

**PARADISE-
CHRIST'S RETURN
& RULE
WHEN
GOD
RESTORES
THE EARTH (59-66)**

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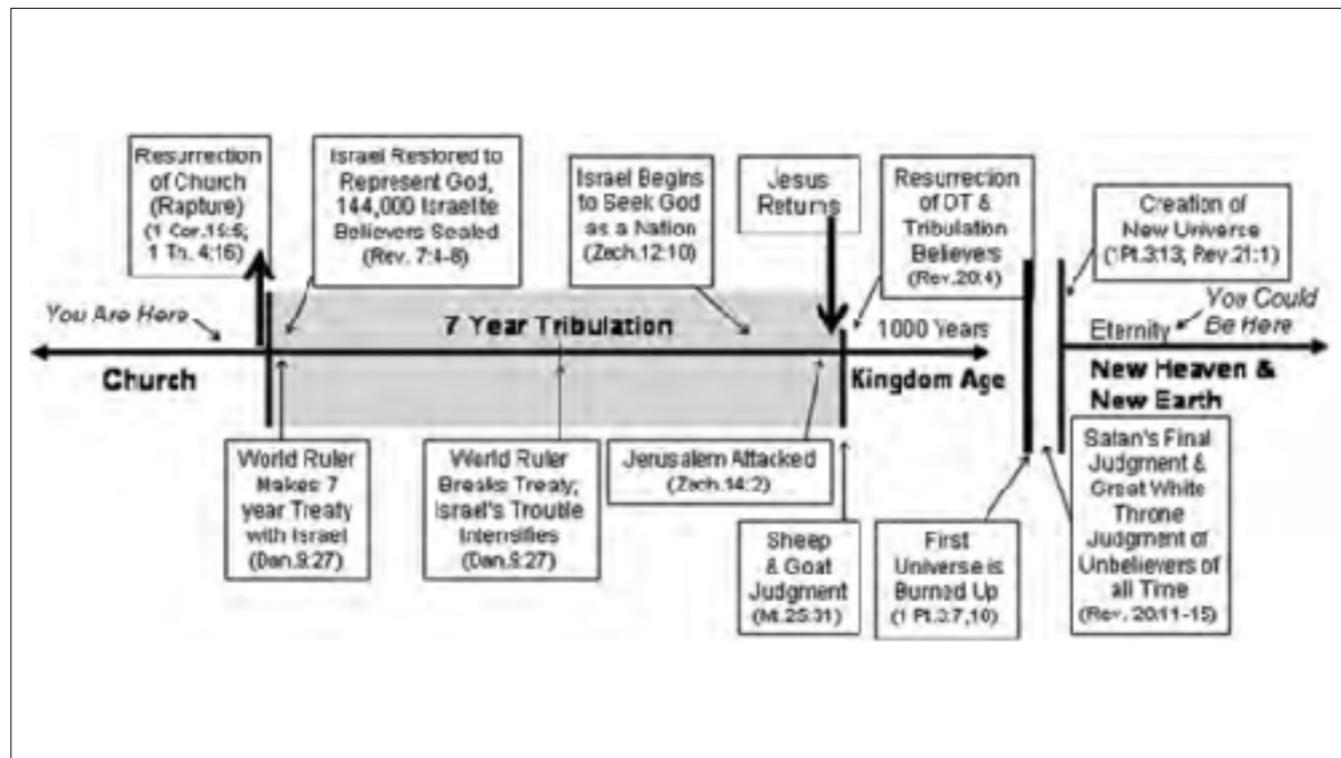
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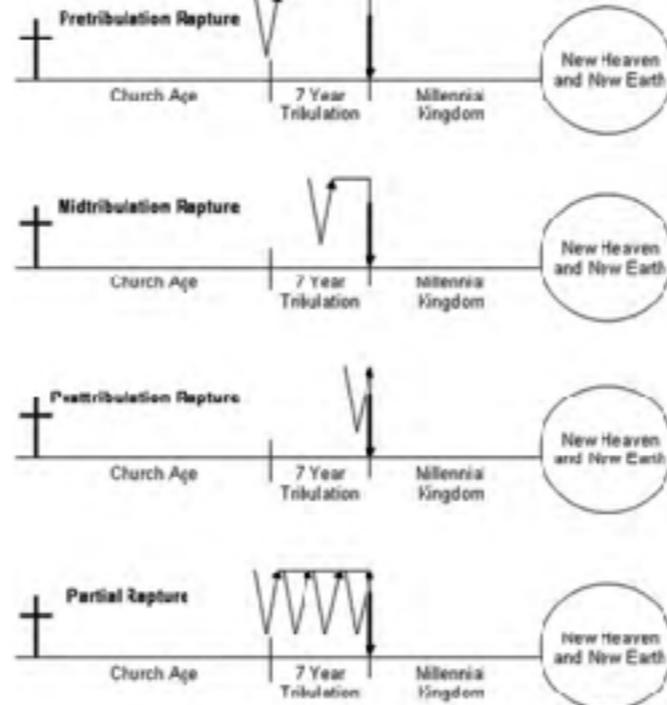
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Pretribulation, Midtribulation, Pretribulation and Partial Rapture Theories



The following are some of the prophecies Scripture gives us concerning the Kingdom reign of the Messiah on earth:

1. **Satan will be overcome by Christ and bound** - Genesis 3:15; **Isaiah** 24:21; Daniel 7:12; Revelation 20:1-3
2. **Jesus will rule the earth** - Genesis 49:10 ; Psalm 2:6; 22:28; 67:4; 72:9-11; 82:8; 89:21-25, 27; 96:13; 98:9; 110:1-2; **Isaiah** 2:4; 9:7; 25:3; 27:5; 45:23-24; 49:7; 51:5; 52:13, 15; 53:12; 55:4; 66:18; Ezekiel 21:27; Daniel 2:35; 7:14, 18, 22, 27; Obadiah 21; Micah 4:3; 5:4; 7:15-17; Zechariah 6:13, 14:9; Matthew 12:21; 22:44; Luke 20:43
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3. **Jesus' Kingdom will be world wide** - Psalm 72:8; Zechariah 9:10; 14:9
4. **God's true Israel will permanently repossess the land of Canaan** - Genesis 12:7; 13:15, 17; 15:7, 19-20; 17:8; 24:7; 26:3, 4; 28:4, 6, 13; 35:12; 48:4

5. **Unrepentant Jews will be removed** - Zephaniah 3:11
6. **Repentant Jews will return to Palestine assisted by Gentiles** - **Isaiah** 11:11-12, 16; 14:2; 35:8-10; 49:18-22; 51:11; 55:12; 60:9; 62:10; 66:20; Jeremiah 3:18-19; Hosea 1:11; 2:23; Micah 4:6, 7; Zephaniah 3:10, 18, 19, 20
7. **God will establish His ultimate Testament of Peace** - Leviticus 26:9-12; **Isaiah** 54:10; 59:21; 61:8; Ezekiel 34:25, 27-28, 30-31; 36:12-15; 37:26; Romans 11:27; 2 Corinthians 6:16
8. **There will be peace as God restrains all violence** - Leviticus 26:6-8; **Isaiah** 2:4; 9:5, 7; 11:13; 14:3; 26:12; 54:14; 60:18; Jeremiah 23:6, 30:8; 33:16; Hosea 2:18; Joel 2:26-27; 3:17; Micah 4:3; Zephaniah 3:13, 15-16, 19, 20; Zechariah 3:10; 8:5-6
9. **He will rule will in righteousness and goodness** - Psalms 67:4; 96:13; 98:9 ; **Isaiah** 9:7; 11:3, 5; 16:5; 32:1; 42:4; Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15
10. **He will proclaim deliverance from servitude (type: Year of Jubilee)** - Leviticus 25:8-17, 27-28, 30-31, 33, 40-41, 50-52,54; Leviticus 27:17-18

- 11. Crops will be abundant and prosperity general** - Exodus 23:25; Amos 9:13-14; Leviticus 26:5; Deuteronomy 28:5-6, 8, 12; 30:9; Psalm 72:6-7; **Isaiah** 4:2; 61:4; 62:3-7; Ezekiel 34:26-27, 29; Hosea 2:21-22 ; Amos 9:13-14; Ephesians 1:18; Hebrews 10:36; 1 Peter 1:3-6; 5:1
- 12. Those not in resurrection bodies will attain to a full length of life** - Exodus 23:26; Zechariah 8:4; **they will also enjoy supernatural life spans** - **Isaiah** 65:20-23
- 13. Infirmities will be healed and there will be freedom from disease** - Exodus 23:25; Deuteronomy 7:15; **Isaiah** 35:5-6
- 14. God's people will be characterized by a Spirit-given holiness and obedience to his commands** - Deuteronomy 30:8; **Isaiah** 4:3-4; 32:1-5; Jeremiah 3:19-23; 31:40; Zephaniah 3:10-13; Zechariah 8:3, 8; 13:2-6; 14:20, 21; Malachi 3:3
- 15. Christ will be glorified in his people** - 2 Thessalonians 1:10

- 16. The Land of Israel will have enlarged borders and be divided into East and West strips (12 horizontal strips) for the twelve tribes - Ezekiel 47:13-21; 48:1-7, 10-14, 20-29**
- 17. The territory of Judah will be leveled but Jerusalem will be elevated - Isaiah 2:2; Micah 4:1; Zechariah 14:10**
- 18. The center of the Kingdom will be Jerusalem - Isaiah 4:5, 6; Jeremiah 3:17; 31:38-39; Ezekiel 48:35; Joel 3:17; Zephaniah 3:15-17; Zechariah 8:3; 12:10**
- 19. Temple sacrifices will be resumed in Jerusalem - Isaiah 2:2, 3; Micah 4:1-2; Ezekiel 37:26-28; 47:1; 48:8-9, 10, 21; Jeremiah 33:18(21-22); Zechariah 14:20, 21; Malachi 3:3-4**
- 20. A stream will flow from the temple to bring water to surrounding areas - Ezekiel 47:1-12; Joel 3:18; Zechariah 14:8**
- 21. Apostles will sit on thrones to judge the 12 tribes - Matthew 19:28; 20:21, 23; Mark 10:37,40; Luke 22:30**

- 22. God's people will enjoy a privileged status of power** - Deuteronomy 26:19; 28:1-3, 9-10, 13; **Isaiah** 14:2; 27:6; 45:14-17, 25; 49:23-26; 60:3-6, 8-12, 14-17; 61:5-6, 9-11; 62:1-2; 68:7-12; Luke 12:43-44 ; Romans 4:13-14, 16; 5:17; 15:8; 1 Corinthians 6:2; 2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 2:26-27; 3:21; 5:10; 20:4, 6
- 23. The Feast of Tabernacles will be observed annually** - Zechariah 14:16
- 24. Not all people will be converted** - Micah 4:5
- 25. A nation that fails to go up to Jerusalem to worship will have no rain** - Zechariah 14:17-19
- 26. Egypt will be desolate because of their former acts of violence** - Joel 3:19
- 27. Edom will be desolate because of their violence** - Joel 3:19
- 28. Those Jews who escape from Armageddon will evangelize the nations** - **Isaiah** 66:19
- 29. God's truth will be universally taught** - **Isaiah** 2:3; Micah 4:2; Revelation 20:6
- 30. Nations will experience conversion and be incorporated into Israel** - Psalm 47:9; Jeremiah 33:22; Ezekiel 47:22-23

The Rapture is Not Christ's Second Coming

1. At the Rapture, the church meets Christ in the air. At the Second Coming, Christ returns to earth with the church.
2. At the Rapture, Mount of Olives is untouched. At the Second Coming, it is split.
3. At the Rapture, the earth remains the same. At the Second Coming, the earth is transformed.
4. At the Rapture, living saints are translated. At the Second Coming, no saints are translated. They're simply taken into the Kingdom alive in their human form.
5. At the Rapture, the world is not judged and sin gets worse. At the Second Coming, sin is judged and the world is far better.

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6. At the Rapture, the reign of Antichrist is triggered. At the Second Coming, the reign of Christ is triggered.
7. At the Rapture, the body goes to heaven. At the Second Coming, it comes to earth.
8. The Rapture is imminent, sign less. The Second Coming has distinct signs.
9. The Rapture concerns only the saved. The Second Coming, the saved and the unsaved.

Isaiah 59: Accountability For Sin

Chapter 59

Accountability of Sin

2] The real issue is the accountability of sin.

4] "Vanity" = "chaos" = randomness - entropy. Isa 30:12; Jer 2:4, 8. Religion of today is randomness, evolution.

5] Adder - does not lay eggs. Seed of the serpent? "Spider's web" - not silk, but a trap.

7] "Feet" - Cf. Prov 1:16; Rom 3:15.

10] "Noonday"-Ps91.

15] Tragicnatureofsinandthelackofjustice.

16] "Man"-Rev5!

17] Cf.Eph6:13-17.

19] "Flood"-Dan9.

20] "Redeemer"-Acts15:14-17.(ComesafterChurchcompletionofChurch!)

Goel - Lev 25:25,48; Gal 4:5; Eph 1:7,11,14; Ruth 3:12-13; 4:4-6; Jer 50:34; Jn 10:11,18.

21] "Covenant"-Ct.Jer31:31-34;Joel2:20.

Isaiah 60

Kingdom Age

Chapter 60

Kingdom Age

(Read Luke 4)

1] Recognize from Handel' s Messiah

2] "Darkness" - Amos 8:11 - famine of Word of God.

Ten plagues of Egypt:

3 - under rod of Aaron 3 - no rod

3 - under rod of Moses last being firstborn

Patterns, very designed (Ex 10:22). 3] "Nations" - Gentiles.

5] "Thine heart shall fear" - throb.

"Forces" - riches.

6] "Gold and incense" - notice no myrrh, because his death at this time will be behind him.

First time: brought myrrh, frankincense, and gold speaking of His coming roles of Prophet, priest and king.

Kingdom age they bring: only frankincense and gold: priest and king. No Myrrh, as it speaks of embalming, death.

7] "Kedar" - second son of Ishmael, he settled in what is now Kuwait (sealands). Saddam Hussain attributes his genealogy also to the second son of Ishmael. Another descendant of the tribe of Kedar is Mohammed who started Islam. (For further study on this subject see The Sword of Allah.)

9] "Tarshish" - many argue is Britian. Ex. Jonah.

Note duo of "thy God" and "the Holy one of Israel." "The place where He has set His Name."

10] "Sonsofforeigners"-Cyrus(Ezek3:7),ArtaxersesLongimanus(Neh 1:3; 2:5-8). (See Daniel' s Seventy Weeks.)

11] "Forces"=wealth.

12] Mt25.

14] Fulfillsthe dreamsof Joseph(Gen37:7).

16] "Suckthemilk"-Classicelegantexpressionwhichalludestoproviding for someone. Shaddai = Almighty in provisional sense.

"Suck the breast" - d Ov - breast.

"Nations" - Gentiles.

19] ShekinahGlory-SeeinExodus,mightalsobepresentinGenesis(Gen 1:3).

"Sun..moon"-Rev21:23;22:5. Also,inRev12wheresunandmoonare alluding to Israel.

20] Rev 20, 21.

21] "Branch"-sprout.

Isaiah 61-62

Two Advents of Christ

Luke 4:16

Chapter 61 The Two Comings of Christ

Start at Luke 4:16 in the synagogue at Nazareth. Verse 18 starts a quote from Isaiah 61, note verse 19 where Jesus stops at a period. Note in Isaiah 61, that Jesus stopped at a comma!

1] “Anointed me” - Luke 1:35 in the womb.

2] Jesus did NOT read: “And the Day of Vengeance of our God” Cf. 1 Pet 3:12; Ps 34:16(a). Day will come when this phrase will be fulfilled.

Jesus is our Kinsman-redeemer, the goel. Role of redeemer of the land and of the Bride, yet there is another role of the goel: the avenger of blood!

The comma equals 1900+ years between comings! (Dan 9:26; Rev 12:5- 6.)

Kingdom Blessings

4] Isaiah builds up the Kingdom blessings.

6] “Named the Priests of the Lord” - Ex 19:6.

10] “Robe of righteousness” - Isa 64:6; Gen 3:21; Rev 19:8.

Called by His name, Jehovah - tsidkenu - Jer 23:5,6 vs. Rom 10:3. “Bride and Bridegroom” - in Mishna, the Bridegroom wears a crown.

Chapter 62

Picks up end of Chapter 61 with Kingdom Age, yet it points out that there will be divine unrest until the time for the King to be established.

2] Names are important: His Name (Ex 3:14; 20:7; Ps 25:1; Mt 23:19; Jn 17:11), object of praise (Heb 13:15; Rev 15:4; Rom 15:9), God assigns names (Rev 3:12), God chooses to change names (Abram-Abraham; Sarai to Sarah..).

“New name” - v. 4, 13; Isa 65:15; Rev 2:17. 4] “Termed” - named.

“Hephzibah” = my delight is in thee. The name of the wife of Hezekiah, also name of a daughter of Isaiah, and of the mother of Manassah.

“Beulah” = married. Isa 54:5 (as a verb, means “to lord over”).

Who’s the Bridegroom - God. Who’s the Bride - His people.

8] “Sworn by His right hand” - Only place where it is by his right hand. Other places sworn by: Himself (Gen 22:16; 45:23; Jer 44:13; 51:14; Amos 6:5); His Holiness (Ps 89:35; Amos 4:2); His Great Name (Jer 44:26); Excellency of Jacob (Amos 8:7).

Curse foreseen by Moses that Israel would labor and another would eat of their labor. This saying that the curse is lifted, reversal of what Moses prophesied.

11] Isa40:10.

Chapter 63: The Day of Vengeance

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For further study see The Next Holocaust Briefing Package.

Hos 5:15. "Offense" is singular, not sins in a generic sense, but a specific offense.

Jesus performed his duty of Kinsman-redeemer at the cross by paying for our sins. (See Romance of Redemption for a study of Ruth.) Has yet Page 110

to perform the second part of His duty as Kinsman, that of the Avenger of Blood! Here in Isa 63 we see a glimpse of Jesus in this role.

1] Edom - location and pun "red" [traditional enemies of Israel (God)]:

Historical Review

In Edom: Moses - denied passage (Num 20:14-21); David subdues them (2 Sam 9:14); revolt under Jeroboam (2 Chr 21:8-10); smote Judah under Ahaz (2 Chr 28:17); ready to shed blood (Ezek 35:5); to be cut off (Obad 18).

From Esau, twin of Jacob. Obadiah 3 attributes sin of pride to Edom (Jer 49:16). Cursed in Amos 1:11,12. Rejoiced under Nebuchadnezzar's captivity (Ps 137:7; Obad 10-14; Lam 4:21, 22; Ezek 35:10-13). Esau to serve Jacob (Gen 25:23, 27:40). Edom: Possession for Judah (Num 24:18).

"Bozrah" or Petra (Amos 1:11, 12; Jer 49:13).

"Apparel" usually speaks of righteousness or lack there of. Who is this? The Meshiach Nagid, Jesus Christ.

2] Treading grapes, clothing would get stained red.

3] God's wrath - spoken of as Bowls of wrath, wrath sometimes spoken of as the wine of His wrath. Whose blood? His enemies! Rev 14:15-20; 19:15. Joel 3:13; Lam 1:15.

5] "None to uphold" - Lk 18:8?

6] Rev 5 (Scroll is the title deed to that which Adam forfeited) through Chapter 19 describes details which Jesus performs as our kinsman- redeemer.

Why is He in Edom? Shouldn't He be in Armageddon? (Isa 66:16; 10:27; Rev 19:17; Gen 36:1). Hos 5:15, what offense? Not recognizing their Messiah (Zech 9:9; triumphal entry not recognized). One view is that the remnant flee to Bozrah and recognize their need to call upon His Name, and Jesus then returns to fight for them in Bozrah.

8] "My people" - Ex 1:9 vs 3:7. Passage speaks of Israel.

9] "Angel of his presence" - only reference. See Deut 33:16.

16] "Father"-Ex4:22-23. "Our redeemer" - 14x in Isaiah (Jn 19:25; Ps 19:14; 78:35).

18] "Our adversaries have trampled down thy sanctuary"-could be Babylon or Romans in 70 A.D.

Isaiah 64

Prayer for Deliverance

Chapter 64

Prayer for Deliverance

2] “Melting fire” - Mic 1:3,4.

4] = Who hath worked for him who hath waited for him. Cf Isa 65:17; Jn 14:2; 1 Cor 2:9; Rev 21:1 (quoted in 1 Cor 2:9 in different context).

6] “Filthy rags” = really means “used menstrual cloths”! Righteousness as a garment - Mt 6:33; Gen 3:21; Rev 19:8.

Isaiah 65:17

New Heavens &

Earth

2 Peter 3:10-13

Chapter 65 Israel's Rebellion and a New Wine

1] "Sought by those who asked not for me" - echoes Rom 10:20-21; 11. Gentiles!

3] Speaking of idol worship. The altars of God were of unhewn stone, no tool was to touch it. Verses brick used here.

4] "Swine's flesh" - unclean (Lev 11:5,6). Cf. 2 Cor 6:17; 14; 15. Be ye separate...

10] "Achor" - sign of worldly disobedience. Sin of Achan in Joshua 7 (Josh 7:24, 26; Hos 2:15).

"Troop" - cryptic illusion to tribe of Gad? 13] Tribulation?

14] Rev4,5.Luke21:36!

New Heaven and New Earth

17] Rev21:1;2Pet3:10-13;Heb1:10-12;12:26,27.Cf.Matt24:35.

"Create" - "bara" to create out of nothing (verses "asa" which means to make).

19] Rev7:17;21:4.

20] Noteternity,millennialconditions.SeeRev20:1-3.Edenicconditions? Long lives, yet death, therefore not eternity.

21] Deut28:30curselifted?

25] Dustisserpents'food:still!

Isaiah 66

Jerusalem in the Kingdom Age

Chapter 66

1] Cf. 1 Kgs 8:27; 2 Chr 2:6.

“Where is the house” - Cf. Rev 11.

3] “Dog’ s neck” - Deut 13:18.

7] “Travailed” - Jer 30:7. Man-child: Rev 12.

Jerusalem in the Kingdom Age

12] “Flowingstream”-“overflowingtorrent.”

15] “Fire” - Cf. Burning bush (Ex 3:2); Sinai (Ex 19:18); Pillar of fire (Ex 13:21,22); T abernacle (Ex 40:34); David’ s altar (1 Chr 21:6); Solomon (2 Chr 7:1); Elijah (1 Kgs 18:38); Isaiah (Isa 10:16-18; 27:4; 29:6; 30:27,30; 33:12, 14,...) And also 2 Thess 1:8; 2 Pet 3:7-10).

“Chariots” - Ps 68:17; Hab 3:8. 19] “Tarshish” - to the West.

“Pul” = “Phut” - southward (North Africa) Gen 10:6; Jer 46:9; Ezek 27:10; 30:5.

“Lud” - (Lydia?) Jer 46:9; Ex 27:10; 30:5 (Africa?) Gen 10:13 = subdivision of Egyptians.

“Tubal” - Russia; “Javan”- Greeks; “Coasts afar off” - northward. Gen 10:2; Ex 27:13.

24] “Worm shall not die” - Mk 9:43-48.

nations: to Tarshish and Pul* and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles.

20 "Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the LORD out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.

21 "And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites," says the LORD.

22 "For as the new heavens and the new earth

Which I will make shall remain before Me," says the LORD,

"So shall your descendants and your name remain.

23 And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the LORD.

24 "And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

JER. 32.7 JEREMIAH'S UNCLE WAS SHALUM, HIS AUNT WAS HILDAN THE PROPHETESS. 2K 22.14.

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Look for Paradise on Earth

Revelation 20:1-10

The Real Utopia

Revelation 20 is the step between Earth, as we know it, and Heaven for Eternity. It declares that the golden age will arrive. The armies of the nations have been disbanded, and the great military academies have fallen into ruin and decay. The machinery of war has all been smelted down and converted to the implements of peace. Jerusalem has become the world's capital. The throne of David is there, and the twelve apostles are there judging the twelve tribes of Israel, for Israel rules the World. The millennial Temple has been built to crown Moriah's brow, and the nations of the Earth come there to worship the living God. Prosperity is evident from pole to pole. Poverty is unknown. Every man has all that his heart can desire. There are no prisons, no hospitals, no mental institutions, no barracks, no saloons, no houses of ill repute, no gambling dens, and no homes for the aged and infirm. Such things belong to a past and lesser age. The bloom of youth is on everyone's cheek, for a man is a stripling at a hundred years of age. Cemeteries are crumbling relics of the past, and tears are rare. The wolf and the lamb, the calf and the lion, the cow and the bear, the child and the scorpion, all are at peace. Jesus has come, and the millennium is here. The golden age, so frequently heralded by the prophets of Israel's past, has dawned at last, and the Earth is filled with the knowledge of God. Jesus is Lord, and He rules the nations with a rod of iron. His reign is righteous, and the nations obey. The principles of the Sermon on the Mount are the laws of the Kingdom, and men obey them because infractions are not allowed. Sin is visited with swift and certain judgment. The era lasts for a thousand years.

The Judgment of Satan **—His Restraint**

Rev. 20:1-3

“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while” (Revelation 20:1-3, Emphasis added).

Some people have felt that the twentieth chapter of Revelation isn't actually going to happen—even though Scripture specifically says “thousand years” five times in verses 2 through 7 of chapter 20.

The Millennium — The Rule of the Messiah

Rev. 20:4-6

“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years” (Revelation 20:4-6, Emphasis added).

The Millennium in 40+ Chapters

- **Promised to David, (3 chapters)** 2 Sam 7:12-17; 23:5; Under oath: Ps 89:34-37;
- **Predicted in the Psalms and the Prophets: (31 Chapters)** Ps 2; 45; 110; **Isa 2:1-5; 4:1-6; 11:1-9; 12:1-6; 30:18-26; 35:1-10; 60, 61:3-62; 66**; Jer 23:3-8; 32:37-44; Eze 40-48; Dan 2:44-45; 7:13-14; 12:2-3; Mic 4:1-8; Zech 12:10-14:21.
- **Promised to Mary: (5 chapters)** Luke 1:32; Micah 5:2; **Isa 9:6, 7**; Dan 2:44; reaffirmed to apostles: Luke 22:29-30.

The Millennium Isaiah 35, 65-66; Revelation 20

- Creation changed:
 - Physical changes Zech 4:9,10; Isa 35:1-10
 - Curse lifted Isa 11:6-9
 - Creation redeemed Gen 3 → Rom 8:20-22
 - Earth full of knowledge of Lord Isa 11:9; Hab 2:14
- Yet, not eternity:
 - Death, sin Isa 65
 - Each to have land Isa 65:20
 - Fruitful Micah 4:15
 - Amos 9:13

The Release & Doom of Satan

Rev. 20:10

“The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever” (Revelation 20:10, Emphasis added).

Now that we have seen that the King of Kings will return, Satan will be restrained, and Christ will rule in the Millennium, what is next? Look at Revelation 20:7: “Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison”

When will that happen? Satan’s release will occur immediately at the end of the thousand-year reign of Christ. It is almost like a meter: God puts in a thousand-year quarter, turns the knob, and the timer starts. Satan will have been raging, and thinking about everything, but then he gets one more chance to afflict the earth: “... [Satan] will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea” (Revelation 20:8).

It is mind boggling to think that people could sink so low as to listen to Satan after 1,000 years of seeing Jesus and what the world was like under His rule! There was perfect justice, perfect peace, perfect health, and perfect agricultural production. But then the old dragon gets out—and he has a huge following once again. “Gog and Magog” is just another way of saying “all the peoples of the world.” There will still be nations, but this is not identifying Russia as the evil ones. “Gog and Magog” is a euphemism for the people who are in rebellion against God.

Heaven is Home.

Life is Camping

Rev. 20:9

2 Peter 1:13-14

Just a note on the "camp" of the saints. Note they stay close to God's Temple, and close to each other. That has always been God's desire that we stay close to him, and not ever get comfortable with the world.

As Peter and Paul remind us, our lives here are like living in a "tent". Heaven is home; and life is just camping. The best is yet to come. This world is not our home, we are just pilgrims and strangers passing through.