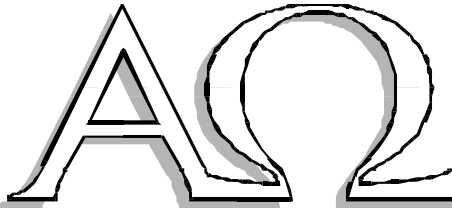


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Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one
of thy righteous judgments endureth forever.

Psalm 119:160

The Messianic Kingdom {The Millennium}

In the last issue, *The Second Coming*, we saw the future event of Jesus Christ's return at the end of the Great Tribulation, a time of extreme trial and outpouring of God's wrath on rebellious humanity. Jesus Christ defeats the armies of Satan and his Antichrist, thus preserving the Jewish remnant that had been protected, possibly at Petra, near Bosrah. Notice how this protection of the Jewish remnant is described in Revelation.

And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman [Israel] which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly **into the wilderness**, into her place, **where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent**. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And **the earth helped the woman**, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the

testimony of Jesus Christ. **Revelation 12:13-17.**

I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; **I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold**: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men. **Micah 2:12.**

In this issue we will look at the events that occur at the end of the Tribulation and beyond. We will consider what is referred to as "the interval" and what is described in Scripture about the Millennium. First, there are prophecies that refer to intervals that occur immediately following the Tribulation before the Millennium begins.

The Intervals

Immediately following the Tribulation and before the beginning of the Millennium (The Messianic Kingdom) there will be two intervals totaling 75 days. This is determined by the statement in Daniel 12:¹

And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that

waiteth, and cometh to the **thousand three hundred and five and thirty days**. Daniel 12:11, 12.

Two intervals are mentioned, 1,290 days and 1,335 days. Remember that when the Abomination is set up there will be 1,260 days (3-1/2 years) remaining until the end of the seven-year Tribulation. Daniel indicates this in chapter 9 when he states that the Abomination will be set up "in the middle of the week."

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and **in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate**, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. Daniel 9:27

The Tribulation will be exactly seven years. There will be 1,260 days (3-1/2 years) from the signing of the 7-years covenant to the mid-point. From the mid-point to the end of the Tribulation will be 1,260 days. The first interval is a period of 30 days after that, and will end 1,290 days from the mid point of the Tribulation. This is the time that the Abomination remains in the Temple before it is removed.²

The second interval is an additional 45 days. Those who survive to this additional 45 days, 1335 days from the mid Tribulation point will be those that enter the Messianic Kingdom (the Millennium).³

During this combined 75 day interval the following events occur, not necessarily in this order.⁴

1. The removal of the Abomination of Desolation from the Temple – Rev 12:11.
2. The Antichrist and the False Prophet are cast alive into the Lake of Fire – Rev 19:20.
3. Binding of Satan into the Abyss for a thousand years – Rev 20:1-3.
4. Separation and judgment of the Sheep and the Goats of all nations. The Goats will be sent to Hell. The Sheep will go into the Millennial Kingdom. The judgment will be based on their treatment of Israel – Joel 3:1-3; Mat 25:31-46.
5. The resurrection of Old Testament Saints – Isa 26:19; Dan 12:2.
6. The resurrection of Tribulation Saints – Rev 20:14.

7. The Marriage Feast of the Lamb – Isa 25:6-8; Mat 22:1-14; 25:1-13; Rev 19:9.

The Resurrections⁵

And 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**. This is the **first resurrection**. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the **first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power**, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. And **when the thousand years are expired**, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 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. 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. Revelation 20:4-9.

Revelation 20:4-9 describes two resurrections that are to occur. The understanding of these resurrections is essential to understanding the Millennial Kingdom.

The First Resurrection has six phases and began with Christ's resurrection. The Second Resurrection will be a single event and will involve the unbelievers at the end of the Millennium.

- **First Phase** – The resurrection of Christ.
- **Second Phase** – Some Old Testament Saints immediately after Christ's resurrection.

And the graves were opened; and **many bodies of the saints which slept arose**, And **came out of the graves** after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Matthew 27:52, 53.

For since by man came death, by man came also **the resurrection of the dead**. For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ shall all be made alive**. But **every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming**. I Corinthians 15:21-23.

- **Third Phase** – The resurrection of the Church at the Rapture, before the seven-years Tribulation, involving both dead Christians and those that are still alive.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and **the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up** together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**.

- **Fourth Phase** – The resurrection of the two witnesses at Mid-Tribulation.

And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And **they ascended up to heaven in a cloud**; and their enemies beheld them. **Revelation 11:11, 12**.

- **Fifth Phase** – The resurrection of the Tribulation Saints at the end of the Tribulation Period, after Christ's Second Coming. The martyrs, that came out of the

Tribulation, seen under the throne in Revelation 7:9-17 will be resurrected at this time.⁶

... the souls of them that were beheaded... **lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years**. Revelation 20:4.

- **Sixth Phase** – Old Testament Saints at the end of the Tribulation, after the Second Coming.⁷

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and **there shall be a time of trouble**, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And **many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt**. Daniel 12:1, 2.

Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. **Isaiah 26:19, 20**.

There will be a final resurrection and judgment of the unbelievers at the end of the Millennium.⁸

But, the rest of the dead **lived not again until the thousand years were finished**.... Revelation 20:5.

The First through sixth phases of the first resurrection are called the Resurrection of Life. The Final or Second Resurrection is called the Resurrection of the Damned and will take place after the Millennium.⁹

The Messianic (Millennial) Kingdom)

Revelation chapter 20 speaks of a Millennial Kingdom of one thousand years:

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he 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. And 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**. Revelation 20:1-4.

The assurance that this will happen is twofold:¹⁰

1. There are **unfulfilled promises** of the Jewish covenants that can only be fulfilled in a Messianic (Millennial) Kingdom.
2. There are **unfulfilled prophecies** of the Jewish Old Testament prophets that Messiah will reign on the earthly throne of David and rule over a peaceful kingdom.

The earthly kingdom of the Messiah was at the heart of many of the disciple's questions:

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, **Tell us, when shall these things be?** and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? **Matthew 24:3**.

Jesus told them of the Great Tribulation after which He would come again. The disciples were more specific in their questioning after Jesus rose from the dead:

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, **Lord, wilt thou**

at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. **Acts 1:6, 7**.

Jesus indicated that the Messianic Kingdom is still future. The majority of information concerning this Messianic Kingdom is found in the Old Testament, but it is only in Revelation chapter 20 we are told that it will last a thousand years. The Book of Revelation reveals two things about the Millennial Kingdom not found in the Old Testament:¹¹

1. It will last one thousand years – Rev 20:4.
2. The circumstances by which it will end – Rev 20:7-9.

Four unconditional unfulfilled covenants require a Messianic Kingdom for their fulfillment:¹²

1. The Abrahamic covenant promised a nation that would occupy definite borders within the Promised Land. These borders have never yet been achieved. (Gen 12:1-7, 13:15, 22:15-18).
2. The Palestinian covenant promised a regathering to this land after a dispersion. (Deut 30:3-10; Eze 20:33-37, 42-44).
3. The Davidic covenant promised an eternal kingdom, and one eternal Person. The dynasty is eternal because Jesus the Messiah King is eternal. (2 Sam 7:11-16; Jer 31:35-37, 33:20, 21, 1 Chr 17:10-14).
4. The New covenant speaks of the national regeneration and salvation of Israel. (Jer 31:31-40; Heb 8:6-13).

The following verses describe the general characteristics of the Messianic Kingdom: Psa 15:1-5; 24:1-6; Isa 2:2-4; 11:6-9; 65:17-25; and Mic 4:1-5.¹³ Isaiah 65 describes a new heaven and a new earth revealing the conditions of the Millennial Kingdom, not the new heaven and new earth of Eternal State described in Revelation chapters 21 and 22. Isaiah 65:17-25 is a renovation of the original creation while Revelation 21 and 22 is a new creation.¹⁴

For, behold, **I create new heavens and a new earth**: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be

ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. **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.** And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and **mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.** They shall **not labour in vain**, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that **before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.** Isaiah 65:17-25.

At first, all who enter the kingdom will be believers, but those born in the Kingdom will have the sin nature capable of rebelling against God.¹⁵ Eventually there will be unsaved people in the Kingdom. Sin will not be as rampant as today, but sin will exist in a limited way in the Millennium. Those entering the Millennium and have not died will be believers, but will not have glorified bodies. These bodies are still subject to the sin nature and thus are susceptible to the usual temptations. The need for the binding of Satan during this period shows that people are still susceptible to his corrupting influence. Likewise, that Christ needs to rule with "a rod of iron" indicates the necessity for governmental control to prevent disobedience and the dispensing of justice to those populating the Kingdom. That this is needed can be seen in that Satan, when finally released at the end of the Millennium, will be able to find people willing to rebel against the righteous rule of Christ. This illustrates that man's heart is desperately wicked and doesn't need the prompting of Satan to sin. All

this points to the fact that sin will still exist, and that there will eventually be a small minority of unsaved people inhabiting the Millennial Kingdom.¹⁶

According to Arnold Fruchtenbaum, all those born in the Kingdom will have until their 100th year to become believers, otherwise they will die. Believers will live throughout the Millennium. Fruchtenbaum points out that this is why there is nowhere mentioned the resurrection of Millennium Saints, and why it is said that the Tribulation Saints complete the first resurrection. Only the lost will be raised in the second resurrection at the end of the Millennium.¹⁷

The Throne of David

Following the Second Coming and the completion of the First Resurrection, the Bible is clear that God will reestablish the glory of David's throne. That God will establish David's throne forever is based on the Davidic Covenant and is seen in the following:¹⁸

And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also **the Lord telleth thee that he will make thee an house.** And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, **I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.** I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But **my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul**, whom I put away before thee. And **thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.** 2 Samuel 7:11-16.

And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore **I tell thee that the Lord will build thee an house.** And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that **I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy**

sons; and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee: But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore. 1 Chronicles 17:10-14.

Samuel put emphasis on David's son Solomon, while the writer of Chronicles puts clear emphasis on the Messiah. Solomon will build a temple, but the eternal Messiah will build the millennial temple (Eze 40:5-43:27) and His throne will be established forever. God will repair the ruins of the House of David and reestablish the glory of David's throne.¹⁹

In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the Lord that doeth this. Amos 9:11, 12.

The Messiah holds three offices, but separately in chronological order:²⁰

1. Prophet – At First Coming.
2. Priest – Now.
3. King – At Second Coming.

That the Messiah is to rule all nations on the throne of David forever is seen in the following: (see also: Isa 16:5; Jer 33:14-17).²¹

Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, **Thou art my Son**; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Psalm 2:6-9.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6, 7.

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE Lord OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Jeremiah 23:5, 6.

And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one. Zechariah 14:9.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Luke 1:30-33.

As we have already seen in Psalm 2:9 above, He will rule with a "rod of iron."²²

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. Revelation 12:5.

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the

fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
Revelation 19:15.

The character of His reign is well described in Psalm 72: (see also: Isa 11:1-5)²³

Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son. **He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.** The mountains **shall bring peace to the people,** and the little hills, by righteousness. He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and **shall break in pieces the oppressor.** They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations. He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth. In his days shall **the righteous flourish;** and **abundance of peace** so long as the moon endureth. He shall **have dominion** also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: **all nations shall serve him.** For he shall **deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.** He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight. And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: **prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.** There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and **they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.** His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: **all nations shall call him blessed.** Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole

earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen. Psalm 72:1-19.

The Law in the Millennium

There will be a completely new Law established during the Messianic Kingdom. There will not be a reinstating of the Law of Moses since Messiah will rule (Eze 44:1-46:24). There will also not be an Ark of the Covenant in the Millennial Temple since God will be present in the person of Jesus Christ.²⁴

And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the Lord, **they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the Lord: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more.** Jeremiah 3:16.

The Gentiles in the Millennium

Gentiles that survive the Tribulation and the sheep/goat judgment will enter and populate the Gentile nations in the Millennium. They are Gentiles that have not participated in the persecution of the Jewish people. The Messiah will be the center of attraction for these Gentiles, and they will be the servants of the people of Israel. They will be subject to the kingship of Messiah.²⁵

And in that day there shall be **a root of Jesse,** which shall **stand for an ensign** of the people; **to it shall the Gentiles seek;** and his rest shall be glorious. Isaiah 11:10.

For the Lord will have **mercy on Jacob,** and will yet **choose Israel,** and **set them in their own land:** and the **strangers shall be joined with them,** and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and **the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and handmaids:** and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and **they shall rule over their oppressors.** Isaiah 14:1, 2.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have

put my spirit upon him: **he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.** Isaiah 42:1.

At the time of the final regathering of Israel the Lord will also gather to Him the believing Gentiles. This can be seen in the following verses.²⁶

Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. **Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from his people:** neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. For thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant; **Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters:** I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. Also **the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants,** every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and **taketh hold of my covenant;** Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for **all people.** The Lord God which **gathereth the outcasts of Israel** saith, **Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.** Isaiah 56:1-8.

A Wondrous Time

The Millennium will be a wondrous time of righteous rule. Scripture has much to say about this time. The glory of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and

the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. Isaiah 11:6.

But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and **the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.** 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. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. **They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble;** for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that **before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.** Isaiah 65:18-23.

In his days **Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely:** and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Jeremiah 23:6.

And **they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.** Hebrews 8:11.

It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and **the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there.** Ezekiel 48:35.

And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and **the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.** Obadiah 1:21.

But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And **many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.** And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and **they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.** Micah 4:1-3.

And **the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.** Zechariah 8:5.

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and **the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple,** even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And **he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.** Malachi 3:1-3.

Rebellion

At the end of the Millennium there will be a final rebellion and judgment. After this time there will be the final or Second Resurrection of the damned.

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 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. **Revelation 20:7, 8.**

Some believe that this is the battle of Gog and Magog described in Ezekiel 38-39. J. Vernon McGee says:

Because the rebellion is labeled "Gog and Magog," many Bible students identify it with the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38-39. This is not possible at all, for the conflicts described are not parallel as to time, place, or participants—only the names are the same.²⁷

According to Genesis, Magog is a son of Japheth, not of a Semitic race.

The **sons of Japheth;** Gomer, and **Magog,** and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. **Genesis 10:2**

Magog represents the northern nations of the sons of Japheth whose ideal head is Gog. Ezekiel's Gog and Magog battle is pre-millennial. This battle clearly occurs at the end of the millennium, thus is a different conflict. It represents Satan's final attempt to overthrow God. Also, the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel comes from the north. This army comes from the four quarters of the earth.²⁸

It has never been difficult for Satan to find those who are willing to be deceived. There will be no difference here. Mankind as a whole has always failed when tested. They failed in the garden, they failed under the law, and they crucified the Lord of glory.²⁹ We will ultimately see that even the righteous reign of Christ will not overcome the mind of the carnal man, the un-regenerated. Man **MUST** be born again.

Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God:** for it is **not subject to the law of God,** neither indeed can be. **Romans 8:7.**

Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.** **John 3:7.**

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. 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. Revelation 20:9, 10.

The fire from heaven will purify the earth thwarting Satan's final attempt against God and man. This will close out time, and begins the unending age of eternity.³⁰ Now comes the time for final judgment.

White Throne Judgment

And 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. Revelation 20:11.

At the time of the White Throne Judgment the heavens and the earth will be burned up. The material realm will be no more as the elements melt.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which **the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up**. 2 Peter 3:10.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. Matthew 24:35.

For as **the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make**, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. Isaiah 66:22.

And I saw **the dead, small and great, stand before God**; 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 **the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works**. And death and

hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is **the second death**. And **whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire**. Revelation 20:12-15.

All unrighteous will stand before the throne of God to be judged. Those who are unsaved will be resurrected in the Second Resurrection, judged, and then cast into the lake of fire, the Second Death. This is the final separation of the lost from God. **This Second Resurrection will give the unrighteous new resurrection bodies that will never die. Their torment will be eternal.**³¹ Christ is the Judge.

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation [judgment]; but is passed from death unto life**. John 5:22-24.

Christ Himself will be the Righteous Judge. Those that hear Christ's Word and "believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life," and will not come into judgment, but is passed from death into everlasting life.

Paradise Regained

Genesis chapter 2 describes a paradise garden (Eden) made by God for the first man and woman. Genesis chapter 3 explains relates that this paradise was lost by rebellious man.

And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring

forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore **the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man;** and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life. **Genesis 3:14-24**

God will prepare an eternal paradise for those that overcome.

After The Millennium

The millennial heaven and earth are connected but yet separate. After the millennium they will no longer be separate as we will see with the new Jerusalem coming out of heaven to the earth in a merger of heaven and earth. This will not merely be a garden as in Eden, and not merely an earthly Jerusalem, but the city of God on earth, more costly and statelier.³²

And I saw **a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;** and there was no more sea. **Revelation 21:1**

The Millennium is over. God is now preparing eternity. In Revelation 20:11 we saw that the earth

and the heaven "fled away." Now in Revelation 21:1 we find that the heaven and earth "were passed away." Peter said the heavens will pass away with a great noise and the elements will melt.

But **the heavens and the earth**, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, **reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition** of ungodly men.... But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which **the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up....** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for **new heavens and a new earth**, wherein dwelleth righteousness. **2 Peter 3:7, 10, 13.**

So we see that God will make a new heaven and a new earth. This new earth will involve a new Jerusalem.

And I John saw the holy city, **new Jerusalem**, coming down from God out of heaven, **prepared as a bride** adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be **no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain:** for the former things are passed away. **Revelation 21:2-4.**

The Church, represented by the new Jerusalem, is prepared as the eternal bride. This describes a scene of perpetual bliss, of the happiness of the bride at her wedding. At the same time the cursed pronounced in the garden is removed.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, **I make all things new.** And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. **Revelation 21:5, 6.**

All things are made new.

The Invitation

God offers a vast inheritance to all those that overcome.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Revelation 21:7

This is an invitation to all men who read these words. He wants all too come to Him. But, God issues a fearful warning to those that forsake His invitation.

But **the fearful, and unbelieving**, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. **Revelation 21:8.**

The fearful (cowardly) are fearful of confessing Christ. "What will my friends think?" The unbelieving reject the testimony of Jesus Christ. These two, "fearful" and "unbelieving" are first in the list of the unclean things. **ΑΩ**

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