

## The Millennial Kingdom

### Revelation 20:1-15

#### I. Introduction:

##### A. The Kingdom of Christ

1. O. T. is replete w/ passages describe a future time of ultimate peace & prosperity.
2. A time that will fit the definition of a utopia where there is:
  - a. No social injustice
  - b. Prosperity for all
  - c. Fair laws obeyed by all
  - d. A perfect government
  - e. A perfect King
3. A description of this coming utopia was given through prophet Isaiah. (**Is.65:17-25**)
4. This future time of perfection is referred to by a couple of names in the Bible.
  - a. Millennial Kingdom of Christ (1,000-year reign)
  - b. The Kingdom of Christ
5. After the Battle of Armageddon: It's this kingdom that'll follow battle of Armageddon

#### II. Jesus rules absolutely. (Revelation 20:1-3)

##### A. Battle of Armageddon

1. Antichrist's army will be completely wiped out when Jesus returns.
2. Jesus will simply speak the command and they will all die.
3. The slaughter will be so massive that it will take Israel 7 months to bury all the dead.
4. All who gather to fight against Jesus will die.

##### B. Leaders of the Rebellion

1. – Antichrist & False Prophet
  - a. antichrist & false prophet will be captured alive & cast into the eternal lake of fire.
  - b. They'll be the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 people to be thrown into the lake of fire that burns forever.
  - c. Their punishment is immediate and permanent. See chapter 19.
2. – Chief rebel, Satan
  - a. This passage states what will happen to Satan at the end of the battle of Armageddon
  - b. An angel will be dispatched from heaven & has the key meaning this angel has been given authority by God to capture & bind Satan. Chain representatives being bound.
  - c. The angel will grab Satan, bind him, & cast him into the abyss for 1,000 years.

##### C. Reason for Satan's incarceration.

1. He's bound in abyss so he cannot deceive the nations during the millennial kingdom.
2. He will be prevented from roaming the world, inciting rebellion against Jesus.
3. After the 1,000-year kingdom Satan will be released from the abyss for a short time.
4. At the end of the kingdom age, Satan will be allowed to lead one last rebellion.
5. Lesson: What an indictment against the inherent wickedness of man's heart.
6. All who enter the millennial kingdom of Christ will be saved.
7. Generations of children will be born during the 1,000 years of utopia existence.
8. Those children born in the kingdom age will be born w/ a sin nature, like the rest of us.
9. Many will not be saved by faith in Jesus, even though they can literally see & hear Him

### III. **The reign of Christ (Revelation 20:4-10)**

#### A. **Those who rule with Christ.**

- *Jesus has graciously promised that His saints will rule with Him in His kingdom.*
- *Those on these other thrones will have rulership given to them.*
  1. – The O.T. saints
    - a. In **Daniel 7:27** the O.T. saints are promised to rule with Jesus in His kingdom.
  2. – The apostles
    - a. **Matt. 19:28** Jesus promised apostles they would sit on thrones & judge over Israel.
  3. – The church
    - a. In **1 Corinthians 6:2** Paul said we will judge the world.
    - b. In **2 Timothy 2:12** Paul said those who endure will reign with Him.
  4. – The martyred believers of the tribulation.
    - a. Those who refused the mark of the beast & were beheaded will rule with Jesus.
    - b. Saints of our Lord will rule in subordinate role over assigned parts of His kingdom.

#### B. **First and Second resurrections (Revelation 20:5-6)**

1. – First resurrection
  - a. The first resurrection is unto life. The first resurrection is for saved people.
  - b. The 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection includes church, O.T. saints, & martyred saints of the tribulation
  - c. All who've been saved by faith in Jesus throughout history will be in 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection.
2. – Second resurrection
  - a. The 2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection is unto death. It'll take place at end of the millennial kingdom.
  - b. At the end of the 1,000 years, Satan will be released from the abyss.
  - c. Satan will go out & deceive the nations once more. He will lead one last rebellion against Jesus. The number of people Satan will influence to rebel against Jesus will be like the sand of the sea. What an indictment of the wickedness of man's heart.
  - d. Judgment: The judgment of Jesus will be swift.
  - e. Satan will be cast into lake of fire where he will remain for all eternity. (**Rev. 20:10**)
  - f. Notice that the antichrist and the false prophet are still there.
  - g. Warning: If you die in your sin, that is your destination as well.

### IV. **Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15)**

- *All who die in their sin, unredeemed by Christ, will appear at this judgment.*

#### A. **The final judgment**

- *This is the final judgment for all who die in their sin.*
- *This is 2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection, all the dead, small & great, are resurrected to stand before God.*
  1. – Books
    - a. The books are a record of each person's sinful deeds for which they'll be judged.
    - b. The Book of Life contains the names of all who are saved by faith in Jesus. (proof)
  2. – Hell gives up the dead.
    - a. Those who die today without Jesus go immediately to hell where they suffer while waiting for this court date. They'll be called from hell to give account of their sin.
  3. – The lake of fire
    - a. The lake of fire is the eternal place of punishment for all lost men and women.
    - b. Antichrist and the false prophet will be the first two in the lake of fire.
    - c. Satan will follow them 1,000 years later. Then all the lost of human history will join.