

A Brief Study on End Times Prophecy

Session 4: Millennial Kingdom (1000 Year Reign)

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Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20)

Satan Bound the Thousand Years

- An angel come down from heaven, **having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.**
- Laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.
- I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years - But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.*
- Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection -- **they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.** (see also 1 Thess. 3:13, 6:2)

Satan Cast into the Lake of Fire

- When the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,
- He shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.
- ... and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.
- And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

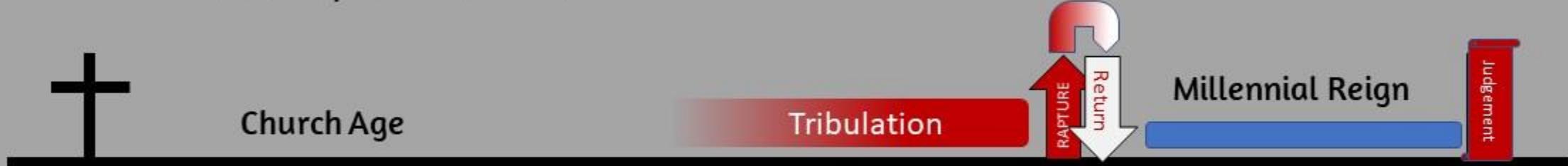
The Final Judgment

- I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.
- ... **and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life:** and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. and they were judged every man according to their works.
- **And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**

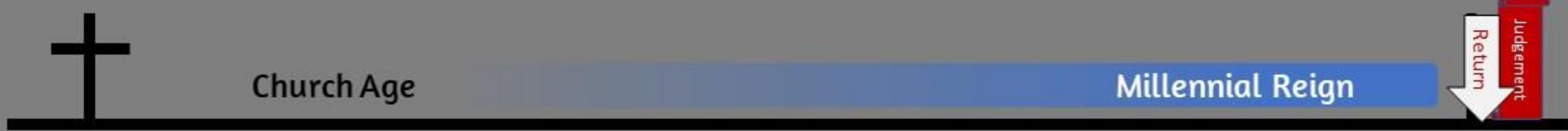
Dispensational Pretribulation | Premillennialism



Historical Premillennialism | Posttribulation



Postmillennialism



Amillennialism



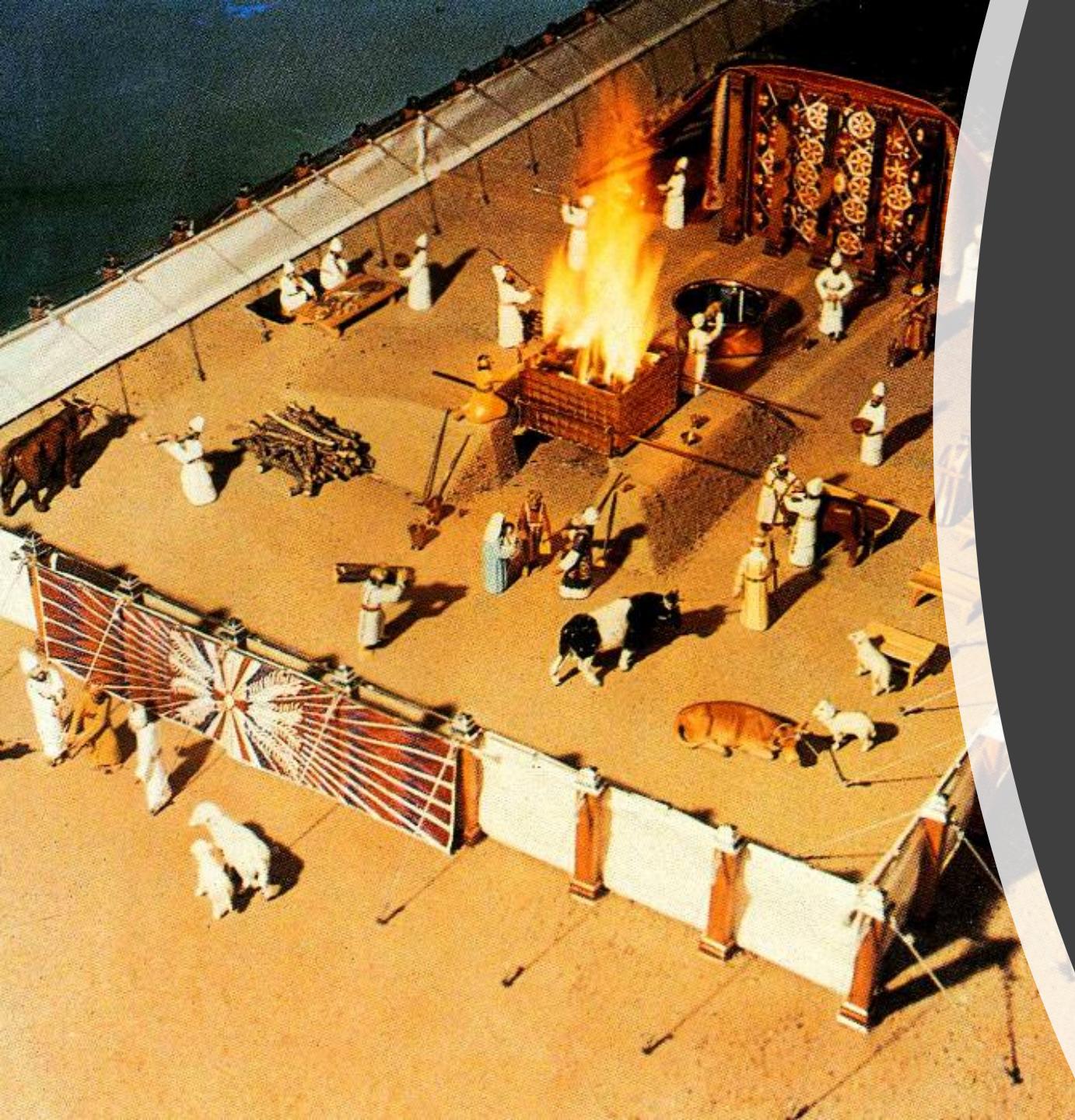


Millennial Kingdom – Physical, Spiritual or Symbolic



Millennial Kingdom (MK) – What is it?

- After the Tribulation and the Battle of Armageddon, Jesus will establish His 1,000-year Kingdom on earth.
- In Jeremiah 30, God promises Israel that the yoke of foreign oppression would be cast off forever, and “instead, they will serve the Lord their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them” (verse 9)(see also Ezekiel 37:24)
- Some have concluded that King David will be resurrected during the Millennium and installed as co-regent over Israel, ruling the Kingdom with Jesus Christ.
- The Bible also tells us that only believers will enter the millennial kingdom. Because of this, it will be a time of obedience (Jeremiah 31:33), holiness (Isaiah 35:8), truth (Isaiah 65:16), and the knowledge of God (Isaiah 11:9, Habakkuk 2:14).
- Christ will rule as king (Isaiah 9:3–7; 11:1–10). Nobles and governors will also rule (Isaiah 32:1; Matthew 19:28), and Jerusalem will be the political center of the world (Zechariah 8:3).
- See also Luke 1:32-33 that tells us that when Christ returns to the earth He will establish Himself as king in Jerusalem.



Millennial Kingdom (MK) – What is it?

- There are several passages in the Old Testament that clearly indicate animal sacrifice will be re-instituted during the millennial kingdom. Some passages mention it in passing as the topic of the millennial kingdom is discussed, passages like Isaiah 56:6-8; Zechariah 14:16; and Jeremiah 33:15-18.
- The most extensive giving the greatest detail, is Ezekiel 43:18-46:24. It should be noted that this is part of a greater passage dealing with the millennial kingdom, a passage that begins with Ezekiel 40.
- In Ezekiel 40, the Lord begins to give details of the temple that will exist during the millennial kingdom, a temple that dwarfs all other temples previously built, even Herod's temple that was quite large, which existed during the earthly ministry of Christ.
- Most premillennial scholars agree that the purpose of animal sacrifice during the millennial kingdom is memorial in nature. As the Lord's Supper is a reminder of the death of Christ to the Church today, animal sacrifices will be a reminder during the millennial kingdom.
- To those born during the millennial kingdom, animal sacrifices will again be an object lesson. During that future time, righteousness and holiness will prevail, but those with earthly bodies will still have a sin nature, and there will be a need to teach about how offensive sin is to a holy and righteous God.
- Animal sacrifices will serve that purpose, "but in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year" (Hebrews 10:3).



MK – What is its purpose?

- The purpose of the 1,000-year reign is to fulfill various promises God made to the world. Some of these promises, or covenants, were given specifically to Israel. Others were given to Jesus, the nations of the world, and creation.
- Jesus' 1,000-year reign will be a time of promises kept.
- The unconditional covenants demand a literal, physical return of Christ to establish the kingdom.
- The **Abrahamic Covenant** promised Israel a land, a posterity and ruler, and a spiritual blessing ([Genesis 12:1–3](#)).
- The **Palestinian Covenant** promised Israel a restoration to the land and occupation of the land ([Deuteronomy 30:1–10](#)).
- The **Davidic Covenant** promised Israel a king from David's line who would rule forever—giving the nation rest from all their enemies ([2 Samuel 7:10–13](#)).
- These covenants God made with Israel that are to be fulfilled in Jesus' 1,000-year reign, but the Bible lists **other promises that will be fulfilled, too**.
- God promised Jesus He will make His enemies a footstool, and that Jesus' followers will worship Him freely ([Psalm 110](#)).
- God promised the nations of the world that they would live in peace with Jesus as their ruler ([Daniel 7:11–14](#)). And He promised creation that the curse would be lifted ([Romans 8:18–23](#)), animals and the earth would be restored to peace and prosperity ([Isaiah 11:6–9; 32:13–15](#)), and people would be freed from disease ([Ezekiel 34:16](#)). These, too, will be fulfilled during the 1,000-year reign.
- The main purpose of Jesus' 1,000-year reign is to fulfill the prophecies given to Israel and the promises made to Jesus, the nations, and the whole earth. God's covenants were voluntary and one-sided. He promised He would bless Israel and restore the world in specific ways, and He will.

MK – What is its purpose?

- At the second coming, these covenants will be fulfilled as Israel is re-gathered from the nations (Matthew 24:31), converted (Zechariah 12:10–14), and restored to the land under the rule of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.
- Time will also be used to reward people of God. (Matt. 16:27) For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.
- (Matt. 25:34). Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
- (Col 3:24) Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance.
- (Rev. 22:12) And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work.
- Lastly, 1,000 year reign will reemphasize man's depravity and the necessity of Christ's death. **What happens AFTER the 1,000 reign?**



MK – What will it be like?

The Bible speaks of the conditions during the millennium as a perfect environment physically and spiritually.

Time of **PEACE** (Micah 4:2–4; Isaiah 11:6-9, 32:17–18, 72:7)

- **(Isaiah 11)** The wolf shall dwell with the lamb - the leopard shall lie down with the young goat - the calf and the young lion and the fatling together - a little child shall lead them - the cow and the bear shall graze - their young ones shall lie down together - the lion shall eat straw like the ox - the nursing child shall play by the hole of the cobra - the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice'viper den - they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain

Time of **PROLONG LIFE** (Isaiah 65:20)

- No more will there be infant deaths - nor an old man that hath not filled his days – anyone who dies at 100 years old will be considered a child- but the sinner *being* an hundred years old shall be accursed

Time of **PERSONAL JOY** (Isaiah 9:3, 14:7, 25:8-9, 30:29, 42:10-12, 61:7 & 10), and **COMFORT** (Isaiah 40:1–2).

- He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken *it* - we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation - sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise from the end of the earth - everlasting joy shall be unto them - I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God

Time of **PURITY** (Isaiah 11:9, 25:9, 66:23, Zech 13:2)

- And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that* I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land



MK- Symbolic?

Luke 17: 20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

The argument:

- "A thousand years" is a figurative, or symbolical, description of the entire age of the new covenant. The number 1,000 is a symbolical number, made up as it is of the number 10. In the Bible, 10 is the number of completeness. The symbolical nature of the thousand year period is in harmony with the symbolical character of the book of Revelation, e.g., the depiction of Satan as a great red dragon (Rev. 12). It is also in harmony with the obviously figurative character of the binding of the spirit, Satan, with a great chain. In addition, Revelation 20 is a vision ("and I saw," vv. 1, 4), not historical observation.
- The binding of Satan represents the sovereign control and restraint of the devil by the Lord Jesus that prevents him from deceiving the nations. During the present age, Satan cannot unite the nations under Antichrist. This restraint is related to the "withholding" and "letting," or restraining, of II Thessalonians 2:6, 7 that assures that the man of sin, "that Wicked" (v.8), will be revealed in his proper, God-appointed time (v.6).



WHAT'S
NEXT?



Old Testament Promise - Scripture

- In the Old Testament the Lord promised the Jewish people that the "Anointed One" that is, the Messiah (in Hebrew "Messiah" means the Anointed One), will come to inherit the throne of David and restore the Jewish nation, that is, the nation of Israel.
- See Gen. 49:10; 2 Sam. 7:13, 16; Psa. 2:8-9; 72:1-20; 89:4; 110:2-3; Isa. 9:6-7; 11:1-5, 10; Jer. 23:5-6; 30:9; 33:14-17; Ezek. 21:27; 34:23-24; 37:24, 28; Dan. 2:35; 7:14; Hosea 3:5; Amos 9:11-12; Zech. 3:8; 6:12-13; 9:9-10.