

## The Dispensation of the Millennial Reign

### Lesson 10

Revelation 19 records the end of this age, after which a new age will begin, called the Millennium (Mil=1,000; annum=years). There are those who deny that there will be a literal thousand year's reign of Christ on the earth.

They prefer to \_\_\_\_\_ the Old Testament prophecies and apply them to the church. **Why there will be a 1,000 year millennial kingdom:**

1. To fulfill the Old Testament promises to Israel (Luke 1:30-33).
2. To give a public \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's glory to the nations of the earth.
3. To answer the prayer, "Thy kingdom \_\_\_\_\_."
4. To fulfill the promises to the church that the saints will \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.
5. To bring about the complete redemption of \_\_\_\_\_ as promised in Romans 8:19-22.
6. To give man one final trial under the sovereign rule of Christ.  
The Millennium was foreshadowed in the Old Testament by the \_\_\_\_\_, as a time of rest.

In God's eternal plan, the earth will rest after \_\_\_\_\_ years, as well, as He ushers in the Millennial Kingdom of the Messiah.

For the first time, Israel will possess all the land promised to Abraham in Genesis 15:18-21.

A miraculous river will flow east to west, from the Mount of Olives into the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea. But the Sea will be "**dead**" **no longer**. Turn in your Bible to the Book of Zechariah 14:4--*"And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."*

See Zechariah 14:5-16

The prophet Micah also wrote of the Millennial kingdom (Mic. 4:1-3).

The expression "thousand years" occurs \_\_\_\_\_ times in Revelation 20:2, 3, 4, 5, 6, **Three** of these pertain to Satan; **two** are connected with the reign of the saints

with Jesus during the Millennium, and the **last one** pertains to the time between the resurrection of the righteous and the resurrection of the wicked.

A prophetic year is \_\_\_\_\_ days, not 365 days.

According to Jewish belief and reasoning, the 6,000 years now drawing to a close correspond to the six days in which God created the heavens and the earth. On the seventh day, God rested from all His labors. A day is a thousand years with the Lord, and a thousand years as one day (2 Pet. 3:8).

### **I. THE PURPOSE OF THE MILLENNIUM**

1. To reward the saints (Matt. 5:12; 16:27; 25:34).
2. To answer the model prayer (Luke 11:1-4; Matt. 6:9-13): "Thy kingdom come" is a prayer for the coming Millennium.
3. To redeem creation: In Genesis 3, God cursed nature because of sin. During the Millennium, this will all be changed (Rom. 8:19-22).
4. To demonstrate Jesus' victory and worthiness to rule the nations.
5. To reveal the depths of man's rebellious nature in a perfect environment.
6. To display the eternal depravity of Satan.
7. To show the security of the city of God and His rule.

### **II. THE CHARACTER OF THE MILLENNIUM**

1. Satan will be bound. During the Millennium, the "prince of the powers of the air" (Eph. 2:2) will be dethroned and the "Prince of Peace" enthroned.
2. The government will be a theocracy. God will rule in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 1:30-33).
3. The seat of government will be in Jerusalem. Ezekiel gave a detailed description of the restored land and city (Ezek. 48:1-35).
4. The temple and its worship will be located in the center of the "Holy Oblation." A description is given in Ezekiel 40:1; 44:31.
5. In the Millennium, the land of Palestine will be restored to its former fertility (Joel 3:18).
6. There will be changes in the animal kingdom.

**Isaiah 11:6-9**

We cannot spiritualize these words.

This was the character of these animals in Eden before the fall and in the Ark.

7. Human life will be prolonged.

Isaiah 65:20

*“There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.”*

A person dying 100 years old shall be considered only a child.

8. There will be a sevenfold increase of light.

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.”*

**III. THE BLESSING OF THE MILLENNIUM**

Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost has compiled the following list of characteristics of the Millennium.

**1. Peace:** National and individual peace will be the fruit of the Messiah's reign (Isa. 2:4; 9:4-7; 11:6-9; 32:17, 18; 33:5, 6; 54:13; 55:12; 60:18; 65:25; 66:12; Ezek. 28:26; 34:25, 28; Hosea 2:18; Micah 4:3, 3; Zech. 9:10).

**2. Joy:** The \_\_\_\_\_ of joy will be a distinctive mark of the age (Isa. 9:3, 4; 12:3-6; 14:7, 8; 25:8, 9; 30:29; 42:1, 10-12; 52:9; 60:15; 61:7, 10; 65:18, 19; 66:10-14; Jer. 30:18, 19; 31:13, 14; Zeph. 3:14-17; Zech. 8:18, 19; 10:6, 7).

**3. Holiness:** The theocratic kingdom will be a \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom. The land will be holy, the city holy, the temple holy, and the subjects holy unto the Lord (Isa. 1:26,27, 4:3, 4:29:18-23; 31:6,7; 35:8,9 ;52:1; 60:21; 61:10; Jer. 31:23; Ezek. 36:24-31; 37:23-24; 43:7-12; 45:1; Joel 3:21, Pet. 3:11,13; Zech. 8:3; 13:1,2; 14:20, 21).

**4. Glory:** The kingdom will be a glorious kingdom in which the glory of God will find full manifestation (Isa. 4:2; 24:23; 35:2; 40:5; 60:1-9).

**5. Comfort:** The King will personally minister to every need (Isa 12:1, 2; 29:22, 23; 30:26; 40:1, 2; 49:13; 51:3; 61:3-7; 66:13, 14; Jer. 31:23-25; Zeph. 3:18-20; Zech. 9:11, 12; Rev. 21:4).

**6. Justice:** There will be the administration of \_\_\_\_\_ justice (Isa. 9:7; 11:5; 32:16; 42:1-4; 65:21-23; Jer. 23:5; 31:23, 29, 30).

**7. Full knowledge:** The ministry of the King will bring the subjects of his kingdom into full knowledge. Doubtless, there will be an unparalleled teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit (Isa. 11:1, 2, 9; 41:19, 20; 54:13; Hab. 2:14).

**8. Instruction:** This knowledge will come about through the instruction that issues from the King (Isa. 2:2, 3; 12:3-6; 25:9; 29:17-24; 30:20-21; 32:3, 4; 49:10; 52:8; Jer. 3:14, 15; 23:1-4; Mic. 4:2).

**9. The removal of the curse:** The original curse placed upon creation (Gen. 3:17-19) will be removed, so that there will be abundant productivity in the earth. Animal creation will be changed so as to lose its venom and \_\_\_\_\_ (Isa. 11:6-9; 35:9; 65:25).

**10. Sickness removed:** The ministry of the King as a healer will be seen throughout the age, so that sickness and even death, except as a penal measure in dealing with evident sin, will be removed (Isa. 33:24; Jer. 30:17; Ezek. 34:16).

**11. Healing of the deformed:** There will be the healing of all deformity at the beginning of the Millennium (Isa. 29:17-19; 35:3-6; 61:1, 2; Jer. 31:8; Mic. 4:6,7; Zeph. 3:19).

**12. \_\_\_\_\_ :** There will be a supernatural work of preservation of life (Isa. 41:8-12; 62:8,9; Jer. 32:27; 23:6; Ezek. 34:27; Joel 3:16,17; Amos 9:15; Zech. 8:14, 15; 9:8; 14:10, 11).

**13. Freedom from \_\_\_\_\_ :** There will be no social, political or religious oppression (Isa. 14:3-6; 42:6,7; 49:8,9; Zech. 9:11,12).

**14. No immaturity:** This suggestion seems to be that there will not be the tragedies of feeble-mindedness nor of dwarfed bodies in that day. Longevity will be restored (Isaiah 65:20).

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**15. Reproduction by the living peoples:** The living saints who go into the Millennium in their \_\_\_\_\_ bodies will beget children throughout the age. The earth's population will soar. Those born in the age will not be born without a sin nature, so salvation will be required (Jer. 30:20; 31:29; Ezek. 47:22; Zech. 10:8).

**16. Labor:** The period will not be characterized by idleness, but there will be a perfect economic system, in which the needs of men will be abundantly provided for by labor in that system, under the guidance of the King. There will be a fully

developed \_\_\_\_\_ society, providing for the needs of the King's subjects (Isa. 62:8, 9; 65:21-23; Jer. 31:5; Ezek. 48:18, 19).

**17. Economic prosperity:** The perfect labor situation will produce economic abundance, so that there will be no want (Isa. 4:1; 30:23-25; 35:1, 2, 7; 62:8, 9; 65:21-23; Jer. 31:5, 12; Ezek. 34:26; 36:29, 30; Joel 2:21-27; Amos 9:13, 14; Mic. 4:1,4; Zech. 8:11, 12; 9:16, 17).

**18. Increase in \_\_\_\_\_:** This increased light will probably be a major cause in the increased productivity of the earth (Isa. 4:5; 30:26; 60:19, 20; Zech. 2:5).

**19. Unified language:** The language barriers will be removed so there can be free social interchange (Zeph. 3:9).

Zephaniah 3:9

*“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.”*

20. \_\_\_\_\_ (Isa. 45:23; 52:1-10; 66:17-23; Zeph. 3:9; Zech. 8:23; 9:7; 13:2; 14:16; Mal. 1:11; Rev. 5:9-14).

**21. The manifest presence of God:** God's presence will be fully recognized, and fellowship with God will be experienced to an unprecedented degree (Ezek. 37:27, 28; Zech. 2:2, 10-13; Rev. 21:3).

**22. The fullness of the Spirit:** Divine presence and enablement will be the experience of all who are in subjection to the authority of the King (Isa. 32:13-15; 41:1; 44:3; 59:19, 21; 61:1; Ezek. 11:19,20; 36:26, 27; 37:14; 39:29; Joel 2:28, 29).

**23. The perpetuity of the millennial state:** That which characterizes the millennial age is not viewed as temporary, but eternal (Isa. 51:6-8; 55:3, 13; 56:5; 60:19, 20; 61:8; Jer. 32:40; Ezek. 16:60; 37:26-28; 43:7-9; Dan. 9:24; Hosea 2:19-23; Joel 3:10; Amos 9:15)

#### IV. FINAL REBELLION

Revelation 20:7-10

*“And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And 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.*

*9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.*

*10 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."*

Why will God release Satan after he's been imprisoned in the bottomless pit? No unsaved person will enter the Millennium (Isa. 35; Jer. 31:33, 34; Ezek. 20:37, 38; Zech. 13:9; Matt. 18:3; 25:30, 46;

John 3:3). However, millions of babies will be born during the Millennium to saved, but mortal, Israelite and Gentile parents who will have \_\_\_\_\_ the Tribulation and entered the Millennium in the state of mortality.

They will build houses, plant vineyards and will multiply by the millions (Isa. 65, 66).

At the end of the Millennium, there will be millions on earth who will have never been tempted. If God did not permit them to be tested, as were Adam and Eve, and you and I, then God would be a \_\_\_\_\_, and we know He is not (Rom. 2:11).

All who are born during the Millennium must be \_\_\_\_\_. Satan will be loosed for "the little season." We are not told how long "the little season" will be.

Even with this wonderful kingdom on earth, even with the world of nature regenerated (Matt. 19:29), even with everything thoroughly taken care of (Isa. 11:1-11), and everything gloriously wonderful, even with Christ on earth and millions saved from the church age, and Israel back in their homeland (Ezek. 44-48). Man will still be deceived by Satan at the end of the 1,000 years, because of his fallen, Adamic nature!

Revelation 20:10: The great deceiver will be cast into the lake of fire. He will be in the place "*prepared for the devil and his angels*" and will be there forever.

Kingdom living will be abundant and blessed living. It is a great blessing to anticipate the mill kingdom and all that it holds for the believer.