

The Millennial Kingdom

Revelation 20:1-7

Introduction

The Millennial Kingdom, as outlined in Revelation 20:1-7, refers to the one thousand year rule of Christ on earth. This Millennial reign will fulfill God's original purpose for man, which was to rule on His behalf. Based on Ezekiel 36:35, it will exemplify a return to the peacefulness of Eden. In addition, the Millennial Kingdom will fulfill God's promise to both redeem and restore Israel (Isaiah 66:1-14), under the rule of Jesus Christ, the seed of David (Luke 1:31-33).

It is important to note that the Millennial Kingdom has distinct characteristics. Only the righteous will enter the Millennial Kingdom (Matthew 25:32-34). Lifespans will be greatly extended for those still in their natural bodies as there will be health and prosperity (Isaiah 33:24). Nature will be reconciled and earth will abound with the knowledge of God (Romans 8:9-22). There will be worldwide peace and work will be fulfilling (Isaiah 65:22-23).

There will be participation for the church in the Millennial Kingdom as well. As promised by God, the church will be present, celebrating the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Revelations 19:7-10). At the Wedding Feast, the church, as the prepared Bride of Christ, will be on display and we will serve with Christ in various capacities according to our faithfulness to Him here on earth (Luke 19:11-27).

At the conclusion of the Millennial Kingdom Satan will lead a final rebellion of the offspring who rejected Jesus Christ. (Rev. 20:7-10) Christ will rule and every single enemy will be put under His feet once and for all.

Getting Started

1. What did you learn about the Millennial Kingdom that you found particularly intriguing or appealing?
2. God's original purpose was for man to rule on His behalf. In what ways do you see our culture moving further away from His original purpose?

Let's Get Personal

1. Our position at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb will be based on our faithfulness to Christ here on earth. How has this knowledge of the future motivated you spiritually?
2. Which characteristic of the Millennial Kingdom resonated with you the most? In what ways do the distinct characteristics of the Millennial Kingdom offer you hope?
3. What aspect of the knowledge of the future disturbs you the most? Excites you the most?

Take the Next Step

1. Satan's constant desire is to lure us towards rebellion of Jesus Christ. How can you be intentional this week to maintain faithfulness to Christ?
2. There is one church made of up many members; we do not walk alone. How can you use your takeaways of this message to build up another brother or sister in Christ this week?
3. Want to dig deeper? Look at Psalm 2:6-8, Psalm 8:6-8, Amos 9:1 and Colossians 3:4.

Renew Your Mind

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready."

Revelation 19:7