

Behold, I Come Quickly...

A Study of Revelation

PART 4 Revelation 17:1 - 22:21

BABYLON, JUDGMENT, AND PARADISE REGAINED

LESSON 5 Revelation 20:1 - 20:15

JUDGMENT DAY {The Millennium}

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. (Revelation 22:7)

REV 20:1-15

Millennium

In the last lesson we saw the future event of Jesus Christ's return at the end of the Great Tribulation, a time of extreme trial and outpouring of God's wrath on rebellious humanity. Jesus Christ defeats the armies of Satan and his Antichrist, thus preserving the Jewish remnant that had been protected, possibly at Petra, near Bosrah. Notice how this protection of the Jewish remnant is described in Revelation.

REV 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman [Israel] which brought forth the man child. **14** And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly **into the wilderness**, into her place, **where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.**

MIC 2:12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; **I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold....**

In this lesson we will look at the events that occur at the end of the Tribulation and beyond. We will consider what is referred to as "the interval" and what is described in Scripture about the time known as the Millennium. Millennium is a Latin word meaning a thousand years. It will be a time of righteous rule of "peace, prosperity, and plenty."¹ There are prophecies that refer to intervals that occur immediately following the Tribulation before the Millennium begins.

The Interval

Immediately following the Tribulation and before the beginning of the Millennium (The Messianic Kingdom) there will be two intervals totaling 75 days. This is determined by the statement in Daniel 12.²

¹ Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 234.

² Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, A Study of the Sequence of Prophetic Events, Tustin, CA: Ariel Ministries, 2003, 2004, p. 361.

DAN 12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. 12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

Two intervals are mentioned which are beyond the 1260 days of the second half of the Tribulation. Daniel mentions 1,290 days (30-day interval) and 1,335 days (an additional 45 days for a total 75-day interval). Remember that when the abomination is set up there will be 1,260 days (3-1/2 years) remaining until the end of the seven-year Tribulation. Daniel indicates this in chapter 9 when he states that the abomination will be set up "in the middle of the week."

DAN 9:27 And he shall **confirm** the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

The Tribulation will be exactly seven years (a "week"). There will be 1,260 days (3-1/2 years) from the confirming of the 7-years covenant to the mid-point. From the mid-point to the end of the Tribulation will be 1,260 days. The first interval is a period of 30 days after that, and will end 1,290 days from the mid point of the Tribulation. This is thought by some to be the time that the abomination remains in the Temple before it is removed. The second interval is an additional 45 days. Those who survive to this additional 45 days, 1335 days from the mid Tribulation point will be those that enter the Messianic Kingdom (the Millennium).³ During this combined 75 day interval the following events occur, not necessarily in this order.⁴

The 75-Day Interval

1. The removal of the Abomination of Desolation from the Temple – Rev 12:11.
2. The Antichrist and the False Prophet are cast alive into the Lake of Fire – Rev 19:20.
3. Binding of Satan into the Abyss for a thousand years – Rev 20:1-3.
4. Separation and judgment of the Sheep and the Goats of all nations. The Goats will be sent to Hell. The Sheep will go into the Millennial Kingdom. The judgment will be based on their treatment of Israel – Joel 3:1-3; Mat 25:31-46.
5. The resurrection of Old Testament Saints – Isa 26:19; Dan 12:2.
6. The resurrection of Tribulation Saints – Rev 20:14.
7. The Marriage Feast of the Lamb – Isa 25:6-8; Mat 22:1-14; 25:1-13; Rev 19:9.

The Messianic (Millennial) Kingdom)

REV 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

During the Millennium, Satan will be bound for a thousand years in an abyss (not Hell). During this time he will be unable to deceive the world. At the same time, Christ will rule the world with "a rod of iron." At the end of the thousand years Satan will be released and will instigate a final rebellion.⁵ Revelation chapter 20 speaks of a Millennial Kingdom of one thousand years. The assurance that this will happen is twofold:⁶

³ Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, p. 361.

⁴ Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 361-372. Leon J. Wood, THE BIBLE & FUTURE EVENTS, An Introductory Survey of Last-Day Events, Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1973, pp. 146-155.

⁵ Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, pp. 236, 238, 239. Ironside, REVELATION, p. 214.

⁶ Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 375, 376.

1. There are **unfulfilled promises** of the Jewish covenants that can only be fulfilled in a Messianic (Millennial) Kingdom.
2. There are **unfulfilled prophecies** of the Jewish Old Testament prophets that Messiah will reign on the earthly throne of David and rule over a peaceful kingdom.

The earthly kingdom of the Messiah was at the heart of many of the disciple's questions:

MAT 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, **Tell us, when shall these things be?** and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Jesus told them of the Great Tribulation after which He would come again. The disciples were more specific in their questioning after Jesus rose from the dead:

ACT 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, **Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?** **7** And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Jesus indicated that the Messianic Kingdom is still future. The majority of information concerning this Messianic Kingdom is found in the Old Testament, but it is only in Revelation chapter 20 we are told that it will last a thousand years. The Book of Revelation reveals two things about the Millennial Kingdom not found in the Old Testament:⁷

1. It will last one thousand years – Rev 20:4.
2. The circumstances by which it will end – Rev 20:7-9.

Four unconditional unfulfilled covenants require a Messianic Kingdom for their fulfillment:⁸

1. The Abrahamic covenant promised a nation that would occupy definite borders within the Promised Land. These borders have never yet been achieved. (Gen 12:1-7, 13:15, 22:15-18).
2. The Palestinian covenant promised a regathering to this land after a dispersion. (Deut 30:3-10; Eze 20:33-37, 20:42-44).
3. The Davidic covenant promised an eternal kingdom, and one eternal Person. The dynasty is eternal because Jesus the Messiah King is eternal. (2 Sam 7:11-16; Jer 31:35-37, 33:20, 21, 1 Chr 17:10-14).
4. The New covenant speaks of the national regeneration and salvation of Israel. (Jer 31:31-40; Heb 8:6-13).

The following verses describe the general characteristics of the Messianic Kingdom: Psa 15:1-5; 24:1-6; Isa 2:2-4; 11:6-9; 65:17-25; and Mic 4:1-5.⁹ Isaiah 65 describes a new heaven and a new earth revealing the conditions of the Millennial Kingdom, not the new heaven and new earth of the Eternal State described in Revelation chapters 21 and 22. Isaiah 65:17-25 is a renovation of the original creation while Revelation 21 and 22 is a new creation.¹⁰

ISA 65:17 For, behold, **I create new heavens and a new earth:** and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. **18** But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. **19** And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. **20** **There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.** **21** And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. **22** They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and **mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.** **23** They shall **not labour in vain**, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the

⁷ Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, p. 376. J. Dwight Pentecost, THINGS TO COME, A Study in Biblical Eschatology, Grand Rapids, MI: Academie Books, 1958, pp. 65-128.

⁸ Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 376, 377.

⁹ Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 379-385.

¹⁰ Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 381, 382.

blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. **24** And it shall come to pass, that **before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.** **25** **The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.**

At first, all who enter the kingdom will be believers, but those born in the Kingdom will have the sin nature capable of rebelling against God.¹¹ Eventually there will be unsaved people in the Kingdom. Sin will not be as rampant as today, but sin will exist in a limited way in the Millennium. Those entering the Millennium and have not died will be believers, but will not have glorified bodies. These bodies are still subject to the sin nature and thus are susceptible to the usual temptations. The need for the binding of Satan during this period shows that people are still susceptible to his corrupting influence. Likewise, that Christ needs to rule with "a rod of iron" indicates the necessity for governmental control to prevent disobedience and the dispensing of justice to those populating the Kingdom. That this is needed can be seen in that Satan, when finally released at the end of the Millennium, will be able to find people willing to rebel against the righteous rule of Christ. This illustrates that man's heart is desperately wicked and doesn't need the prompting of Satan to sin. All this points to the fact that sin will still exist, and that there will eventually be a small minority of unsaved people inhabiting the Millennial Kingdom.¹²

According to Arnold Fruchtenbaum, all those born in the Kingdom will have until their 100th year to become believers, otherwise they will die. Believers will live throughout the Millennium. Fruchtenbaum points out that this is why there is nowhere mentioned the resurrection of Millennium Saints, and why it is said that the Tribulation Saints complete the first resurrection. If this is not the case, then we can only speculate about the resurrection of saints who die in the Millennium. Only the lost will be raised in the second resurrection at the end of the Millennium.¹³

The Resurrections¹⁴

REV 20:4 **And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**

5 **But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.**

6 **Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.**

Revelation 20:4-9 describes two resurrections that are to occur. The understanding of these resurrections is essential to understanding the Millennial Kingdom. The First Resurrection has six phases and began with Christ's resurrection. The Second Resurrection will be a single event and will involve the unbelievers at the end of the Millennium.

- **First Phase** – The resurrection of Christ.
- **Second Phase** – Some Old Testament Saints immediately after Christ's resurrection. This is best understood as only a small number of Old Testament saints being resurrected corresponding to the feast of first fruits when only a handful of grain was presented to the priest.¹⁵

MAT 27:52 **And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53** **And came out of the graves** after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

¹¹ Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, p. 383. Leon J. Wood, THE BIBLE & FUTURE EVENTS, An Introductory Survey of Last-Day Events, Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1973, p. 178.

¹² Wood, THE BIBLE & FUTURE EVENTS, An Introductory Survey of Last-Day Events, pp. 177, 178. Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, p. 302.

¹³ Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 383, 395. Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, pp. 307, 308.

¹⁴ Daymond R. Duck, Larry Richards (Editor), REVELATION: GOD'S WORD FOR THE BIBLICALLY-INEPT, Lancaster, PA: Starburst Publishers, 1998, p. 298. John Walvoord, THE FINAL DRAMA, 14 Keys to Understanding the Prophetic Scriptures, Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993, pp. 156-166. Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, p. 299. Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, pp. 236-238.

¹⁵ Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, p. 298.

1 CO 15:21 For since by man came death, by man came also **the resurrection of the dead**. **22** For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ shall all be made alive**. **23** But **every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming**.

- **Third Phase** – The resurrection of the Church at the Rapture, before the seven-year Tribulation, involving both dead Christians and those that are still alive.

1 TH 4:13 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and **the dead in Christ shall rise first**: **17** **Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up** together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

- **Fourth Phase** – The resurrection of the two witnesses at mid-Tribulation. They witnessed for three and a half years and then lay dead in the street for three and a half days.

REV 11:11 And **after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet**; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. **12** And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And **they ascended up to heaven in a cloud**; and their enemies beheld them.

- **Fifth Phase** – The resurrection of the Tribulation Saints at the end of the Tribulation Period, after Christ's Second Coming. The martyrs that came out of the Tribulation, seen under the throne in Revelation 7:9-17, will be resurrected at this time.¹⁶

REV 20:4 ... the souls of them that were beheaded... **lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years**.

- **Sixth Phase** – Old Testament Saints at the end of the Tribulation, after the Second Coming.¹⁷

DAN 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and **there shall be a time of trouble**, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. **2** And **many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt**.

ISA 26:19 Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. **Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust**: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and **the earth shall cast out the dead**. **20** Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

There will be a final resurrection and judgment of the unbelievers at the end of the Millennium.¹⁸

REV 20:5 But, the rest of the dead **lived not again until the thousand years were finished**....

The first through sixth phases of the first resurrection are called the Resurrection of Life. The final or second resurrection is called the Resurrection of the Damned and will take place after the Millennium.¹⁹

The Throne of David

Following the Second Coming and the completion of the first resurrection, the Bible is clear that God will reestablish the glory of David's throne. That God will establish David's throne forever is based on the Davidic Covenant and is seen in the following:²⁰

¹⁶ John F. Walvoord, THE PROPHECY KNOWLEDGE HANDBOOK, Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1990, p. 561.

¹⁷ Walvoord, THE FINAL DRAMA, p. 163.

¹⁸ Walvoord, THE FINAL DRAMA, pp. 165-166.

¹⁹ Duck, Richards, REVELATION: GOD'S WORD FOR THE BIBLICALLY-INEPT, p. 298.

²⁰ Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 432, 433.

2 SAM 7:11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also **the Lord telleth thee that he will make thee an house.** **12** And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, **I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.** **13** He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. **14** I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: **15** But **my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.** **16** And **thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.**

1 CH 17:10 And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore **I tell thee that the Lord will build thee an house.** **11** And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that **I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom.** **12** He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for ever. **13** I will be his father, and **he shall be my son:** and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee: **14** But **I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.**

Samuel put emphasis on David's son Solomon, while the writer of Chronicles puts clear emphasis on the Messiah. Solomon will build a temple, but the eternal Messiah will build the millennial temple (Eze 40:5-43:27) and His throne will be established forever. God will repair the ruins of the House of David and reestablish the glory of David's throne.²¹

AMO 9:11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: **12** That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the Lord that doeth this.

The Messiah holds three offices, but separately in chronological order:²²

1. **Prophet** – At First Coming.
2. **Priest** – Now.
3. **King** – At Second Coming.

That the Messiah is to rule all nations on the throne of David forever is seen in the following: (see also: Isa 16:5; Jer 33:14-17).²³

PSA 2:6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. **7** I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, **Thou art my Son;** this day have I begotten thee. **8** Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. **9** Thou shalt break them with **a rod of iron;** thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

ISA 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. **7** Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon **the throne of David, and upon his kingdom,** to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

JER 23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that **I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.** **6** In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

²¹ Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 433, 434, 436.

²² Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, p. 434.

²³ Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 388-391.

ZEC 14:9 And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one.

LUK 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. **31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. **32** He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and **the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

As we have already seen in Psalm 2:6 above, He will rule with a “rod of iron.” The same is found in Revelation 12:5 and 19:15.

REV 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron....

REV 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron....

The character of His reign is well described in Psalm 72: (see also: Isa 11:1-5)²⁴

PSA 72:1 Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son. **2** He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.... **4** He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor. **5** They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.... **7** In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. **8** He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.... **11** Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him. **12** For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. **13** He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. **14** He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.... **15** ...prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.... **16** ...and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. **17** His name shall endure for ever...: all nations shall call him blessed.

The Law in the Millennium

There will be a completely new Law established during the Messianic Kingdom. There will not be a reinstating of the Law of Moses since Messiah will rule (Eze 44:1-46:24). There will also not be an Ark of the Covenant in the Millennial Temple since God will be present in the person of Jesus Christ.²⁵

JER 3:16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the Lord, **they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the Lord: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more.**

The Gentiles in the Millennium

That there will be Gentiles, as well as Israel, in the Millennium can be seen from the following:

Matt 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory.... **32** And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: **33** And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. **34** Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.... **41** Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.... **46** And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

²⁴ Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, p. 392.

²⁵ Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 452, 454.

Gentiles that survive the Tribulation and the sheep/goat judgment will enter and populate the Gentile nations in the Millennium. They are Gentiles that have not participated in the persecution of the Jewish people. The Messiah will be the center of attraction for these Gentiles, and they will be the servants of the people of Israel. They will be subject to the kingship of Messiah.²⁶

ISA 11:10 And in that day there shall be a **root of Jesse**, which shall **stand for an ensign** of the people; **to it shall the Gentiles seek**: and his rest shall be glorious.

ISA 14:1 For the Lord will have **mercy on Jacob**, and will yet **choose Israel**, and **set them in their own land**: and the **strangers shall be joined with them**, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. **2** And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and **the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and handmaids**: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and **they shall rule over their oppressors**.

ISA 42:1 **Behold my servant**, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: **he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles**.

At the time of the final regathering of Israel the Lord will also gather to Him the believing Gentiles. This can be seen in the following verses.²⁷

ISA 56:3 **Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from his people**: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.... **5** **Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters**: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. **6** **Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants**, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and **taketh hold of my covenant**; **7** **Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer**: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for **all people**. **8** **The Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him**.

A Wondrous Time

The Millennium will be a wondrous time of righteous rule. Scripture has much to say about this time. The glory of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

ISA 11:6 **The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them**.

ISA 65:19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and **the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying**.

JER 23:6 In his days **Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely**: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

HEB 8:11 And **they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest**.

EZE 48:35 ...the name of the city from that day shall be, **The LORD is there**.

OBA 1:21 ...the kingdom shall be the **LORD'S**.

MIC 4:1 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. **2** And **many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we**

²⁶ Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 485, 486.

²⁷ Fruchtenbaum, THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, pp. 486, 487.

will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 3 And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and **they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**

ZEC 8:5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

MAL 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and **the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple**, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. **2** But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: **3** And **he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.**

Rebellion

At the end of the Millennium there will be a final rebellion and judgment. After this time there will be the final or Second Resurrection of the damned.

REV 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, **8** And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

Some believe that this is the battle of Gog and Magog described in Ezekiel 38-39. J. Vernon McGee comments:

Because the rebellion is labeled "Gog and Magog," many Bible students identify it with the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38-39. This is not possible at all, for the conflicts described are not parallel as to time, place, or participants--only the names are the same.²⁸

Magog represents the northern nations of the sons of Japheth whose ideal head is Gog (see: Gen 10:2). Ezekiel's Gog and Magog battle is pre-millennial. This battle clearly occurs at the end of the millennium, thus is a different conflict. It represents Satan's final attempt to overthrow God. Also, the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel come from the north. This army comes from the four quarters of the earth.²⁹

It has never been difficult for Satan to find those who are willing to be deceived. There will be no difference here. Mankind as a whole has always failed when tested. They failed in the garden, they failed under the law, and they crucified the Lord of glory.³⁰ We will ultimately see that even the righteous reign of Christ will not overcome the mind of the carnal man, the un-regenerated. Man MUST be born again.

ROM 8:7 Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is **not subject to the law of God**, neither indeed can be.

JOH 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**

REV 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. **10** And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

The fire from heaven will purify the earth thwarting Satan's final attempt against God and man. This will close out time, and begins the unending age of eternity.³¹ Now comes the time for final judgment.

²⁸ Duck, Richards, REVELATION: GOD'S WORD FOR THE BIBLICALLY-INEPT, p. 300, quoting J. Vernon McGee, THRU THE BIBLE WITH J. VERNON MCGEE, Vol. V, p. 1058. See also: Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 239, and: Walvoord, THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, pp. 303, 304.

²⁹ Robert Jamieson, A.R. Fausset, and David Brown, A COMMENTARY, Critical, Experimental, and Practical on the Old and New Testaments, Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1973, reprinted 1993, Vol. III, Part III, p. 723. Levy, REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word, p. 239.

³⁰ H. A. Ironside, REVELATION, Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux Brothers, 1920, 1996, p. 219.

³¹ Ironside, REVELATION, p. 219.

The Great White Throne Judgment

REV 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

It is "great" because of the magnitude of the judgment. It is "white" because the judgment is righteous. "It is a throne because Jesus Christ sits in sovereign majesty..." (see: John 5:22-24).³²

At the time of the Great White Throne Judgment the heavens and the earth will be burned up. The material realm will be no more as the elements melt.

2 PE 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which **the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**

MAT 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

ISA 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and **the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.**

ISA 66:22 For as **the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make**, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

REV 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the [wicked] dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell [hades] delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell [hades] were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

"Hell" in these verses refers to "Hades," the temporary place of torment (Luke 16:19-31).³³ Jesus spoke of this temporary place as reported by Luke:

Luke 16:19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: **20** And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, **21** And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** And it came to pass, that **the beggar died**, and was carried by the angels into **Abraham's bosom**: the rich man also died, and was buried; **23** And in hell [hades] he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. **24** And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for **I am tormented in this flame.** **25** But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. **26** And beside all this, **between us and you there is a great gulf fixed**: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. **27** Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: **28** For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. **29** Abraham saith unto him, **They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.** **30** And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but **if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.** **31** And he said unto him, **If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.**

At the first resurrection, all those who are saved will stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ to be evaluated according to what they have done and will be appropriately rewarded, not condemned.³⁴ At the second resurrection all unrighteous will stand before the Great White Throne to be judged. Those standing in this judgment will be judged by their works since they are not justified by the blood of Christ.³⁵ Those who are

³² Levy, *REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word*, pp. 243, 244. Walvoord, *THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST*, p. 305.

³³ Levy, *REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word*, pp. 245, 246, 249. Walvoord, *THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST*, pp. 307, 308.

³⁴ Walvoord, *THE PROPHECY KNOWLEDGE HANDBOOK*, p. 456.

³⁵ Levy, *REVELATION: Hearing the Last Word*, pp. 247-249. Walvoord, *THE PROPHECY KNOWLEDGE HANDBOOK*, pp. 447, 448.

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unsaved will be resurrected in the Second Resurrection, judged, and then cast into the lake of fire (eternal Hell), the Second Death. This is the final separation of the lost from God. **This Second Resurrection will give the unrighteous new resurrection bodies that will never die. Their torment will be eternal.**³⁶ Jesus clearly states that He is the Judge (see also: Acts 17:31).

JOH 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: **23** That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. **24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation [judgment]; but is passed from death unto life.**

Christ Himself will be the Righteous Judge. Those that hear Christ's Word and "believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life," and will not come into judgment, but is passed from death into everlasting life.

³⁶ Duck, Richards, REVELATION: GOD'S WORD FOR THE BIBLICALLY-INEPT, p. 304.