the prime nation in the world (Isaiah 2:2-3, 49:22-23, and 60:1 - 62:7). It's not the case right now. Everybody turns on CNN and see they all talk about America, most of the time. America today is the superpower in the world. It's the center of world happenings.

Everything that happens there, projects to the whole world. China is #2; Russia is #3. Let's face it. Israel, with all the amazing things that God is doing there, is not yet the prime nation in the world.

What about the Spiritual State in the Millennial Kingdom?

The Spiritual State
in the Millennial
Kingdom

The Bible says...

- The glory and holiness of the Lord will be manifested. (Isaiah 40:3-5, 52:13-15, 61:3, and 66:18)
- Holiness will abound (Isaiah 4:2-4) and an attitude of joy and praise will prevail.
- The ransomed of the Lord will return and come with joyful shouting to Zion, with everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away (Isaiah 35:10). I'm sorry, have you met the Jews lately? Sigh is our second name. Even our cows, when they produce milk, "Oy vey."
- A rebuilt temple in Jerusalem will serve as the worship center of the world. Is that really what we have there? We don't have it there yet. (Isaiah 2:2-3, Isaiah 56:6-8, Isaiah 60:7b,13)
- Incredibly, the Shekinah glory of God will hover over the city of Jerusalem like a canopy, in Isaiah 4:5. It's not there yet.
- The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea (Isaiah 11:9). Do we have it now? We have increased what? Knowledge, but we have deception, corruption, sin abounds. That's what we have right now.

What about nature? Okay, I dare you to go now to Africa, to the area of the jungles where the lions are. Just try to walk right by them, "Hi, kitty, kitty, kitty". Do that.

The Nature in the
Millennial Kingdom

The Bible says...

- The land of Israel will no longer be a place of desolation. (Isaiah 62:3-5) True.
- Instead, the fruit of the earth will be a pride of Israel. (Isaiah 4:2)
- Waters will break forth in the wilderness, and the deserts will become pools of water. (Isaiah 35:6b-7)
- It started but then it says that the animal kingdom will be restored to its *original* perfection. Poisonous animals will cease to be poisonous. Meat-eating animals will become herbivorous. Can you imagine? Lions will be vegetarian! People ask me if I'm vegetarian and I always tell them, "The steak that I eat is from a vegetarian cow." [Laughter] Hello? Ladies and gentlemen, all members of the animal kingdom will live together in perfect peace with each other and with mankind. (Isaiah 11:6-9 and 65:25) Is that what we have right now? Try and walk in the jungle. Try to go to a poisonous cobra and then, [Amir stretches out hand]. If you want to die, if you have a death wish.

But in the Millennial Kingdom, if you read Isaiah, both in chapter 11 and in chapter 65. Trust me, I read those verses before I put them in this message. It's a perfect description of how God is going to restore things. Remember, this is the time that Satan is not even here to deceive anyone. Remember, he's locked up, right there in that bottomless pit, for a thousand years. Mankind can no longer say there is a satanic influence in this world.

So how come everybody's so deceived about this Millennial Kingdom? Don't you notice? Half of the pastors around the world believe that we're already there. I don't know if you know that but there's a great deception both among Christians and Jews.

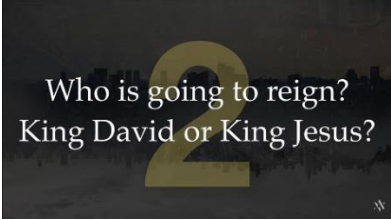


First of all, in the Jewish mindset, the Millennial Kingdom is the First Coming of the Messiah.

The Jews reject Jesus. Part of it is because they say, "I'm sorry, but we don't see the things that should be here when Messiah should reign." See, they missed His visitation. What is a visitation? He's only coming for the issue of sin. He only comes for a short time. He's not staying. They missed that one. They are waiting for the Second Coming as if it's the first. They're waiting for the Millennial Kingdom as if this is the reign of Christ. So up until then, Messiah has not come yet.

So, in their minds, the enemy deceived them to say, "Reject Jesus. Obviously, He never really provided the world that you hope for when Messiah comes." What we call the Second Coming, the Jewish people call the First Coming. What we call the Millennial Kingdom, they call Israel's "Messianic Period." So, the enemy blinded them from understanding what the Millennial Kingdom is all about.

What about the Church? I don't know if you know that most of the people that call themselves Christians today and most of the churches that call themselves Bible-teaching churches today are "Amillennial." Amillennial means they don't believe in the Millennial. The Amillennial viewpoint of end time Bible prophecy is the majority view within the Church today—held by both the Catholic Church and most mainline Protestant denominations. The enemy did a great job in deceiving them. Amillennialists are those who believe that Jesus is *currently* reigning over all the world *from* Heaven *through* the Church. They, therefore, believe that we are already in the Millennium right now—that it began at the Cross and will continue until the Second Coming. Ha! First of all, *two* thousand years already passed with all due respect. So, it's way beyond *one* thousand. And all the characteristics of the Millennial Kingdom obviously don't fit *anything* in this world today.



Who is going to reign?
King David or King Jesus?

Now who is going to reign? Is it King David or King Jesus? Because I want to tell something. **Ezekiel 34:23-24**, watch this, says, **“I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd and I, the Lord, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them. I, the Lord have spoken.”**

Then in **Jeremiah 30:9**, **“But they shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.”** So, there's a lot of confusion among, mostly Jews, but many Christians as to who is the king in the Millennial Kingdom, Jesus or David? And I want to correct it very much so. Remember, in the Order of the Resurrection (see chart, page 3), the Old Testament Saints, amongst them David, are going to resurrect at the end of Jacob's Trouble, ushering in the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom.

Now comes the point. The Jewish people sometimes refer to the Messiah as “David” because it was known that the Messiah would come from David's lineage. The New Testament often refers to Jesus as the “Son of David.” Remember, in Matthew 15:22 and in Mark 10:47.

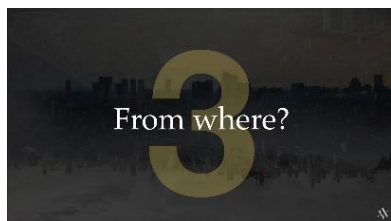
There are other reasons, besides being the Son of David, that the Messiah is referred to as “David.” King David in the Old Testament was a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22); he was an unlikely king of God's own choosing, and the Spirit of God was upon him (1 Samuel 16:12-13). David, then, is a *type* of Christ. A type is a person who *foreshadows someone else*. Another example, by the way, of this kind of typology is Elijah, whose ministry foreshadowed that of John the Baptist to the extent that Malachi, or if you're Italian you call him “Ma-lach-ee” [Laughter], he called John, “Elijah” (Malachi 4:5; cf. Luke 1: 17, Mark 9:11-13).

Folks, make no mistake, David will be resurrected at the beginning of the Millennium, along with all the other Old Testament saints, and David will be *one* of those who reign with Jesus in

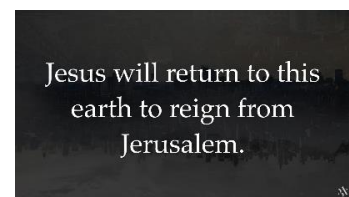
the Kingdom (Daniel 7:27). Not the only one. However, all believers will rule the nations (Revelation 2:26-27; 20:4) and judge the world (1 Corinthians 6:2). The apostle Peter called the Christians a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation (1 Peter 2:9).

In **Revelation 3:21** (paraphrased), Jesus says about the believer who conquers, **“I will grant him to sit with Me on My throne.”** In some sense, then, Christians will share authority with Christ, as far as rulers. That's what Ephesians 2:6 says. There's some biblical evidence, by the way, as in the Parable of the Ten Minas (Luke 19:11-27), that individuals will be given more or less authority in the Kingdom according to how they handle the responsibilities God has given them *now*, in this age (Luke 19:17). This is why it is so important to study about the Millennial Kingdom today!

Jesus is the King of kings (Revelation 19:16). Humanly speaking, Jesus is from the Davidic dynasty, but in power, in glory, in righteousness, and in every other way, He is rightly called the Greater David. **“The government will be on His shoulder” (Isaiah 9:6).** That’s the Child who unto us is given. The Old and the New Testaments reveal that the future King during the Millennium and *all eternity is Jesus Christ and Him alone* (Jeremiah 23:5; Isaiah 9:7; 33:22, Revelation 17:14, 1 Timothy 6:15). I love the Bible because the Bible explains the Bible.



Where is He going to rule from? Jesus will return to this earth to reign from Jerusalem. This is why Jerusalem has to be back in the hands of the Jewish people. This is why they had to come back. This is why the moving of the embassy by President Trump, you may take it too lightly, but this is a very prophetic thing—that the world's superpower recognizes Jerusalem as the place for the people of Israel. It is the step before they will build a temple.



Zechariah 14:3-5, “Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley. Half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee... [and look what it says] ...Thus, the Lord my God will come, and all the saints with You.” Jesus will return to Jerusalem, and He will return with all of us. I always tell people in the Second Coming of Jesus, you better not see His face, but see His back. Because He will come and consume His enemies with a breath of his mouth. But if you are behind Him, riding the horse, coming all the way down from heaven, you are with Him. As much as I want to see the face of Jesus, I will see it when I come in the rapture. But then He takes me, and I will be with Him. And when I return, He leads and I'm riding the horse behind Him. You don't want to see His face! You want to see His back during that time!

Is there any indication, by the way, of Israel's salvation during the Millennial Kingdom? Of course! **Zechariah 12:10** says, **“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication, then they will look on Me whom they pierced.”**

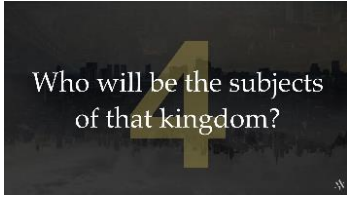
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When Jesus returns, Israel will be the ones that say, **Matthew 23:39, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”** Jesus said (paraphrased), “Jerusalem, you will not see Me until you say, “Baruch Haba B'shem, Adonai. You will have to invite Me.” **Hosea 5:15** (paraphrased) says, **“In their affliction they will earnestly seek My face.”** And that is after the Tribulation that is meant for their salvation. They will earnestly seek Him, and they will cry, “Baruch Haba B'shem, Adonai.” Zechariah 12:10 continued, **“Yes, they will mourn for**

Him as one mourns for his only son and grieve for Him as one grieves for his firstborn.”

They will understand that for the last 2,000 years they were wrong. He is our Messiah. He's the one whom we pierced. He's the one whom we condemned. He's the one we thought that is not our King, is not our Messiah, is not our deliverer. He is the Messiah. He is the Deliverer. He is the King of kings, the Lord of lords. I wish we would have believed in Him, and we would have been spared from this whole Tribulation. And you, before the Tribulation starts, have the privilege to choose Him.

Jeremiah pictures the Millennium as a time when Israel and Judah will be united in peace. The city of **“Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the Lord” (Jeremiah 3:17-18)**. Jesus, **“the righteous Branch,”** will **“reign as the king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land” (Jeremiah 23:5 paraphrased)**. Because of His new role as King, the name of Jesus will be changed to Adonai-Tsidkenu, Yahweh-Tsidkenu, which means **“THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS”** in **Jeremiah 23:6**. David, in his glorified body, will serve also as king of Israel (Jeremiah 30:9). The Bible says that all the enemies of Israel will be destroyed (Jeremiah 30:11). The city of Jerusalem and the Temple will be rebuilt (Jeremiah 30:18) and the population will be multiplied (Jeremiah 30:19). The mourning of the Jewish people will be turned into joy (Jeremiah 31:13). The Jewish people will repent of their rejection of their Messiah, and they will enter into a new covenant with God that will be written on their hearts. Jeremiah 31:31-34 and 32:37-40 talk about the new covenant, the New Testament, that the *Jewish* people were promised. The streets of Jerusalem will be filled with **“the voice of joy and the voice of gladness...” (Jeremiah 33:11)**.



Now who are we going to rule over? It's nice to be rulers but you need to rule over someone. It's not only animals. Hello? Remember, when Jesus comes back, He will judge the sheep and the goats. And He will allow the sheep to enter into the Kingdom, the thousand-year Kingdom. and they will multiply. They still have their earthly bodies. We will have our glorified bodies because without that we cannot even be raptured. Remember, you cannot be raptured unless you are changed as **1 Corinthians 15:51** (paraphrased) says. **“Behold, I tell you a mystery, not all of us are going to die, but all of us are going to change. In a minute, in a twinkle of an eye, with the sound of the trumpet.”** But the people on Earth, when we come back, are still having their earthly bodies. See, you can eat as many donuts is you want. They can't. Hello? That is enough of a reason to believe. [Laughter] That is enough of a reason to want to be taken. People throw millions of dollars on diets, wellness treatments, and medical treatments. You receive Jesus and your body is going to be changed.

But those that are going to be left here, when we come back, they are still on Earth. They will repopulate the earth. After all the Great Tribulation, the earth will be repopulated, and I know that because I'm going to tell you in a few seconds what's going to happen with those people.

Can you imagine reigning a thousand years? You are going to see so many people born and dead, and born and dead. At the end of the Millennial, you're going to say, “Hey, I know your great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandfather. He was nicer than you.” The people who survived the

The people who survived the tribulation and their descendants

tribulation and their descendants are the people we're going to reign over. **Zechariah 14:16-19** (paraphrased) says, **“And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations**

which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of Lords in Jerusalem...” There will be people who are left. God will leave people and they will multiply.

What will be different in the millennial Jerusalem?

What is going to be the difference, by the way, between the Jerusalem of today and the Jerusalem of the Millennial Kingdom?

It's the same city. We're coming back to earthly Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem is not yet there. But the Millennial Jerusalem still is going to be a little different.

First of all, the Bible says, there will be the River of Life that is coming. Take a look at this: The River of Life. In **Ezekiel 47:1-12**, “**Then**

The River of Life
Ezekiel 47:1-12

he brought me back to the door of the temple, and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar. He brought me out by the way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside...” He's talking about the water and “**...this water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed. And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live...**” The River of Life.

By the way, Zechariah 14:8, you can add it, also speaks of the same river. He says that when Jesus comes back and his feet are on Mount of Olives and Mount of Olives split, then water comes out. Half goes to the eastern sea and half goes to the western sea and there will be a river in Jerusalem. Jerusalem has no river today. Jerusalem will have a river.

Now Jerusalem has no temple today. But the Bible says in Ezekiel, five chapters, Ezekiel 40-45, speaking of the 4th Temple. Wait a minute,

The 4th Temple
Ezekiel 40-45

a 4th? Yes, the 3rd Temple is going to be built during the Tribulation when we're out. Antichrist

will reign from it, remember? But when Jesus comes everything is destroyed. There's an earthquake and then there will be a 4th Temple.

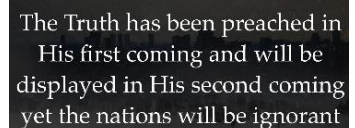
Now, I have a question for you. Isn't a millennium a long time? It's like, all right, I got the point. I want to tell you something. We're changed, remember? Our bodies changed. Everything is changed. The

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Millennium will be millennium for those who live here. But remember, the Bible says in **2 Peter 3:8-9**, “Beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day...” There is a great chance that for us it will feel almost like one day, when in reality for the people, it could be felt like a thousand years.

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Now comes the point. What is the purpose of this Kingdom? Why would God want us to reign for a thousand years in this fallen world over these fallen people, where Satan is not even over for good but only for that time? Remember, Jesus said about His First Coming, **John 3:17**, “**For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.**” Jesus came the first time to save the world. But the Second Coming, in **Acts 17:31**, “...He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained.” Now, if God is about to judge the whole world in righteousness, God wants to display His righteousness. Isaiah 11 and Isaiah 61: The Truth has been preached in His First Coming and will be displayed in His Second Coming, yet (what?) the nations will still be ignorant.

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Okay, you can tell me that you did not believe when Jesus first came. Well, He was poor, riding a donkey, weeping, crying. He died like a thief on a cross. This whole thing doesn't

resonate with what you think a king is going to be. So, maybe you missed Him in His First Coming.

But you want to tell me that after a thousand years, when He comes riding a horse destroying His enemies with the breath of His mouth. He's establishing a godly kingdom on Earth. There is no Satan around. He is bound for a thousand years. You would think that everyone, automatically, will believe, wouldn't you? Hello? You cannot say, "Satan made me do that." Satan is not even there! He's locked down for a thousand years. He's gone! Stop blaming him for everything.

Although Jesus spoke about His Second Coming, why is it so hard for people to believe it? Listen, people don't believe Jesus is coming back. Most Christians don't believe in a *physical return* of Jesus. I don't if you know that. Do you know why? Because Jesus will come riding a horse. It's a political leadership that is about to be taken. "Don't you politicize my faith." I'm not. Jesus is coming as a political leader. [In a whiny voice], "Oh, I prefer Him riding the donkey." Your choice! He is coming back on a horse. I'm sorry.

Although Jesus spoke about His second coming- why is it so hard for people to believe it?

Jesus will come riding a horse! Political leadership is about to be taken!

Jesus will come as a man of war that will consume His enemies. Folks, we love Him as the one on the cross, who turns the other cheek, and who bleeds, and who forgives us. I mean, we want Him there on the cross or as a little baby. He is coming as a man of war. People have a hard time with that one. They don't want to see a political figure. They don't want to see someone who's coming to fight His enemies. Jesus will come no longer to save the world. That's His First Coming. But to what? Judge

Jesus will come as a man of war that will consume His enemies!

Jesus will come no longer to save the world but rather to judge the world!

the world! [In a whiny voice again], “Oh, Jesus forgives; He loves.” Jesus is coming to judge the world! The First Coming is to save the world. You have a chance right now, but I have news for you. He said that the Second Coming is not to save but to *judge*.

The two judgments of the Millennial Kingdom. There will be two. One is going to be the Sheep and the Goats when he ushers the Millennial Kingdom. In Joel 3:1-2 and in Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus will come, and He will divide the population of the world. By the way, in both cases, it is how they treated Israel. Interesting. That's why it's so important that we have pastors and leadership that are so much into teaching you to love, support, and pray for Israel.

The two judgments of the Millennial Kingdom

The Sheep and the Goats

Joel 3:1-2
Matthew 25:31-46

The Bible says in **Joel 3:1-3** the following thing regarding that particular thing. It says, **“For behold, in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives to Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all the nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on the account of My people, My heritage, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations. They have also divided up My land. They have cast lots on my people...”** He will judge all the nations on the account of His people. What they did to His people. In **Matthew 25:40** (paraphrased), when He says sheep and goats, He says, **“If you did that to the least of My brethren [speaking of the Jewish people] it is as if you did it unto Me.”** Wow!

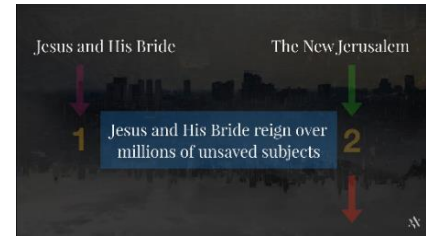
Then at the end of the Millennium, it's the Great White Throne Judgment. That's when He judges the whole world.

The Great White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20:11-15

Two different judgments. One, look at this chart. The first one when He returns with us.

It's the judgment of the Sheep and the Goats and then the second one, at the end of the Millennial Kingdom, is going to be when He's judging the whole world. And the world that is not of Him is going down. He is bringing New Jerusalem for us from heaven.



Why is it so important for us TODAY to study the events of the far FUTURE?

Why is it so important for us today to study the events of such a far future, such as the Millennial Kingdom? It's important because your decision today will affect your place and your role in the future. If you choose Him now, you reign with Him in the future. If you deny Him now, He will deny you before the Father. It's very simple. That's why it's in the Bible. Why do you think John had that revelation if it's not that important for you today? Why do you think all the Old Testament prophets had that revelation if it's not that important?

Your decision today will effect your place and your role in the future!

There are no promotions in the Millennial Kingdom. Either you reign, or you're being reigned by someone. You're not promoted! If you want to be promoted to governor or to be a priest, *now* your decision will make you priest, and will make you judge, and will make you a king and ruler in the future. But not then. A subject can never reign. You have to understand that.

There are no promotions in the Millennial Kingdom- a subject can never reign.

Follow Jesus today and you will reign with Him tomorrow. Reject Jesus today and you may not even see tomorrow. **2 Timothy 2:11-12, "This is a faithful saying, for if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us."**

Follow Jesus today and reign with Him tomorrow!

Can anyone accept Christ during that time?

One of the questions I'm often asked is, "Can anyone accept Christ during the Millennial Kingdom?" It's a legitimate question. A thousand years they see Jesus. These people were not born when Jesus came first so you cannot blame them for rejecting Christ. Here they are in the Millennial Kingdom, can they be saved? I am going to be *very* super careful in my answer right now. I will tell you this: All I can tell you is based on what I read in the Scriptures.

Salvation may be possible during the Millennial because I never met one person that Jesus said, "Oh, you truly want to believe, but I'm not interested." No, He's not interested in those who faked, who did this in His name and did that in His name. He never knew them because they never really truly believed in Him. However, it's a *huge* however, you will not be there if you reject Him now. In other words, don't count on coming to faith in the Millennial Kingdom. Hello? You won't be there. Those who will be *born* during the Millennial Kingdom might have the chance. But you?

Salvation may be possible during the Millennial Kingdom, but YOU will not be there if you reject Him now!

That's why the Bible says, **2 Thessalonians 2:9-12** (paraphrased), "**The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all the unrighteous deception among those who perish, because if you did not receive the love of truth now, that you might be saved. You will be getting from God the strong delusion, that you should believe the lie.**"

Do you understand? *Now* you need to accept Him. The only description that we have of the world towards the end of that kingdom is not that flattering. You see, I didn't find all those verses that speak of, if you're born in the Millennial Kingdom, you're saved. Do you know what I found?

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Revelation 20:7-10, look what I found, **“Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison.”** Remember, he's there for a thousand years and remember, the Bible says that he must be released for a short while. Now comes the point, at the end of the Millennial Kingdom, the Bible says, **“Satan will be released from his prison and [what?] will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, [Whoa!] Gog and Magog.”** Yes, there's another Gog and Magog. This is the *ultimate* Gog and Magog. The coming of those who are influenced by Satan against those who are chosen by God. There is a picture of it, in the coming Gog and Magog now, in Ezekiel. But the ultimate Gog and Magog is at the end of the Millennial Kingdom. And guys, the Bible says that he will **“gather them together to battle, whose number is like the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city.”**

That means that the saints, the believers, and the beloved city Jerusalem will be attacked from the four corners of the world by people who automatically, once Satan is released, will choose him! After a thousand years that Satan was bound, a thousand years that Jesus physically reigns on earth, guess who they choose? Satan. And they came down from Gog, the Bible says **“and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”**

So, I'm telling you, folks, when my Bible tells me that the Lord Jesus will judge the world in *righteousness*, it's because the world is going to be so evil and the Millennial Kingdom, as far as I'm concerned, is God telling all of us, “Look, guys, I'm giving you a thousand years. Satan is not in the neighborhood. I am reigning over all the earth, and guess what? You're still going to choose Satan. So, when I judge you at the end, it is in righteousness.”

Do you understand what the Millennial Kingdom is all about? A display of God and His righteousness in preparation for His judgment. This is why I cannot tell you to wait for the Millennium to believe. Most likely you will be deceived. This is why there is an urgency in the Bible. In **2 Corinthians 6:2**, the latter part of verse 2, **“Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”** Not then!

I beg all of you not to be deceived that the Millennial Kingdom is already here. I beg all of you to understand, now is the day of salvation. If you will enter into the Millennial Kingdom, which is a very slim chance that you would, the chances that you will be deceived are even greater. Choose Jesus; choose life! Reign with Him, rule with Him, and live with Him. Not only for the seven years in heaven and the thousand years on earth, but also, forever and ever in the New Jerusalem. Amen?

Father, we thank You so much that You by Your wisdom and Your mighty, mighty, mighty hand, You're going to judge the world in righteousness, and You give us the Millennial Kingdom to understand how *desperately* wicked the heart of man is and how he needs a new heart that can only come as he accepts Jesus and is filled with the Spirit. Today, Father, we ask that You will fill us, once again, with the urgency of the times and the seasons not only to be holy and live holy lives, but also, to tell people about Jesus. They are so going to be disappointed. They're so going to be deceived when the Antichrist is going to rule and reign because he can only give them fake peace for a short time. And then comes the disappointment.

Father, I pray that so many will come to the knowledge of the truth so they will not be given to strong delusions. We pray that You will use us today to share Your Word and bring fruits to Your Kingdom. We thank You for Your Word and for the Millennial Kingdom that is ahead of us. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen. Amen.

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