

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Lesson 9

The Millennium and the Final Rebellion

The Millennium will be a time of restoration in which God restores the earth to its original created “Garden of Eden” type form. There will be no spiritual warfare, no exterior temptations, and no natural disasters typical of the previous fallen world.

The final rebellion (Rev 20:7-9) will fully demonstrate that so incorrigible is the nature of man that not even the Millennium can reform him. God’s power and goodness will be perfectly proven for a 1000 years, yet given the opportunity, the human race will not submit to His authority. Nothing can reform the nature of man – no proof, no vision, no miracle. You must be born again, nothing else will do.

1. What will happen to Satan and his fallen angels after the coming of Christ (Rev 20:1-3)?
2. Who is resurrected just prior to the thousand-year reign of Christ (Rev 20:4, 6)? When did these become believers in Christ (v 4)? What will they do (4, 6)?
3. Millennium comes from the Latin word for a thousand years while the original text uses the Greek word “Kilia”. How many times is this word used in Rev 20?
4. Critics say this is the only place in the Bible where this term can be found so it shouldn’t be taken literally. Nevertheless, most of the O.T. prophets spoke of this time of peace and righteousness on earth. Both the Psalms and the Prophets speak of events which can’t be fulfilled now and can’t refer to heaven. What do the following passages refer to? Ps 72:8-11, 17; Isa 2:2-4; 11:12; Isa 62; 65:17-25, Jeremiah 23:5-6; 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:24-27; Daniel 2:44; Joel 3:18; Rom 8:21; Zechariah 14:4-9.

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5. Who will reign on earth for a thousand years (Rev 20:6)? Who will reign with Him?

6. What city will be the capital where the King will reign from (Isa 2:2-4; Zechariah 2:4-5, 10-12; 14:8-9)?

- 7 & 8. Based on the following passages, what will be the distinctive and wonderful features of the Millennial Kingdom?

Isa 2:4	Isa 11:9
Isa 32:16-18	Isa 45:23-25
Isa 65:17-25	Isa 66:23
Jerem 23:5-6	Jerem 31:31-34
Ezek 36:26-28	Micah 4:1-3
Zechariah 2:10-12	Zech 14:9

9. The church will be raptured (resurrected) before the Tribulation, but millions of people will receive Christ during the Tribulation. The survivors of the Tribulation period will have been separated like “sheep from goats” (Math 25:31-46). The “sheep on God’s right” will “inherit the kingdom” (Math 25:33-34) and the “goats” will go into “eternal fire” (Math 25:41). Therefore, only believers in Christ will begin the Millennial Kingdom, but they will have children born in the flesh. What is the only way these children may also become spiritually saved children of God (Rom 1:16-17, 10:9)?

10. What perplexing event will occur at the end of 1000 years (Rev 20:7-9)? This great rebellion after 1000 years of peace, good health, and prosperity begs the question: What would happen if God completely revealed Himself, intervened against all injustice and unrighteousness, and made His will fully and clearly known? Would mankind as a race, if given a choice, choose to submit completely to God’s authority or would they still choose independence? Based on Rev 20:7-9, analyze the following quote: “Man’s basic problem is his steadfast determination to remain independent of God and still make life work in a world rigged by God so that it won’t work”.

