Rev237 - The Millennium - Revelation 20:1-10

We <u>started</u> looking at the <u>Millennium</u> <u>last week</u> -<u>with</u> the <u>PRECURSOR</u> Msg - "<u>Israel & The Millennium</u>"

TODAY - We look at US & the Millenium

AT the FIRST TRIUMPHAL Entry - When Jesus entered Jerusalem to Pay the Penalty for OUR sins on the cross

The People of Israel thought the LITERAL Kingdom of God was coming to Earth

But They didn't understand - the First Triumphal Entry was to <u>Win victory</u> over <u>Sin</u> & <u>Death</u> & the <u>Grave</u>

The <u>SECOND Triumphal Entry</u> - Will be <u>When</u> the Literal, Physical <u>Kingdom of God</u> - <u>Actually DOES</u> come to <u>Earth</u>

Today - We see the SECOND Triumphal Entry

where Jesus DOES what Israel THOUGHT He was going to do - at the FIRST Triumphal Entry

Let's Pray

AT the end of <u>Rev Ch 19</u> - The <u>clean-up crew</u> was <u>busy</u> at the <u>Battle of Armageddon</u>

The **birds of the air** were **GORGING** on **the Flesh** of the **Enemies of God**

& the <u>Antichrist</u> & the <u>False Prophet</u> had been <u>thrown</u> into the <u>Lake of Fire</u>

Jesus has RETURNED to Earth

He's **conquered** his **enemies** - & he's **about** to **set up His Kingdom** here - **for 1,000 years**

& the First Order of Business is to put Satan ON ICE for those 1,000 years

In order <u>to prepare</u> the way for the <u>1,000 Yr</u> - Very REAL, Tangible, & Actual REIGN of Jesus Christ ON this Earth

So God Sends an Angel

to **EASILY BIND** the Devil - for the 1,000 yr Millennium

Revelation 20:1–3 (NLT)

 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit and a heavy chain in his hand.
 He seized the dragon—that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan—and bound him in chains for a thousand years.
 The angel threw him into the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so Satan could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. Afterward he must be released for a little while.

Now THAT - is gonna be a GREAT DAY

On That Day - Your Enemy - The Accuser - The Deceiver -The head of all Spiritual Darkness

Will be **BOUND** & **Thrown** into the **Bottomless Pit**

<u>SO THAT</u> he might <u>not</u> Deceive The Nations anymore <u>UNTIL</u> the <u>1,000 years</u> were Finished

But <u>then</u> - the <u>End of V.3</u> says - *After that he must be released* for a little while. - - & <u>we'll get to that</u> in a <u>minute</u>

& then (straight away) - <u>in V.4</u> - We get a <u>GLIMPSE</u> of <u>OUR ROLE</u> in the <u>Millennium</u>

Revelation 20:4 (NLT)

4 Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their forehead or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

THE N.T. is clear - the Followers of Jesus will Rule with Him in the Millennium - - Mat 19:28, Luk 19, 1Cor 6:2 <u>THIS Means</u> - <u>ALL believers</u> who are <u>taken up</u> <u>in</u> the <u>RAPTURE</u> - <u>PRIOR</u> to the <u>Tribulation</u>

ALONG WITH the Martyrs - Who have been killed for their FAITH in Jesus - DURING the Tribulation

<u>AND</u> - <u>Dan Ch 12</u> & <u>Ch Isa 26</u> <u>ALSO PUT</u> the <u>OT Believers</u> right <u>here</u> with <u>us</u>

So it's <u>OT Believers</u>, <u>NT Believers</u>, & <u>Tribulation Believers</u> -<u>ALL represented</u> here in the <u>Millennial Reign</u> of <u>Christ</u> on <u>Earth</u>

(v.4) They ALL came to life again and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

<u>There</u> is <u>SO MUCH scripture</u> (especially O.T.) <u>about</u> the <u>Reign of Jesus Christ</u> on the <u>Earth</u>

So <u>let me</u> just <u>REVIEW</u> - <u>SOME</u> of what <u>Scripture says</u> <u>about</u> the <u>1,000 year Millennium</u>

The Earth will be FILLED with Peace - like not since the Garden of Eden

There will be NO War - Micah 4:3 says "Swords will be beat into Plow shears" - [READ MICAH Ch 4]

<u>Isa 35</u> says <u>Holiness will Prevail</u> <u>as the Earth</u> is <u>Truly United</u> under <u>Jesus Christ</u>

The World will Worship only Jesus Christ

<u>The Peace</u> will <u>extend</u> even <u>into</u> the <u>Animal Kingdom</u> <u>there</u> will be <u>No Fear</u> - <u>even</u> among the <u>animals</u>

& <u>Resurrected Believers</u> will Rule the earth <u>With Jesus</u>

Believers will Rule with Jesus? - What does that mean?

- <u>Well</u>, we don't <u>KNOW</u> <u>Exactly</u> <u>But</u> we get an <u>Idea</u> in <u>LUKE Ch 19</u> - <u>TURN THERE</u>
- & <u>also</u> in <u>Luk 19</u> we see a <u>very cool connection</u> between The <u>1st Triumphal Entry</u> - & The <u>2nd Triumphal Entry</u>
- The Triumphal Entry is the <u>event</u> we <u>celebrate</u> on <u>Palm Sunday</u> -Where <u>Jesus</u> rode into <u>Jerusalem</u> on a <u>Donkey</u>
- & the <u>crowds</u> all <u>cried HOSANNA</u> . . . Because <u>they thought</u> Jesus was <u>coming</u> to <u>set up</u> His <u>*Earthly Kingdom*</u>
- <u>BUT -</u> The <u>1st time</u> Jesus <u>came</u> He <u>came</u> as <u>The Lamb Of God</u> - to <u>take away</u> the <u>Sin of the World</u>

The **NEXT Time** Jesus **comes** -

it's to take His <u>Rightful Position</u> <u>Ruling & Reigning</u> over <u>His Creation</u> here <u>on Earth</u>

So In <u>Luke Ch 19</u> - & <u>If</u> you <u>have</u> a <u>Bible</u> with <u>HEADINGS</u> in it <u>look</u> at the <u>heading</u> just <u>above LUKE 19:28</u>

The Triumphal Entry

& then **LOOK** at the **first few words** of **V.28** (**NLT**) *"After telling this story . . ."* (& then the Triumphal Entry begins)

Luke 19:11 (NLT) - Just before Triumphal Entry 11 The crowd was listening to everything Jesus said. And because <u>he was nearing Jerusalem</u>, he told them a story <u>to</u> <u>correct the impression that the Kingdom of God would begin right</u> <u>away</u>.

<u>THAT Vs</u> (v.11) <u>TIES</u> the <u>Triumphal Entry</u> <u>to this Parable Jesus</u> had <u>just previously told</u>

<u>Jesus</u> was <u>headed</u> for the <u>Triumphal Entry</u>

- & His <u>followers</u> <u>Thought</u> He was <u>going to set up</u> His <u>Earthly Kingdom</u> - <u>RIGHT THEN !!</u>
- & **so Jesus tells them a PARABLE** to **CORRECT** their **view**
- <u>And</u> He's is going to <u>teach us</u> something about the <u>Millennium</u> - at the <u>Same time</u>

WHILE He is ON HIS WAY - to the FIRST Triumphal Entry

Luke 19:12 (NLT)

12 He said, "A nobleman was called away to a distant empire to be crowned king and then return.

That is **Jesus** ascending to heaven to be crowned King

Luke 19:13 (NLT)

13 Before he left, he called together ten of his servants and divided among them ten pounds of silver, saying, 'Invest this for me while I am gone.'

These servants represent ALL Believers

The <u>money</u> represents what <u>God</u> has <u>given us</u>, to <u>invest</u> (for His Kingdom's sake) <u>until He returns</u>

& notice, each Servant is given the same amount to Invest

Luke 19:14 (NLT)

14 But his people hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We do not want him to be our king.'

This is a picture of the unbelieving world - Rejecting Jesus

Luke 19:15 (NLT)

15 "After he was crowned king, he returned and called in the servants to whom he had given the money. He wanted to find out what their profits were. (how they used what he gave them)

We <u>dealt</u> with <u>this</u> in <u>DETAIL</u> - <u>In</u> our <u>Msg</u>, "<u>The Bema Seat Judgement</u>" in <u>message #13</u> in this series

Luke 19:16-17 (NLT) \rightarrow \rightarrow

Luke 19:16-17 (NLT)

16 The first servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made ten times the original amount!'

17 " 'Well done!' the king exclaimed. 'You are a good servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, so <u>you will be</u> <u>governor of ten cities</u> as your reward.'

Remember - The **SUBJECT** of this **Parable** is The **Kingdom of God** on Earth - **During The Millennium**

& <u>Jesus says</u> - "Your <u>Faithfulness with what</u> <u>I gave</u> you on <u>Earth</u> - <u>will determine</u> <u>what you do</u> in my <u>Kingdom</u> . . . "

Luke 19:18-19 (NLT)

18 "The next servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made five times the original amount.'

19 " 'Well done!' the king said. '<u>You will be governor over five</u> <u>cities</u>.'

Again - <u>Jesus</u> is <u>showing</u> a <u>REWARD</u> in the <u>Millennial Kingdom</u> That is <u>EQUAL</u> - to the <u>level of Faithfulness</u> in this life

- & <u>again</u> <u>it's important</u> to see <u>ALL these Servants</u> were <u>given</u> the <u>SAME AMOUNT</u> to <u>Invest</u>
- One was *Faithful* to <u>10 TIMES</u> & <u>One</u> was *Faithful* to <u>5 TIMES</u>
- & their <u>Rewards</u> in the <u>Kingdom</u> <u>MATCHED</u> their <u>Faithfulness</u> - <u>HERE</u>

Luke 19:20-26 (NLT)

20 "But the third servant brought back only the original amount of money and said, 'Master, I hid your money and kept it safe. 21 I was afraid because you are a hard man to deal with, taking what isn't yours and harvesting crops you didn't plant.'

22 " 'You wicked servant!' the king roared. 'Your own words condemn you. If you knew that I'm a hard man who takes what isn't mine and harvests crops I didn't plant,

23 why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'

24 "Then, turning to the others standing nearby, the king ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one who has ten pounds.'

25 " 'But, master,' they said, 'he already has ten pounds!' 26 " 'Yes,' the king replied, 'and to those who use well what they are given, even more will be given. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.

Isn't that an Incredible teaching for Jesus to give <u>RIGHT BEFORE</u> the <u>Triumphal Entry?</u>

& <u>SO</u> - <u>Jesus</u> makes <u>it clear</u>

Our **FAITHFULNESS** to the Lord <u>**Today</u></u> - will Determine <u>What**</u> we will be **Doing** in the <u>**Future Kingdom**</u></u>

That's a great teaching on the Millennium, isn't it?

& then - there is just one other Vs in this Parable

Luke 19:27 (NLT)

27 And as for these enemies of mine who didn't want me to be their king (from V.14)—bring them in and execute them right here in front of me.' "

<u>YIKES</u> ! - <u>That's</u> what <u>you call</u> <u>ending up</u> - on the <u>wrong side</u> of the <u>Parable</u>

So - <u>Now that</u> we've <u>gotten</u> a little "<u>picture</u>" of <u>OUR ROLE</u> in the <u>Millennium</u> - Let's <u>go back</u> to <u>Rev 20</u>

Again - speaking about Resurrected Believers

the last sentence in **v.4** said - They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Then - Revelation 20:5 says (NLT)

5 This is the first resurrection. (The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended.)

The Bible teaches (In General) TWO RESURRECTIONS One for the SAVED One for the UNSAVED

<u>Jesus</u> says in <u>Jn 5</u>: The <u>SAVED</u> will be <u>Resurrected to LIFE</u> The <u>UNSAVED</u> will be <u>Resurrected to JUDGMENT</u>

Here we see the FIRST Resurrection - The Resurrection to LIFE

& it's <u>ALL Believers</u> - <u>Experiencing</u> 1,000 yrs <u>with Jesus Christ</u> on <u>This Earth</u> - in <u>Perfect Peace</u>

& <u>we will</u> see <u>the SECOND Resurrection</u> - <u>Next Week</u> - <u>the Resurrection to Judgment</u>

& <u>EVERY SINGLE person</u> will be <u>PART</u> of <u>ONE</u> of these <u>Resurrections</u> - So . . . Choose Wisely

Revelation 20:6 (NLT)

6 Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death (ref to the Resurrection to Judgment) holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years.

What can you compare THAT to?

What can you compare - to a Resurrection where:Eternal Deathhas no powerWe'll bePriests of God & ChristWe'll Reignwith him in a Perfect World for 1,000 yrs

<u>The Millennium</u> is going to be <u>so incredible</u> - <u>so unbelievable</u> <u>AND</u> - that's just the <u>WARM-UP</u> for <u>Eternity with Christ</u>

I promise you - there is nothing in this world

to <u>Eternal Life</u> with <u>Jesus Christ</u>

So - hopefully we've got

a little better a Picture of the Millennium

<u>BUT</u> - - <u>After</u> the <u>1,000 yrs</u> of <u>Perfect Peace</u> on Earth with <u>Jesus</u> <u>Satan</u> is actually <u>going to be released</u> again <u>- for a time</u>

& you might say - WHY?

<u>Well</u> - <u>the earth</u> has been <u>REPOPULATED</u> <u>during</u> this <u>1,000 yrs</u>

By those believers who <u>entered</u> the <u>Millennium</u> in their <u>NATURAL Bodies</u>

& so **there's** a **multitude of people who** have **never had** to **CHOOSE**

Whether to Put their FAITH in Jesus Christ or to REJECT Him as their Lord

& they <u>MUST HAVE</u> that <u>chance</u> to <u>CHOOSE</u> <u>Just like you & I Do</u>

& so - <u>Satan is going to be</u> released & the people will have to <u>CHOOSE</u>

Revelation 20:7-8 (NLT)

7 When the thousand years come to an end, Satan will be let out of his prison.

8 He will go out to deceive the nations—called Gog and Magog in every corner of the earth. He will gather them together for battle—a mighty army, as numberless as sand along the seashore. There's a WORLD full of People - who have lived under the Perfect Peace of Christ for 1,000 yrs - With Satan BOUND

& Now **FAR TOO MANY** of **those people** will be **so easily** - **Turned** against **Jesus**

to join Satan for ONE MORE ATTEMPT to Battle Jesus Christ

How Many ?? - v.8 says <u>Their Number</u> is like the <u>Sand of the Sea</u> !!

Really? After <u>1,000 yrs</u> under the <u>perfect rule</u> of <u>Jesus?</u>

That says something about SIN-NATURE doesn't it ?

& <u>Satan</u> is <u>ABLE</u> to <u>do</u> this <u>EASILY</u> <u>even after the Millennium</u>

Because although <u>Satan</u> and the <u>Temptations of the World</u> - <u>are GONE</u>

The <u>SIN-NATURE</u> is still <u>ALIVE</u> and <u>WELL</u> in <u>those</u> who have <u>been BORN</u> <u>during</u> the <u>Millennium</u>

& <u>So</u> - <u>Satan Works</u> on the <u>Sin-Nature</u> of this <u>Multitude</u> (just like he works on <u>OUR Sin-Nature</u>)

& he deceives them into Rebelling against God

Even to the point of being willing to JOIN Satan - to FIGHT AGAINST GOD Now - the names - Gog & Magog - ARE the same names as in the great Ezekiel 38-39 battle

BUT - this IS NOT - the same battle

BUT - THIS IS the same TYPE of Battle

<u>Where Satan</u> gathers <u>all</u> those <u>Willing</u> to <u>Join Him</u> to <u>Fight ONE MORE Battle</u> - against the <u>Lord</u> & <u>HIS people</u>

Revelation 20:9 (NLT)

9 And I saw them as they went up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded God's people (that is all the resurrected in Christ) and the beloved city (Jerusalem). But fire from heaven came down on the attacking armies and consumed them.

ALL Satan knows - is to Fight God

& to **Deceive** & **Destroy the people** who are made in God's image - - - that is all he knows

<u>But</u> - this multitude - that Joins Satan to FIGHT God - at the END of the Millenium -

Should have read their **<u>Millennium History Books</u>** about the BEGINNING of the Millenium

Jesus <u>WIPED OUT</u> His enemies with a <u>WORD</u> at the <u>Beginning</u> of the Millennium

& here - God wipes them out again - with Fire from heaven

Satan gets them to Surround "The Beloved City" (Jerusalem) & God's like "I can't believe you guys" ... Whooommpp !!

& Finally - God is DONE with Satan at this point

He has <u>Easily Deceived</u> those in the <u>Millennium</u> -Just like he <u>So Easily Deceives</u> people <u>today</u>

But - his FINAL Day of Judgment - COMES - HERE

Revelation 20:10 (NLT)

10 Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Finally - <u>Satan</u> is in <u>the place</u> that was <u>Specifically Prepared</u> - <u>FOR HIM</u>

In <u>MAT 25</u> - <u>Jesus says;</u> this Eternal Fire was prepared for the Devil & his Angels

It was **NOT prepared** for **YOU**

- But <u>God respects</u> your <u>FREE WILL</u> & He will <u>let you go</u> there if <u>you CHOOSE TO</u>
- & I <u>don't know</u> what <u>lies</u> you've <u>believed</u> about <u>hell - *Not even Existing*</u>
- But the Bible says very clearly

Hell is a Lake of Fire where there will be TORMENT - Day & Night - FOREVER

& that Description Should make ONE THING Crystal Clear to us - DON'T GO THERE !!

Outer Darkness, Lake of Fire, Torment Forever DON'T GO THERE

It was **<u>Prepared</u>** for <u>the Devil & his Angels</u> & <u>Jesus Christ</u> is the <u>ONLY WAY</u> To Avoid it !

Jesus said in John 14:6 (ESV)

6 . . . "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Maybe you KNOW someone today

Who is choosing to be an ENEMY OF GOD
Who is choosing to Join Satan's REJECTION OF GOD
& Even going to WAR with God

Maybe you remember a day when that WAS you

Or <u>Maybe</u> today - that <u>Might STILL</u> be you

DON'T CHOOSE Eternal Separation from God

DON'T CHOOSE to Join Satan's Rejection of God

As long as you are <u>still breathing</u> There is <u>still time</u> to <u>change</u> your <u>Eternity</u>

<u>RECEIVE</u> Jesus Christ as your <u>Savior</u> & <u>COMMIT</u> to <u>Follow Him</u> as your <u>LORD</u>

<u>The Results</u> will be - an <u>Incredible</u> - <u>Unimaginable</u> <u>Eternity WITH Him</u>

That <u>STARTS</u> with an <u>indescribable 1,000 years</u> of <u>reigning</u> on this <u>earth</u> - <u>WITH JESUS</u>

Let's Pray