What Happens Next 03: "Kingdom" October 25, 2026

Revelation 20:1-6

Big Idea: The Millennium is the 1000-year Kingdom of Christ and follows the Glorious Appearing and Great Tribulation.

Full-Circle

Every student of the Bible should understand that God's plan for mankind will eventually come full circle. The Book of Revelation closes where Genesis begins. Mankind living in harmony with God. What Adam threw away, Jesus (the second Adam) rescued.

Jesus on His Kingdom

When Jesus taught us how to pray in Matthew 6, He first mentions His coming kingdom. *"Your kingdom come; Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven…"* Obviously, humanity has never known a utopia like the Kingdom of Christ described in the Bible. History has proven conclusively that man cannot bring any form of utopia because mankind is broken, sinful, self-centered. A man-made golden age is impossible. Important! The very place that was given to Satan to rule will one day be ruled by Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2).

OT Prophecy

In the prophetic books of the OT there are many chapters devoted to the idea of a utopian kingdom ruled by God's "special king." That is important because the prophets ministered during Israel's captivity. They kept promising a coming kingdom. OT Jews likely did not know it, but the prophets were describing the Millennial Kingdom (see 2Samuel 7:12-13, Isaiah 2:2-4, Isaiah 11:1-9).

Kingdom Details

- ✓ **Sheep are IN; Goats are OUT** (Matthew 25:33, 41). Only followers of Jesus will enter the Kingdom.
- ✓ **120-year Lifespan** (Isaiah 65:20). People born during the Millennial Kingdom will live much longer.
- ✓ **Satan is in the Pit** (Revelation 20:3). The enemy is locked away for the full 1000 years.
- ✓ **Christ-followers Rule** (2Timothy 2:12). Christ-followers will have responsibilities in the Kingdom.
- ✓ **One Final Rebellion** (Revelation 20:7-8). After living in peace and tranquility some will still rebel against Christ.

Sometimes Jesus told stories about servants or stewards and rewards. The rewards were greater for some than others (Luke 19:11). That is a picture of the Millennial Kingdom. Your life for Christ matters and will be rewarded one day with special rewards at the Judgment Seat and special privileges during the Kingdom of Christ.

Family Night – Read Isaiah 11:1-9

- **Elementary School –** Ask, "What is the best part of God's Kingdom to you? What do you think God's kingdom will be like? How will we treat each other in God's kingdom? How should we treat each other now?"
- **Middle/ High School –** Ask, "Why can't mankind create the kind of kingdom described in the Bible? What part of Isaiah's description is most compelling to you? What will be the best part of God's Kingdom in your opinion?"

Prayer: "Father, thank You for Your coming kingdom. Help us live as though Your kingdom is already here."

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)
Velocity: This Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30.
Gravity: Gravity today in both services.

Today's Songs
Battle Belongs ……Phil Wickham
Amazing Grace……Chris Tomlin
O Praise Him……David Crowder

Baby Bottle Boomerang
Baby Bottles are due TODAY. All proceeds benefit Choices of the Heart Crisis Pregnancy Center. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Boo Bash
TONIGHT! Come early to decorate your trunk and be finished by 4:15 when judging begins. If you are just handing out candy and not decorating, you need to be in place by 4:00. Kids with costumes need to get a number and line up at 4:20. Older youth get in the back of the line. Trunk or Treat begins at 4:30. Costume Contest and Trunk Contest winners will be announced in front of the church at 4:50.
All activities including Pancake Supper will open at 5:00 but nothing will be open until then. We ask that all families stay in the parking lot until 5:00 so our staff and volunteers can get into place.