



ARE YOU READY FOR
THE KING'S
MILLENNIUM?

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This lesson develops the topic of the Millennium from a premillennial perspective by means of twelve questions. Each answer is supported by an abundance of scripture.

1. How long is the kingdom? The term millennium is appropriate because of the many references to the term “thousand” in Revelation 20:1-6. Read this passage and develop the theme of a thousand year kingdom.
2. Where in the Bible is such a kingdom promised? The Old Testament promised such a kingdom. Develop the phrase “Thy Kingdom come” in Matthew 6:10. That prayer was necessary because the kingdom had not yet come! Review the following passages: Isaiah 9:7, Daniel 2:37-44, 7:23-27, Matthew 20:20, Luke 1:32-33, Acts 1:6. Conclusion: the hope of the Jew is the future Messianic kingdom!
3. Who will rule? The church? Government?
 - a. Christ! Revelation 20:4, 19:15, 12:5, 2:27. Daniel 7:14 and Psalm 2:6. That means the kingdom government is not a democracy (people rule) but a theocracy (God rules). Part of Islam wishes to establish a theocracy in the Middle East; such a theocracy is considered very repressive according to Western standards. However, God’s kingdom will likewise be considered very repressive because it will control television, clothing styles, etc. His values will be enforced!
 - b. Believers. Revelation 20:4, Matthew 19:28, Luke 19:12-18. Authority will be granted to believers over ten cities plus more! Perhaps we will be mayors and governors.

4. What is the extent of this kingdom? Worldwide! Daniel 2:35, 7:14, 27.
Jesus Christ will be King of Kings over the entire world. His Kingdom will have finally come to the earth in fulfillment of Matthew 6:10.
5. How will Jesus rule? In righteousness. Isaiah 11:3-5. He will not rule by sight. In attending a courtroom trial, I asked my supervisor, "Will that little bit of evidence be enough to find that person guilty?" He replied, "Anyone can tell he's guilty by just looking at him." Jesus will not base His judgment upon appearances or hearsay but upon truth! In our modern day world the rich take advantage of the poor but not then!
6. What happens to the devil? He is placed in a prison. Whatever sin exists during the Millennium will not be started by the devil. Revelation 20:1-6. I remember reading about the missionary Barfield over in the land of Nigeria. This missionary was working alongside a native. The two of them were trying to translate the 20th chapter of the book of the Revelation! By and by they came to the verse which tells us about the devil being put in prison for a thousand years. When the missionary reached this verse, the native sat there as if totally spellbound - as if he could not believe his ears! Suddenly the native jumped up, made a rush out the door, began running up and down the yard, shouting, "Glory, Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Thank you, Jesus!" The missionary asked him why he was so happy. The native said, "Master, good news too much! No devil for a thousand years! Master, good news too much to keep inside!"
7. Who will be on earth during the Millennium?
 - ✓ Jesus. He will sit on the throne of His father David. Luke 1:32.
 - ✓ Resurrected saints of the Old and New Testament.
 - Our resurrection occurs at the Rapture before the Tribulation. I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 4:1.
 - The Old Testament saints may be resurrected at the Rapture or at the beginning of the Millennium as part of Revelation 20's resurrection.
 - Matthew 8:11 indicates Abraham will be present to enjoy the land God promised to him in Genesis 12.

- “Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
 - ✓ Resurrected saints of the tribulation. Revelation 20:4 and Daniel 12:2. The first resurrection began with the resurrection of Jesus (He is the firstfruits – see I Corinthians 15) and extends through the Millennium to include any Millennial saints that pass away (Isaiah 65:20).
 - ✓ Saved saints who survive the tribulation – Matthew 13:36-43 (same type of judgment as developed in Matthew 25).
 - ✓ Unsaved who are born during the Millennium. We know there are many unsaved later in the Millennium because of the rebellion that occurs at the end of the Millennium.
- 8. What is the effect of the kingdom on the heart of sinful man? Zero. Romans 8:7-8.
 - a. Luke 19:14 will still be true in the hearts of the unsaved.
 - b. The Millennium represents God’s version of utopia. Note: a rod of iron is necessary to restrain sin in God’s utopia. Revelation 2:27.
 - c. Place a man in deepest Africa and he is just as much a sinner as if he was placed in the White House. The location and the environment do not change the heart of man, because man’s carnal mind is enmity or at war with God. Man’s obedience in the Millennium is not rendered from a pure heart, but it is the kind of obedience that is rendered under the laws of a penitentiary. The inmate of a penitentiary renders obedience not because of love for the rules nor love for the warden, but because disobedience may bring solitary confinement along with bread and water.
 - d. Zechariah 14:16-20 demonstrates rebellion in the Millennium.
 - e. Revelation 20:7-9 demonstrates rebellion at the close of the Millennium.
 - f. Conclusion: sinful man does not want to live in God’s utopia. Man will turn his back upon the Golden Age!
- 9. What happens to Israel?
 - a. Israel experiences national salvation from sin. Romans 11:26-27. Jeremiah 31:33-34.

- b. Israel is re-gathered to the Promised Land. Amos 9:14-15: “I will bring back my exiled people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,” says the LORD your God.” Matthew 24:30-31.
 - c. They dwell in the land promised to Abraham! Genesis 13:14, 15:18.
10. What city will be the world capitol? Jesus will rule from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:1-4. Jerusalem is mentioned in verse 3.
11. How does the Holy Spirit minister? The greatest ministry of the Holy Spirit occurs in the kingdom. Joel 2:28-29. Jeremiah 31:33. (Will the enactment of “engraved in the heart” replace the written Bible?) Ezekiel 37:11-14.
12. What conditions will exist?
- a. Rebellion will be crushed. Psalm 2:9, 65:20, Zechariah 14:16-21.
 - b. Holiness will control world activities. Psalm 47:8-9.
 - c. Peace.
 - i. Woodring: “The key words of Christ’s millennial reign are righteousness and peace, the former being the root of which the latter is the fruit.”
 - ii. There will be no war for a thousand years. The defense budget will be cut to zero. That money will be put to much better use! Isaiah 9:4-7, Zechariah 9:9-10.
 - d. Children will be born. Ezekiel 47:22. The earth’s population will soar because disease, poverty, and famine will be overcome!
 - e. Joy. Isaiah 65:18-19.
 - f. Longevity increased. Isaiah 65:20. Sinners will still exist! Is it possible someone may live for the entire thousand years?
 - g. Justice. Isaiah 65:21-23, 11:4-5.
 - h. The curse of Genesis chapter 3 will be lifted.
 - i. The curse will be removed from the animals. The animal creation will be changed as to lose its ferocity to kill and also the poison to kill.
 - 1. Isaiah 65:25. The wolf and lamb will feed together indicating the wolf becomes a vegetarian.

2. Isaiah 11:6-9. The child shall play with the poisonous snake which is no longer poisonous!
3. Isaiah 35:9. The lion will become a household pet if you can afford to feed it.
 - ii. The curse will be removed from the earth. Isaiah 35:1-2.
The greatest gardens are yet in the future!
 - i. Healing of the deformed. Isaiah 29:17-19.
 - j. Knowledge. Habakkuk 2:14.
 - k. Economic prosperity. Imagine the opportunities in that day!
 - l. Topography will be changed. Isaiah 40:3-5. Zechariah 14:6.
 - m. Unified language. Zephaniah 3:9.
 - n. Unending kingdom. Isaiah 9:6-7.