

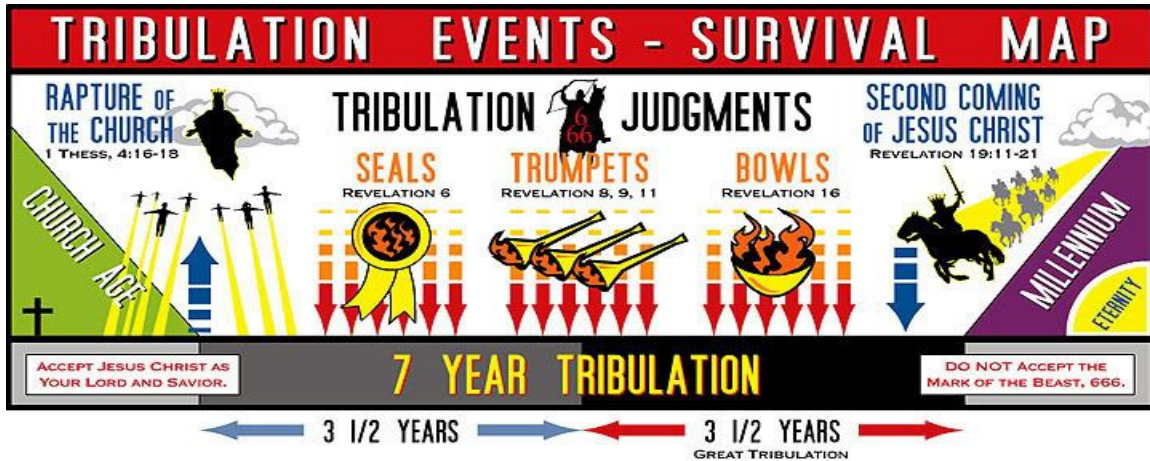


The Book of REVELATION

Chapter 20

“The Millennial Kingdom!”

Review:



> At the return of Christ there will 30 days of mourning (Matthew 24:30-31; Daniel 12:11), then 45 days of cleansing (Daniel 12:12), plus the separating of the sheep and the goats; sheep are believers on earth who are permitted to come into the 1000 year reign of Christ, whereas the goats are those who took the mark of the beast (Matthew 25:31-46), these non-believers will be cast to Hades waiting for the final judgment found in Revelation Ch. 20, known as the “*Great White Throne Judgment of God,*” then they will be judge for all their sins, and cast to the “*Lake of Fire*” (*Hell*) which is an everlasting punishment!

(Sidenote: The return of Christ will happen 1,260 days from the Antichrist’s *abomination that makes desolate* (Revelation Ch. 13); then 30 days of mourning which brings forth 1,290 days (Daniel 12:11), then the cleansing and separation of sheep and goats for another 45 days, which is the 1,335 days according to Daniel 12:12.)

I) SATAN IS BOUND! (v1-3)

II) BELIEVERS ARE CROWNED! (v4-6)

III) A REBELLION IS FOUND! (v7-10)

IV) THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT IS SOUND! (v11-15)

I) SATAN IS BOUND! (v1-3)

> Satan: (1) the powerful DRAGON is *bound with a chain*; (2) the crafty SERPENT is *cast into the bottomless pit*; (3) the slandering DEVIL is *shut up*;

(4) the adversary has a *seal set on him* whereas he cannot DECEIVE THE NATIONS anymore till the 1000 years is finished. Then Satan will

be released one last time testing the hearts of those who grew up in the “Millennial Kingdom of Christ,” will they rebel with Satan against God and Jesus, or will they love God and follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

> The term 1000 years is used six times in this chapter (v3, 4, 5, 6, 7).

This defines the *Millennial Kingdom of Christ*. It will be a time a universal peace, prosperity, long life and righteousness. It's extremely important to understand that this is a literal 1000 year period. Some have a false belief that the thousand years is just symbolic.

> Observe three interpretations of the Millennial Kingdom: This is the first of 6 references to the length of the millennial kingdom (cf. vv. 3,4,5,6,7). There are three main views of the duration and nature of this period:

(1) *Premillennialism* (Calvary Chapel believes) sees this as a literal 1,000 year period during which Jesus Christ, in fulfillment of numerous OT prophecies (e.g., 2 Sam. 7:12–16; Ps. 2; Is. 11:6–12; 24:23; Hos. 3:4,5; Joel 3:9–21; Amos 9:8–15; Mic. 4:1–8; Zeph. 3:14–20; Zech. 14:1–11; Matt. 24:29–31,36–44), reigns on the earth. Using the same general principles of interpretation for both prophetic and non-prophetic passages leads most naturally to Premillennialism. Another strong argument supporting this view is that so many biblical prophecies have already been literally fulfilled, suggesting that future prophecies will likewise be fulfilled literally.

(2) *Postmillennialism* understands the reference to a 1,000-year period as only symbolic of a golden age of righteousness and spiritual prosperity. It will be ushered in by the spread of the gospel during the present church age and brought to completion when Christ returns. According to this view, references to Christ's reign on earth primarily describe His spiritual reign in the hearts of believers in the church.

(3) *Amillennialism* understands the 1,000 years to be merely symbolic of a long period of time. This view interprets OT prophecies of a Millennium as being fulfilled spiritually now in the church (either on earth or in heaven) or as references to the eternal state. (Roman Catholic Church believes in Amillennialism.)

Using the same literal, historical, grammatical principles of interpretation so as to determine the normal sense of language, one is left with the inescapable conclusion that Christ will return and reign in a real Kingdom on earth for 1,000 years. There is nothing in the text to

render the conclusion that “a thousand years” is symbolic. Never in Scripture when “year” is used with a number is its meaning not literal.¹

> Question: What will the Millennial Kingdom be like?

- Politically and Socially - The Bible declares that politically and socially, the rule of Christ and His saints will be universal (Ps. 2:6-8; Dan. 2:35), absolute (Ps. 2:9; Isa. 11:4), and righteous (Isa. 11:3-5).

- Spiritually, their rule will be a time when the believing remnant of Israel is converted (Jer. 30:5-8; Rom. 11:26) and the nation is restored to the land God promised to Abraham (Gen. 13:14-15; 15:18). It will be a time when the Gentile nations worship the King (Isa. 11:9; Mic. 4:2; Zech. 14:16). The millennial rule of Christ and the saints will also be marked by the presence of righteousness and peace (Is. 32:17) and joy (Isa. 12:3-4; 61:3, 7).

- Physically, it will be a time when the curse is lifted (Isa. 11:7-9; 30:23-24; 35:1-2, 7), when food will be plentiful (Joel 2:21-27), and when there will be physical health and well-being (Isa. 33:24; 35:5-6), leading to long life (Isa. 65:20).²

II) BELIEVERS ARE CROWNED! (v4-6)

(4) Who are the ones sitting on the thrones of which judgment is committed to them?

(1) Old Testament Saints: Daniel 7:27 - *Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'*

(2) New Testament Saints: 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.*

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 6:2 - *Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?*

And 2 Timothy 2:12-13 - *If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.*

(v5) Defining the first resurrection – John calls the resurrection of the saints from all ages the first resurrection. That resurrection is also

¹ MacArthur Study Bible

² John MacArthur New Testament Commentary, Revelation

called in Scripture the “*resurrection of the righteous*” (Luke 14:14; Acts 24:25), the “*resurrection of life*” (John 5:29), the resurrection of “*those who are Christ’s at His coming*” (1Cor. 15:23), and the “*better resurrection*” (Heb. 11:35).

(v6) **What is the second death?** The second death is revealed to us in Revelation 20:14 – **Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.** It’s been said that a person can be born twice and die once or they can be born once and die twice (death physically & spiritually forever)!

III) A REBELLION IS FOUND! (v7-10)

(v7-9) **At the end of the thousand years what will Satan be permitted to do?**

He will go out to deceive the nations! The Bible also says that many nations will try to fight against God and God will devour them.

(v10) **The devil is cast into the Lake of Fire “where the beast and false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”** This passage **reaffirms the doctrine of eternal punishment** and denies the false teachings of “annihilationism” (when man dies he no longer exists).

IV) THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT IS SOUND! (v11-15)

> **The “BOOKS ARE OPENED”:**

(1) For the **UNSAVED** the books are opened reading: **These are the SINS OF YOUR LIFE!** In this book will be recorded every evil thought, word and deed, plus every time you rejected Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. To the religious fakes they will be heard saying, “*Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles*” (Mt. 7:22). But they will hear the horrifying reply, “*I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness*” (Mt. 7:23). Then this individual will be taken and cast headlong into the lake of fire; where the worm dies not, where there is outer darkness, where there is perpetual torment, weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth!

(2) To the **SAVED** we are found in the “**BOOK OF LIFE!**” Saved in Jesus Christ! - Philippians 3:20-21 – **For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.**

~ *The Scriptural Doctrine of the Millennium – From the book “Things To Come” by J. Dwight Pentecost*

> *THE RELATION OF CHRIST TO THE MILLENNIUM:*

- It is evident that there can and will be no earthly theocratic kingdom apart from the personal manifested presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. This whole age depends upon His return to the earth as promised. All that exists in the millennium has its origin in the King who is revealed.

- How can the curse be repealed; how can death be overcome, how can all the fearful evils pertaining to man and nature be removed; how can the unspeakably great blessings be obtained; all of which are to be realized in this Kingdom under Messiah’s reign without a mighty display of Supernatural power beyond anything that the world has ever witnessed, and beyond the understanding of weak and mortal man with his limited powers.

If there is a truth conspicuously displayed in Holy Writ, it is, that this Kingdom, the tabernacle of David now in ruins but then gloriously rebuilt under David’s Son, cannot be manifested without the most wonderful display of Almighty energy. The millennium could not be apart from the manifestation of Christ, upon whom the entire age depends.

A. *The names and titles applied to Christ in the millennium.*

Something of the manifold relationship which Christ sustains to the millennium is to be observed in the many names and titles given to Him during that period, each suggesting some facts of His person and work in that day.

- *The Branch* (Isa. 4:2; 11:1; Jer. 23:5; 33:15; Zech. 3:8-9; 6:12-13).

C.I. Scofield comments: A name of Christ, used in a fourfold way:

(1) *The Branch of Jehovah*” (Isa. 4:2), that is, the “Immanuel” character of Christ (Isa. 7:14) to be fully manifested to restored and converted Israel after His return in divine glory (Mt. 25:31).

(2) The *Branch of David*” (Isa. 11:1; Jer. 23:5; 33:15), that is, the Messiah, “*of the seed of David according to the flesh*” (Rom. 1:3), revealed in His earthly glory as King of kings, and Lord of lords.

(3) Jehovah’s *Servant, the Branch*” (Zech. 3:8), Messiah’s humiliation and obedience unto death according to Isa. 52:13-15; 53:1-12; Phil. 2:5-8.

(4) The **“man whose name is the Branch”** (Zech. 6:12, 13), that is, His character as Son of man, the **“last Adam,”** the **“second Man”** (I Cor. 15:45-47), reigning, as Priest-King, over the earth in the dominion given to and lost by the first Adam.

- **The Lord of Hosts** (Isa. 24:23; 44:6), **thy God** (Isa. 52:7), **the Lord our righteousness** (Jer. 23:6; 33:16), **the Ancient of Days** (Dan. 7:13), **the Lord** (Mic. 4:7; Zech. 14:9), **the Most High** (Dan. 7:22-24), **the Son of God** (Isa. 9:6; Dan. 3:25; Hos. 11:1), **Jehovah** (Isa. 2:2-4; 7:14; 9:6; 12:6; 25:7-10; 33:20-22; 40:9-11; Jer. 3:17; 23:5-6; Ezek. 43:5-7; 44:1-2; Joel 3:21; Mic. 4:1-3, 7; Zech. 14:9, 16-17) **are all names which show that the One ruling is truly God, so that the reign may rightly be called a theocracy.**

- **The rod of Jesse** (Isa. 11:1, 11), **the Son of man** (Dan. 7:13), **the servant** (Isa. 42:1-6; 49:1-7; 53:11), **the Tender Plant** (Isa. 53:2; Ezek. 17:22-24) **are used of the Messiah to emphasize His humanity, and His right to rule over men because of His relation with them.**

The regal authority of the Messiah is designated in such names as: **the King** (Isa. 33:17, 22; 44:6; 2:2-4; 9:3-7; 11:1-10; 16:5; 24:21-26:15; 31:4-32:2; 42:1-6; 42:13; 49:1-9; 51:4-5; 60:12; Dan. 2:44; 7:15-28; Obad. 17-21; Mic. 4:1-8; 5:2-5, 15; Zeph. 3:9-10; 3:18-19; Zech. 9:10-15; 14:16-17), **the Judge** (Isa. 11:3-4; 16:5; 33:22; 51:4-5; Ezek. 34:17, 20; Joel 3:1-2; Mic. 4:2-3), **the Lawgiver** (Isa. 33:22), **Messiah the Prince** (Dan. 9:25-26), **the Prince of princes**, (Dan. 8:25), **in which His right to the throne and the royal powers associated with the throne are attributed to Him.**

The work of the King as Redeemer in bringing salvation to the people is emphasized in names such as: the Redeemer (Isa. 59:20), the Sun of Righteousness (Mal. 4:2), the Wall Breaker (Mic. 2:13), the Shepherd (Isa. 40:10-11; Jer. 23:1, 3; Ezek. 34:11-31; 37:24; Mic. 4:5; 7:14), the Lord our righteousness (Jer. 23:6; 33:16), the Stone (Isa. 28:16; Zech. 3:9), the Light (Isa. 60:1-3). Thus the Messiah, through His names, is presented as the Son of God and Son of man who redeems and reigns throughout the kingdom age.

B. The manifestation of Christ in the millennium.

The prophetic Scriptures state a number of ministries and manifestations associated with the Messiah at His second advent. The fact of the second advent is clearly established (Isa. 60:2; 61:2; Ezek. 21:27; Dan. 7:22; Hab. 2:3; Hag. 2:7; Zech. 2:8; Mal. 3:1). **His coming will see Him manifested as the son of Abraham** (Gen. 17:8; Matt. 1:1; Gal. 3:16), in which He will possess the land of Palestine in God’s name, and institute the kingdom with Abraham’s seed.

He will be manifested as the son of David (Luke 1:32-33; Matt. 1:1; Isa. 9:7), in which He will, as rightful heir to the throne, assume the throne and reign. He will be manifested as the Son of man (Acts 1:11; John 5:27), and as such will execute judgment at the inception of the kingdom and throughout that age.

He will be manifested as God's theocratic King, so that He will be a *King of Righteousness* (Isa. 32:1), a *King over Israel* (John 12:13), *He will be the King of Kings* (Rev. 19:16), and *King over all the earth* (Zech. 14:9; Phil. 2:10).

He will be manifested as God the Son (Isa. 9:6; Ps. 134:3; Heb. 1:8-10), so that it can be said "*the tabernacle of God is with men*" (Rev. 21:3). In these manifestations He will do the work of *Redeemer* (Isa. 59:20-21; 62:11; Mal. 4:2), *Judge* (Isa. 61:2; 62:11; 63:1; Dan. 2:44-45; Dan. 7:9-10), *Rewarder of the Saints* (Isa. 62:12), *Teacher* (Isa. 2:3; Zech. 8:22), *King* (Isa. 33:17-22; 40:9-11; 52:7; Dan. 2:45; 7:25-27; Mic. 5:2-5; Zeph. 3:15), *Prophet* (Deut. 18:15, 18), *Lawgiver* (Isa. 33:22; Gen. 49:10), *Shepherd* (Isa. 40:10-11; Jer. 23:1, 3; Mic. 4:5; 7:14).

- **The millennium will be the period of the full manifestation of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.** There will be the manifestation of glory associated with the *humanity of Christ*. There will be the glory of a *glorious dominion*, in which Christ, by virtue of his obedience unto death, is given universal dominion to replace that dominion which Adam lost.

- There will be the glory of a *glorious government*, in which Christ, as David's son, is given absolute power to govern (Isa. 9:6; Ps. 45:4; Isa. 11:4; Ps. 72:4; Ps. 2:9).

- There will be the glory of a *glorious inheritance*, in which the land and the seed promised to Abraham are realized through Christ (Gen. 17:8; 15:7; Dan. 11:16, 41; 8:9).

- There will be the glory of a *glorious judiciary*, in which Christ, as the spokesman for God, announces God's will and law throughout the age (Deut. 18:18, 19; Isa. 33:21-22; Acts 3:22; Isa. 2:3-4; 42:4).

- There will be the glory of a *glorious house and throne*, in which Christ, as David's son, shall fulfill that promised to David (2 Sam. 7:12-16) in His reign (Isa. 9:6-7; Luke 1: 31-33; Matt. 25:21).

- There will be the glory of a *glorious kingdom* over which Christ reigns (Ps. 72; Isa. 11:10; Jer. 23:6; Zech. 3: 10; Isa. 9:7).

- There will also be the manifestation of the glory associated with the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. His omniscience is recognized (Isa. 66:15-18). His omnipotence is that which sustains throughout the age (Isa. 41:10, 17-18; Ps. 46:1, 5). He receives worship as God (Ps. 45:6; Isa. 66:23; Ps. 86:9; Zech. 14:16-19). Righteousness will be fully manifested (Ps. 45:4, 7; 98:2; Dan. 9:24; Isa. 1:27; 10:22; 28:17; 60:21; 63:1; Mal. 4:2).

- There will be a full display of divine mercy (Isa. 63:7-19; 54:7-10; 40:10-13; Hos. 2:23; Ps. 89:3). Divine goodness will also be displayed through Him (Jer. 33:9, 15; Zech. 9:17; Isa. 52:7). The will of God will be fully revealed through the Messiah (Matt. 6:10) and will be accomplished on the earth. The holiness of God will be manifested through Messiah (Isa. 6:1-3; Rev. 15:4; Ezek. 36:20-23; Isa. 4:3, 4; 35:8-10; Ezek. 45:1-5; Joel 3:17; Zech. 2:12).

- There will be a glorious manifestation of divine truth through the King (Micah 7:20; Isa. 25:1; 61:8). Thus, through the King, there will be a full display of the divine attributes, so that Christ might be glorified as God.

> THE SPIRITUAL CHARACTER OF THE MILLENNIUM:

A. The kingdom characterized by RIGHTEOUSNESS!

Of Israel likewise it is written, “Thy people also shall be righteous: they shall inherit the land forever” (Isa. 60:21). The gates of Zion are opened “that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in” (Isa. 26:2)

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The key words of Christ’s millennial reign are righteousness and peace, the former being the root of which the latter is the fruit...Messiah’s people “shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places” (Isa. 32:18). Zion’s officers shall be peace, her exactors righteousness (Isa. 60:17). For “In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endures” (Ps. 72:7). Then shall be fulfilled in truth the prophecy, “Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other” (Ps. 85:10).

Zion shall be called “the city of righteousness” (Isa. 1:26) and shall be filled with judgment and righteousness (Isa. 33:5). Righteousness will be the descriptive term characterizing the rule of the Messiah as a whole. Christ will be a king reigning in righteousness (Isa. 32:1).

B. The kingdom characterized by OBEDIENCE!

One essential purpose of the original creation was to establish a kingdom in which there was a complete and willing obedience on the part of the subject to God. The tree was placed in the garden as a test of this obedience (Gen. 2:16-17). Disobedience soon followed.

God did not surrender His purpose of bringing all things into subjection to Himself. Paul states this continuing purpose: *Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth, even in him [Eph.1:9-10].*

God will bring all things into subjection to the One who said, “I come to do thy will, O God,” (Heb. 10:9a).

- The doing of the will of God in the millennium will be greatly facilitated for a number of reasons:

(1) Through fulfillment of the new covenant, Israel will experience a renewed heart and mind that they may have God’s law in their inward parts (Jer. 31:33).

(2) The Holy Spirit will be poured out upon all flesh to indwell, fill, and teach (Jer. 31:33, 34; cf. Joel 2:28-32; Ezek. 36:25-31).

(3) Satan will be bound, evil doers will be cut off (Psa. 37:9-10; Jer. 31:29-30), and the wicked social, religious, economic, and political systems of the Satanic cosmos will be liquidated.

(4) Instead of disunity in Israel, unanimity will be such that they will see eye to eye again in Zion (Isa. 52:8).

(5) Universal knowledge of the Lord will eliminate the inadvertent opposition to God’s will through ignorance.

(6) There will be a widespread Gentile submission to the authority of Christ (Psa. 22:27-28; Mal. 1:11).

This perfect obedience will be another manifestation of the spiritual character of the millennium.

C. The kingdom characterized by HOLINESS!

Adam, by creation, was given an untried innocence. This would have become holiness, without doubt, by obedience to the Lord. This innocence was lost by his act of disobedience. It is God’s purpose to manifest holiness in His creatures in the kingdom.

The various aspects of millennial holiness are so extensive it is not possible to give more than a brief catalogue at this point. Above all, holiness will be the great distinguishing characteristic of the Jewish people in all categories of their national life, a “holiness” not their own

but imparted to them by Messiah who is in their midst, and possessed by them through a life of faith.

D. *The kingdom characterized by TRUTH!*

It is a cause of judgment that men “*changed the truth of God into a lie*” (Rom. 1: 25). Through the Messiah, who could say, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life*” (John 14:6), there will be the full manifestation of truth in the millennium, which establishes further the essential spiritual character of that kingdom.

The following is offered as a brief summation of millennial truth: The impious little horn, who has cast truth to the earth (Dan. 8:12), will be vanquished by Christ in His triumphant ride on behalf of truth, meekness, and righteousness (Ps. 45:4).

Then shall Israel say, “*He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; all ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God*” (Psa. 98:3). The throne shall be established and Christ shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David (Isa. 16:5).

Faithfulness will be the girdle of His reins (Isa. 11:5), and He will judge the peoples of the world with His truth (Psa. 96:10). The faithfulness of Jehovah will insure that in the presence of the once despised one, Kings shall see and arise and princes shall worship (Isa. 49:7). Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city (Isa. 1:26), for “*Thus saith the Lord; I am returned to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth*” (Zech. 8:3).

E. *The kingdom characterized by the fulness of the HOLY SPIRIT!*

At the institution of the theocratic kingdom the prophecy of Joel will be fulfilled: *And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit* [Joel 2:28-29].

It must, thus, be observed that the outstanding characterization of the millennium is its spiritual nature. An earthly kingdom, to be sure, but spiritual as to its character.

> *CONDITIONS EXISTING WITHIN THE MILLENNIUM:*

Much Scripture is devoted to stating the untold blessing and glory poured out upon earth through the beneficence of the Lord Jesus Christ in the kingdom. Many of these have been alluded to previously, but an outline of the conditions on the earth will show the “*greatness of the kingdom*” (Dan. 7:27).

A. PEACE! - The cessation of war through the unification of the kingdoms of the world under the reign of Christ, together with the resultant economic prosperity, since nations need not devote vast proportions of their expenditure on munitions, is a major theme of the prophets. National and individual peace is the fruit of Messiah's reign (Isa. 2:4; 9:4-7; 11:6-9; 32:17-18; 33:5-6; 54:13; 55:12; 60:18; 65:25; 66:12; Ezek. 28:26; 34:25, 28; Hos. 2:18; Mic. 4:2-3; Zech. 9:10).

B. JOY! - The fulness of joy will be a distinctive mark of the age (Isa. 9:3-4; 12:3-6; 14:7-8; 25:8-9; 30:29; 42:1, 10-12; 52: 9; 60:15; 61:7, 10; 65:18-19; 66:10-14; Jer. 30:18- 19; 31:13-14; Zeph. 3:14-17; Zech. 8:18-19; 10:6-7).

C. HOLINESS! - The theocratic kingdom will be a holy kingdom, in which holiness is manifested through the King and the King's subjects. The land will be holy, the city holy, the temple holy, and the subjects holy unto the Lord (Isa. 1:26-27; 4:3-4; 29:18-23; 31:6-7; 35:8-9; 52:1; 60:21; 61:10; Jer. 31:23; Ezek. 36:24-31; 37:23-24; 43:7-12; 45:1; Joel 3:21; Zeph. 3:11, 13; Zech. 8:3; 13:1-2; 14:20-21).

D. GLORY! - The kingdom will be a glorious kingdom, in which the glory of God will find full manifestation (Isa. 24:23; 4:2; 35:2; 40:5; 60:1-9).

E. COMFORT! - The King will personally minister to every need, so that there will be the fulness of comfort in that day (Isa. 12:1-2; 29:22-23; 30:26; 40:1-2; 49:13; 51:3; 61:3-7; 66: 13-14; Jer. 31:23-25; Zeph. 3:18-20; Zech. 9:11-12; Rev. 21:4).

F. JUSTICE! - here will be the administration of perfect justice to every individual (Isa. 9:7; 11:5; 32:16; 42:1-4; 65:21-23; Jer. 23:5; 31:23; 31:29-30).

G. FULL KNOWLEDGE! - The ministry of the King will bring the subjects of His kingdom into full knowledge. Doubtless there will be an unparalleled teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit. (Isa. 11:1-2, 9; 41:19-20; 54:13; Hab. 2:14).

H. INSTRUCTION!T- This knowledge will come about through the instruction that issues from the King (Isa. 2:2-3; 12:3-6; 25:9; 29:17-24; 30:20-21; 32:3-4; 49:10; 52:8; Jer. 3:14-15; 23: 1-4; Mic. 4:2).

I. THE REMOVAL OF THE CURSE! - The original curse placed upon creation (Gen. 3:17-19) will be removed, so that there will be abundant productivity to the earth. Animal creation will be changed so as to lose its venom and ferocity. (Isa. 11:6-9; 35:9; 65:25).

J. SICKNESS REMOVED! - The ministry of the King as a healer will be seen throughout the age, so that sickness and even death, except as a penal measure in dealing with overt sin, will be removed (Isa. 33:24; Jer. 30:17; Ezek. 34:16).

K. HEALING OF THE DEFORMED! - Accompanying this ministry will be the healing of all deformity at the inception of the millennium (Isa. 29:17-19; 35:3-6; 61:1-2; Jer. 31:8; Mic. 4:6-7; Zeph. 3:19).

L. PROTECTION! - There will be a supernatural work of preservation of life in the millennial age through the King (Isa. 41: 8-14; 62:8-9; Jer. 32:27; 23:6; Ezek. 34:27; Joel 3:16-17; Amos 9:15; Zech. 8:14-15; 9:8; 14:10-11).

M. FREEDOM FROM OPPRESSION! - There will be no social, political or religious oppression in that day (Isa. 14:3-6; 42:6-7; 49:8-9; Zech. 9:11-12).

N. NO IMMATURITY! – The suggestion seems to be that there will not be the tragedies of feeble-mindedness nor of dwarfed bodies in that day (Isa. 65:20). Longevity will be restored.

O. REPRODUCTION OF THE LIVING PEOPLES! - The living saints who go into the millennium in their natural bodies will beget children throughout the age. The earth's population will soar. These born in the age will not be born without a sin nature, so salvation will be required (Jer. 30:20; 31:29; Ezek. 47:22; Zech. 10:8).

P. LABOR - The period will not be characterized by idleness, but there will be a perfect economic system, in which the needs of men are abundantly provided for by labor in that system, under the guidance of the King. There will be a fully developed industrialized society, providing for the needs of the King's subjects (Isa 62:8-9; 65:21- 23; Jer. 31:5; Ezek. 48:18-19). Agriculture as well as manufacturing will provide employment.

Q. ECONOMIC PROSPERITY! - The perfect labor situation will produce economic abundance, so that there will be no want (Isa. 4:1; 35:1-2, 7; 30:23-25; 62:8-9; 65:21-23; Jer. 31:5, 12; Ezek. 34:26; Mic. 4:1, 4; Zech. 8:11-12; 9:16-17; Ezek. 36:29-30; Joel 2:21- 27; Amos 9:13-14).

R. INCREASE OF LIGHT! - There will be an increase of solar and lunar light in the age. This increased light probably is a major cause in the increased productivity of the earth (Isa. 4:5; 30:26; 60:19-20; Zech. 2:5).

S. UNIFIED LANGUAGE! - The language barriers will be removed so that there can be free social intercourse (Zeph. 3:9).

T. UNIFIED WORSHIP! - All the world will unite in the worship of God and God's Messiah (Isa. 45:23; 52:1, 7-10; 66:17-23; Zech. 13:2; 14:16; 8:23; 9:7; Zeph. 3:9; Mal. 1:11; Rev. 5:9-14).

U. THE MANIFEST PRESENCE OF GOD! - God's presence will be fully recognized and fellowship with God will be experienced to an unprecedented degree (Ezek. 37:27-28; Zech. 2:2, 10-13; Rev. 21:3).

V. THE FULNESS OF THE SPIRIT! - Divine presence and enablement will be the experience of all who are in subjection to the authority of the King (Isa. 32:13-15; 41:1; 44:3; 59:19, 21; 61:1; Ezek. 36:26-27; 37:14; 39:29; Joel 2:28-29; Ezek. 11:19-20).

W. THE PERPETUITY OF THE MILLENNIAL STATE! - That which characterizes the millennial age is not viewed as temporary, but eternal (Joel 3:20; Amos 9:15; Ezek. 37:26-28; Isa. 51:6-8; 55:3, 13; 56:5; 60:19-20; 61:8; Jer. 32:40; Ezek. 16:60; 43:7-9; Dan. 9:24; Hos. 2:19-23).