

## Introducing the Millennium, Part 1: Beginning the Journey

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All kings of the earth have failed, none are Christ. We desire a righteous king, Pr. 16:15, 20:8. 20:28. The coming Kingdom of God on Earth is a comfort today because we know what is coming.

- 1) **Why do we use the term "Millennium?"**: Greek: "khiliasmos," or English: chiliasm, which means 1,000 years. From Scripture directly from Rev. 20:2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Other names: Kingdom of heaven (Matt. 6:10), kingdom of God (Luke 19:11), kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ (Rev. 11:15), "the regeneration" (Matt. 19:28), "times of refreshing" (Acts 3:19), "times of restoration" (Acts 3:21), "the world to come" (Heb. 2:5).
- 2) **What the basic systems for understanding the Millennialism?** Post-Mill: 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ after the 1,000-year reign. Pre-Mill: historic position, from a literal rendering of Scripture, Christ coming to "rapture" His church and return after the Tribulation to reign on earth. A-Mill: most popular world view which rejects the two resurrections of Rev. 20:5, 13, held belief of the Catholic Church. \*\*Only Pre-Mill. view has a bodily reign of Jesus on earth as King.
- 3) **Where is the foundation of a Kingdom of God on Earth come from?** Gen. 1:31, shows that God created a creation that was very good. The central command and directive of God was that we are made as the image of God according to the likeness of God on earth, Gen. 1:26-27. We are made "as" the image of God is the proper rendering of the word and brings more clarity to our role on earth on behalf of God. We are God's representative to have dominion (V26) and subdue (V28) the earth. God allowed sin and will bring about the crushing of sin through the coming of a Savior and we will come and reign with Him, Gen. 3:14-19, Rev. 20 & 22.
- 4) **What are the 6 elements of the Millennium?** 1) Earthly Kingdom: holy mountain, Is. 11:9, stand on Mount of Olives, Zech. 14:4, two rivers flow from Jerusalem, Zech. 14:8, Ez. 47:19, Joel 3:18, Jesus will reign over all the earth, Zech. 14:9. 2) Glorious Restoration of Israel: God fulfills His promises to Israel during the 1,000 yr. reign, Zech. 8:23. 3) Visible Reign of Christ: Rom. 11:26-27, Is. 59, Jer. 23:5-8, Jesus takes away the sin of Israel and reigns over them. 4) Righteous Government: a divine monarchy, Is. 11:1-5, Jer. 23:5-6, Ps. 2, 72, Is. 65, Zech. 14, Micah 5:2. Sin is punished, Is. 24:23. Glory of Christ is seen by all, Is. 2:3, Ps. 72:11. Reigns from Jerusalem, Micah 4:2. No weapons, Is. 2:4. Saints will reign with Him, 2 Tim. 2:12, Rev. 5:8-14, 20:6. 5) Worship Centered Kingdom: Is. 65:20, infant mortality is gone, the Gospel will continue to cleanse sin and impurities, Zech. 13:1. Feasts of God will be re-instated, Zech. 14:16-17. Sacrifices will be offered in new temple, Ez. 40-48. A) Not to replace Jesus' sacrifice. B) Not related to salvation, but for purity. C) Focused on restored Israel. D) Not the return to the Mosaic Law, already fulfilled by the perfect Israelite Jesus. Sacrifices are restarted under Antichrist, Dan. 9:27, when they think Messiah has returned. Will begin again during Millennium. The Lord's Supper ends with the return of Jesus and the marriage supper of the Lamb, 1 Cor. 11:26. Baptism less likely to remain as the kingdom has come. 6) Dramatic Ending: a) Satan released, Rev. 20:7-10, to deceive those on earth, demonstrating man's depravity apart from regeneration by the Holy Spirit. b) Christ delivers the kingdom to His Father, 1 Cor. 15:24-26. c) A Great White Throne Judgement for the unbeliever, Rev. 20:11-15.

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**5) What are the spiritual benefits of this study?** 1) Help view and study Scripture properly. 2) Heightened eagerness of Christ's return. 3) Greater understanding of the redemptive plan of God, I am a part of God's plan which He reveals from Genesis to Revelation. 4) Appreciation for the necessity of the Millennium. 5) Sense of anticipation to what is coming for Israel and all nations. It eliminates the fear of death.

**6) What can I expect in this series?** 1) Leisurely walk, not a run. 2) Overlap of Scriptures. 3) Use of systematic theology (topic of Millennium found throughout Scripture) and biblical theology (what the Scriptures say given by a particular author in its context). 4) Expect necessary saturation in God's plan for Israel. 5) Pyramid like structure with a strong foundation of Scripture, leading to the rapture, and Millennium.

**7) What are the challenges before us?** 1) Need for intentional application. 2) It is an unusual aspect of teaching. 3) Impossibility of being thorough.

**8) How can we get ready?** 1) Be here in person. 2) Take notes. 3) Pray for Steve, the church, and for the Gospel. 4) Utilize Welcome Center outlines that are made available.

**9) What is coming down the road?** 1) The Foundation of the teaching and introduction of the Millennium. 2) A number of smaller mini-series within the study to go through various topics.

### **Further Discussion and Application**

This study is a large undertaking by Steve which will take us through most of the Bible during the study. What are the blessings of learning sound doctrine and teaching? What are the benefits for the church? What are the benefits for the unity of the body? What are the benefits for identifying and refuting false teaching?

Read Rev. 1:3. There are blessings for understanding, reading, and keeping the things written in Revelation. What is the blessing of knowing the Word of God found in 2 Tim. 3:10-17?

What are some goals that you have for this study? Read 2 Peter 1: 2-11. How does knowing more Scripture increase your love and service in worship to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?