

Revelation 20:1-10 The Millennial Kingdom of Christ

Jesus Christ will one day sit on His throne in Jerusalem. The world will come to worship Him. There will be peace, prosperity, and long life. It will be the most perfect conditions the world has seen since Eden. And the devil will be locked away for 1,000 years, but then he must be released. Why will God release Him and what will that reveal?

Topic- End Times, Millennial Kingdom

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“an angel”

-Not a Michael or Gabriel...
-but Daryl!

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“deceive the nations”

“he must be released for a little while.”
-Why?

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AMILLENNIAL (MOST TYPICALLY)

Roman Catholic
Eastern Orthodox
Lutheran
Reformed / Presbyterian
Anglican / Episcopal
Methodist / Wesleyan
Many mainline Protestant denominations

POSTMILLENNIAL (MOST TYPICALLY)

Reconstructionist / Theonomic Reformed circles
Puritan-influenced Reformed circles
Some Presbyterian and Reformed groups
Some Dutch Reformed

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These groups would say that we are currently in the Millennial, right now, and that Satan is currently bound...

1 Peter 5:8 NKJV — Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Ephesians 6:11 NKJV — Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

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TESTIMONY OF THE EARLY CHURCH:

Papias of Hierapolis (c. AD 60–130)

Justin Martyr (c. AD 100–165)

Irenaeus of Lyons (c. AD 130–202)

Melito of Sardis (d. c. AD 180)

Tertullian (c. AD 155–220)

Hippolytus of Rome (c. AD 170–235)

Commodianus (fl. c. AD 240)

Lactantius (c. AD 250–325)

Victorinus of Pettau (d. c. AD 304)

“But I and others, who are right-minded Christians on all points, are assured that there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a thousand years in Jerusalem, which will then be built, adorned, and enlarged...”

Justin Martyr

Dialogue with Trypho 80 (c. AD 155–160)

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Acts 1:6-7 NKJV — Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

“The most striking point in the eschatology of the ante-Nicene age is the prominent chiliasm, or millenarianism, that is the belief of a visible reign of Christ in glory on earth with the risen saints for a thousand years, before the general resurrection and judgment.”

~Philip Schaff, Famous Church Historian

(Who was also postmillennial)

When & why did the Church change its views away from Premillennialism?

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In the Millennial Kingdom, Jesus Christ will reign as King over all the earth from Jerusalem for one thousand years. The nations will be required to come up annually to worship the Lord and to learn His ways, as the earth is filled with the knowledge of God. The Millennium will begin

with believers only. Satan is bound during this time, and Christ rules the nations with perfect justice and authority. Peace will characterize the world as weapons of war are destroyed and warfare ceases. Church-age believers and Tribulation martyrs will reign with Christ. Israel will be restored, and David will be prince/shepherd over the nation, while the apostles will have a unique role in judging the twelve tribes of Israel. The Kingdom will be marked by holiness, obedience, the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and an increase in joy, along with comfort for those who sorrow, a removal of sickness, healing of the deformed, and fruitful, enjoyable labor. Those still in natural bodies will bear children and experience prolonged life expectancy, and the world will be characterized by one language. Creation itself will experience remarkable renewal, including a change in the nature of ferocious animals and wonderful changes to the environment. Ezekiel describes a Millennial temple and worship in Jerusalem, where commemorative sacrifices will take place in remembrance of Christ's death. At the end of the thousand years, Satan will be released and lead one final rebellion before the final judgment.

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1. Jesus Christ will reign as King over all the earth from Jerusalem for one thousand years.

-Psalm 72:8–11 — He shall have dominion... Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him.

-Isaiah 9:7 — Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, upon the throne of David...

-Zechariah 14:9 — And the LORD shall be King over all the earth...

-Luke 1:32–33 — ...the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David... and of His kingdom there will be no end.

Zechariah 8:3 NKJV — “Thus says the LORD: ‘I will return to Zion, And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, The Mountain of the LORD of hosts, The Holy Mountain.’

Daniel 2:32-35 NKJV — “This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, “its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. “You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. “Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

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2. The nations will be required to come up annually to worship the Lord.

-Zechariah 14:16-17 — And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be that whichever of the families of the

earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

3. The nations will learn His ways, as the earth is filled with the knowledge of God.

-Micah 4:2 — ...He will teach us His ways...

-Isaiah 2:2-3 — Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up... He will teach us His ways..."

-Isaiah 11:9 — For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD...

-Jeremiah 31:33-34 — ...they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them...

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4. The Millennium will begin with believers only.

-Matthew 25:32-34, 41, & 46 — "All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world... Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels... And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'"

5. Satan is bound during this time, and Christ rules the nations with perfect justice and authority.

-Psalm 2:8 — ...I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

-Isaiah 11:4 — With righteousness He shall judge...

-Revelation 19:15 — He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron.

6. Peace will characterize the world as weapons of war are destroyed and warfare ceases.

-Psalm 46:9 — He makes wars cease to the end of the earth...

-Isaiah 2:4 & Micah 4:3— ...Neither shall they learn war anymore.

-Zechariah 8:4-5 — "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Old men and old women shall again sit In the streets of Jerusalem, Each one with his staff in his hand Because of great age. The streets of the city Shall be full of boys and girls Playing in its streets.'

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7. Church-age believers and Tribulation martyrs will reign with Christ.

-2 Timothy 2:12 — If we endure, We shall also reign with Him...

-1 Corinthians 6:2 — Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?

Revelation 20:4 — ...And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

8. Israel will be restored, and David will be prince/shepherd over the nation.

- Jeremiah 30:9 — ...David their king, Whom I will raise up for them.
- Ezekiel 34:23–24 — ...My servant David... shall feed them... and... shall be prince among them...
- Ezekiel 37:24–25 — David My servant shall be king over them... and... shall be their prince forever.

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9. The apostles will have a unique role in judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

- Matthew 19:28 — So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

10. The Kingdom will be marked by holiness, obedience, the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and an increase in joy.

- Isaiah 35:10 — ...They shall obtain joy and gladness...
- Ezekiel 36:27 — I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes...
- Joel 2:28–29 — I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh...

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11. Comfort for those who sorrow, removal of sickness, healing of the deformed, and fruitful labor.

- Isaiah 33:24 — The inhabitant will not say, “I am sick”...
- Isaiah 35:5–6 — Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened... Then the lame shall leap like a deer...
- Isaiah 65:21–23 — They shall build houses... They shall not labor in vain...

12. Those still in natural bodies will bear children and experience prolonged life expectancy.

- Isaiah 65:20 — “No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.
- Zechariah 8:4 — ...each one with his staff in his hand because of great age.
- Isaiah 65:23 — They shall not labor in vain, Nor bring forth children for trouble; For they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the LORD, And their offspring with them.

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13. The world will be characterized by one language.

- Zephaniah 3:9 — ...restore to the peoples a pure language... to serve Him with one accord.

14. Creation itself will experience remarkable renewal, including animal and environmental changes.

-Isaiah 11:6-9 — The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb... They shall not hurt nor destroy...
Isaiah 65:25 — The wolf and the lamb shall feed together...

-Isaiah 35:1-2 NKJV — The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing...

-Romans 8:19-22 — For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

15. Ezekiel describes a Millennial temple and worship in Jerusalem with commemorative sacrifices.

-Ezekiel 40-48

*1k Temple

“Gog and Magog”

Magog = Noah's grandson who settled north of the Black Sea. Ancient Scythia, modern Russia.

Gog = ?

-He is spoken of as a person, one who controls the Armies of Magog.

-Man or spirit?

“where the beast and the false prophet are.”

“And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

Why does Satan need to be released?

“But after these things he must be released for a little while.” (v3)

Why did God put the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil in the Garden of Eden?

LOVE IS A CHOICE

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3) You can put on a show for men, but you cannot fool God.

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Micah 6:8 — He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?