

Revelation 20:1-6

Main Idea: The Millenium will bring about unprecedented peace and prosperity on earth.

1000 Years

Following the destruction of Babylon (Israel's enemies and state-sanctioned worship – "the great prostitute" Revelation 17-18), a roar will erupt in heaven (Revelation 19:1-8). Christ-followers and OT saints will be part of that celebration. What follows is the 1000-year reign of Christ called "The Millennial Kingdom" described in ch.20.

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, but it will become reality in the Millenium.

This is BIG!

When the OT describes a kingdom that historically has not existed, it is safe to assume the author is speaking of the Millennial Kingdom that is to come. Israel's most glorious years were the kingdoms of David and his son Solomon. But even their kingdoms cannot compare to the Kingdom of Christ.

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 Serve (2Timothy 2:12).** Christ-followers will have responsibilities in the Kingdom.
- Peace and Prosperity (Micah 4:4).** There will be no need for rescue missions, food stamps, or welfare checks.
- One Final Rebellion (Revelation 20:7-8).** After living in peace and tranquility some will still rebel against Christ.

Family Night Big idea – Read Isaiah 11:1-9

You will want to help your children understand 3 things: 1) There is coming a literal, physical Kingdom of peace on earth that is governed by Christ Himself. 2) Man is incapable of creating such a utopia because of sin. 3) Jesus calls His followers to live in light of the Kingdom right now.

- **Elementary School** – Ask, "If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be? What do you think God's kingdom will be like? What is the best part (to you) of Isaiah's description of God's Kingdom?"
- **Middle/ High School** – Ask, "Why can't mankind create the kind of kingdom described in the Bible? What parts of this world will you be glad to leave behind? What will be the best part of God's Kingdom in your opinion?"

Prayer

"Father, thank You for promising a kingdom of righteousness and justice. Help us live as though Your kingdom is already here."

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: Game Night this Wednesday, July 12th. Pizza, snacks, and drinks. Play Kickball Slip N Slide.
Gravity: Middle Schoolers come to the Community Room.

Today's Songs

Glorious Day.....Kristian Stanfill
Amazing Grace.....Chris Tomlin
Grateful.....Elevation Worship

Plus One

We challenge you to add 1 thing to your weekly worship: Family Night, Small Group, or Personal Study. Ask us how!

Ladies T-Shirt Sale

Check out the T-Shirts you can order! Money goes to offset the cost of upcoming retreat. Easy ordering. Just scan the bar code and select size and payment.

Look Up Lodge

Kids going into 4th and 5th grades who are already registered and paid in full will leave for camp at Look Up Lodge July 23rd and return July 26th.

Promotion Sunday

August 6th, children starting Pre-School move up to KidsJAM and kids starting 6th grade move up to Velocity.