

Mystery of The Ages

PART 16 - THE MILLENNIUM

INTRODUCTION: This earth is going to be here (before the new earth) 7000 years, and the seventh period of 1000 years is a time of rest (Isa. 14:7). God made this earth in six days and rested the seventh (Gen. 2:1). So, this earth will have 6000 years of war and bloodshed, and the last 1000 years will be a 1000-year period of rest - "a Sabbath of rest". Just to make sure that the literal meaning is not missed, the Holy Spirit has written "thousand years" six times in (Rev. 20) so you wouldn't miss it.

Eight is the number of new beginning in the Bible. It follows that the eighth day (II Peter 3:8) will be a new beginning - the new heavens and earth. Noah was the eighth person (2 Peter 2:5) and his family consisted of eight persons (1 Peter 3:20), and they populated the new earth after the flood. David was the eighth son of Jesse, and he introduced a new order in Israel (1 Sam. 16:10,11). The leper was cleansed on the eighth day from his leprosy, thus proclaiming a new man (Lev. 14:11).

I. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM

A. The King - Jesus Christ will rule the entire earth from Jerusalem with a rod of iron (Rev. 2:27; Isa. 11:1; Ps. 110). That is to say, it will be a peaceful (Micah 4:1-4) military dictatorship.

B. The Judges of Israel - These will be the faithful original disciples of Jesus (Matt. 19:27-30).

C. The Rulers of the Cities of the World - These will be church age saints who have been judged to be faithful during this present age (Lk. 19:12-27). Their right to rule will be judged upon the basis of their willingness to suffer (Rom. 8:17,18; 2 Tim. 2:12; 2 Cor. 1:5-14).

D. The Results of This Government -

[1]. Peace - (Isa. 2:4; 9:4-7; 11:6-9; 33:5,6)

[2]. Justice - (Isa. 9:7; 32:16; 42:1-4)

[3]. Protection - (Isa. 41:8-14; 62:8,9; Amos 9:15)

[4]. Freedom from oppression - (Isa. 14:3-6; 42:6,7)

[5]. Labor - (Isa 62:8,9; 65:21-23; Jer. 31:5)

[6]. Economic Prosperity - (Isa. 4:1; 35:1,2,7; Amos 9:14,15)

[7]. Unified Language - (Zeph. 3:9)

II. THE INHABITANTS OF THE KINGDOM

A. Church Age Saints - These saints will of course have new bodies, and they will walk about as 33 year old reproductions of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:51-54; 1 Jn. 3:2).

B. Converted Israel - The Jew will be back in the land of Palestine. The type of the reign of Jesus Christ in the Millennium is found in (1 Kings 2-10). Solomon, the son of David, is the anti-type of Jesus, the Son of David (Matt. 1), reigning over the piece of land the Lord Jesus Christ will have access to in the Millennium (Deut. 4:31; Rom. 11:25,26; Rev. 12:14).

C. Tribulation Remnant -

[1]. Those who don't take the mark and escape the Antichrist (Dan. 11:41,42)

[2]. Those who come through the Tribulation and help the Jews (Matt. 25:31-46).

D. Those Born in the Millennium - People will reproduce during the Millennium (Jer. 30:20; Eze. 47:22). (Isa 65:20) indicates there will be a return to the pre-flood aging process (see also Zech. 8:4,5).

III. WORSHIP IN THE MILLENNIUM

A. Temple Worship will be restored in the Millennium - Israel will have the entire plot of land that was originally promised to Abraham (Ps. 105:9-12) and Solomon reigned over (1 Kings 4:21). It will be divided up into strips, for the 12 tribes of Israel (Eze. 48). It will have a "holy portion" in the middle of it where the temple will be built, where Jesus Christ will reign.

B. Bloody Sacrifices re-instituted - (Eze. 43:18-46; Zech. 14:16; Isa. 56:6-8; 66:21; Jer. 33:15-18; Eze. 20:40-41). All teach the restoration of a priesthood and the reinstitution of a bloody sacrificial system during that age. The sacrifices during this time will be for national atonement (Eze 45:17) looking back to the cross. The new moons and the sabbaths are observed exactly as we are told they would be (Isa. 66:22-24) and as Paul warned in the New Testament (Col. 2:16,17).

C. The Worship of the Nations - One unique thing about the Millennium is that the nations are told to come up to Jerusalem every year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts (Isa. 2:2,3). So in the future, the "law of the Lord" - sabbaths, new moons, etc. - will go out from Jerusalem and from Mt. Zion (Isa. 11:10- 13; Zech. 8:21-23; Mic. 4:1,2).

Zechariah 14 is about the Millennium. The Lord comes back (Zech. 14:9), and the nations are told to go up to Jerusalem to worship the King "year to year" and to keep the "feast of tabernacles" (Zech. 14:16) showing that the "feast of tabernacles" (in September or October) is connected with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. If the nations do not honor

the King at Jerusalem, they are plagued (Zech. 14:17-19). (Compare this with Isa. 26:10; 60:12; Ps. 68:6; 72:9).

D. Individual Salvation - There is no faith in the Millennium! The plan of salvation for the Millennium is (Matt. 5,6,7).

In the Millennium, if a man calls another man a fool, he is in danger of going to hell right on the spot. In the Millennium, if a man is angry with his brother without a cause, he is dragged before a "council." In the Millennium, if a man takes you to court, you are to give him everything you have. Salvation by works! (Matt. 5:24-26). In this dispensation, you are saved by grace through faith plus nothing, and you couldn't get to heaven with the Sermon on the Mount if you stayed up all night and prayed over it.

The man in the Millennium is saved by works without faith. Consequently, he has an unregenerate nature that is left unchanged, and if he does not follow the works, he is lost. At the end of the Millennium, when Satan comes up, he finds a mass of unregenerate people who are tired of a military dictatorship, and who are griping under the authority of Jesus Christ. They do not like His harshness, discipline, or power, and therefore, they follow Satan (See Rev. 20:7-9; Ps. 72:8,9; Isa. 26:9-11; Ps. 66:7).

IV. CHANGES IN NATURE DURING THE MILLENNIUM

Even as man needs to be regenerated (Titus 3:5) so does the earth (Matt. 19:28; Rom. 8:22). Today it still feels the effects of a curse that has been in place since (Gen. 3).

When the earth is born again some of the results will be:

- [1]. Wild beasts will be tame - (Isa 11:5-8)
- [2]. The sun and moon will be seven times brighter - (Isa. 30:26)
- [3]. The Dead Sea will be healed - (Eze. 47:8)
- [4]. The desert will bloom - (Isa. 35:1-2)
- [5]. Four crops a year - (Amos 9:11-15; Lev. 26:2-6)
- [6]. Thorns and briars eliminated - (Isa 55:12,13)
- [7]. Fruit bearing will multiply - (Eze. 36:3)