

"The Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ"

Part 4

Revelation 20:1-6

Introduction: It was my intent to move on from these verses today but then God placed upon my heart a few other thoughts to consider concerning the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Now in our studies the past couple of weeks we have looked at these first six verses of Revelation 20 in detail. We have looked at:

1. The 75 days between the end of the Great Tribulation and the Kingdom.

These were the 75 days of preparation which Daniel spoke of.

Daniel 12:11-12

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.*

2. The binding of Satan.

Notice Revelation 20:1-3

3. The FUTURE fulfillment of these verses.

We pointed this out because there are many today called Amillennialists who believe we are currently in the Kingdom while Jesus is ruling from heaven and that Satan was bound at the cross. They do not believe the 1000 years mentioned here in this passage are literal years. They will try to tell you that it a reference to a long period of time. This teaching does not match up with Scripture.

1 Peter 5:8

⁸ *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

4. The resurrections.

There are two groups of people who will be resurrected at the end of the Great Tribulation.

a. The Tribulation martyrs.

Notice Revelation 20:4

b. **The Old Testament Saints.**

Ezekiel 37:13-14

¹³ And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

¹⁴ And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

5. The Coronation of the Saints.

Notice Revelation 20:4-6

The FIRST RESURRECTION has 6 parts.

- a. **Jesus Christ**
- b. **A few saints following Jesus' resurrection.**
- c. **The Church**
- d. **God's Two Witnesses.**
- e. **The Old Testament Saints.**
- f. **The Tribulation Martyrs.**

ALL who have part in this resurrection will rule and reign with Jesus Christ.

Today I am going to address 2 questions concerning the Kingdom and then we shall answer the questions.

I. Why does there need to be an earthly Kingdom?

God could very well usher in the new heaven and the new earth at the end of the Tribulation. He could very well take all the saints into the Eternal State which we shall see in Revelation 21 but instead there is this Earthly Kingdom of 1000 years so why is the Kingdom so important?

There are 3 main reasons for the Kingdom.

1. To show the faithfulness of God.

The Kingdom will be a time for God to fulfill His promises which He made to Israel.

A. The Abrahamic Covenant.

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

² And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

³ And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

B. The Palestinian Covenant.

Deuteronomy 30:1-6

And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,

² And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

³ That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

⁴ If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:

⁵ And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

⁶ And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

C. The Davidic Covenant.

2 Samuel 7:5a, 12-13

⁵ Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD...

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.

D. The New Covenant.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

³² Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

³³ But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

³⁴ And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

2. To show man what life and the world would have been like if he had not rebelled.

Acts 3:19

¹⁹ Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Romans 8:19-21

¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

²⁰ For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

²¹ Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Isaiah 65:21-25

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 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.*

3. To show that God is perfect in His judgment.

There are many people who would say that God is not fair to send people to hell. They would say that man is not as wicked and corrupt as the Bible states.

But the Kingdom will prove their reasoning to be wrong. In the Kingdom many babies will be born. They will have a sin nature but there will be no Devil or demons to lead them into rebellion. They will live and thrive in a perfect environment. Jesus Himself will rule the world with all the saints serving under His rule. There will be many believers who will function in their glorified bodies. This will all be things these children will experience. Longevity will also be part of that environment. All they will need to do is place their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior. Yet at the end of the 1000 years when Satan is loosed from the pit there will be many who will follow him in rebellion against Jesus Christ.

Notice Revelation 20:7-9

The number of unbelievers who rebel will be innumerable. This clearly shows the sinfulness of man's heart. Even in the most perfect environment, under perfect leadership, under a perfect government, in the presence of God they still will reject what God has to offer.

This now brings us to our second question but before we consider the question there is yet something that we must look at which also is going to take place at the beginning of this Kingdom Age.

"The Building of the Temple"

Now we know there will be a Tribulation Temple and it will be in the Tribulation Temple that the image of the Beast will be set up. Let me show you some verses.

Daniel 9:27

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.

Daniel 12:9-12

⁹ And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

¹⁰ Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

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.

Matthew 24:15-16

¹⁵ When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

¹⁶ Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Let me show you what God says concerning this Temple.

Haggai 2:7-9

⁷ And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

⁹ The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

All these verses point to the Tribulation Temple, but this Temple will be destroyed in the Tribulation. Then when Jesus returns He will lead the building of a Millennial Temple.

Zechariah 6:12-15

¹² And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

¹³ Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

¹⁴ And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the LORD.

¹⁵ And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.

It appears from this that many from around the world will be used to do work in the Lord's Millennial Temple.

But there is yet something else that we need to see.

Isaiah 56:6-7

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.

There will be a SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM in the Millennial Temple. Animal sacrifices will be brought as they were in the Old Testament.

II. What will be the purpose of the sacrifices in the Millennial Kingdom?

They will not be for salvation. They will not be needed in order to be saved for Jesus Christ paid the price for all sin and to add anything to His finished work is blaspheme.

Hebrews 10:4

⁴ For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

Most likely the sacrifices will be for a memorial service looking back to the cross to be a reminder to those who bring them. The reminder will point to the sacrifice of Jesus and how the innocent had to die for the guilty.

Conclusion:

For we who are believers there are so many untold wonders that await us in the future.

- ✓ We will see the earth restored to its original condition.
- ✓ We will witness harmony in the animal kingdom.
- ✓ We will see the fulfillment of Israel's Covenants.
- ✓ We will witness the resurrection of the Old Testament saints and the Tribulation martyrs.
- ✓ We will fellowship with the Old Testament saints and Tribulation martyrs.
- ✓ We will see Satan bound, shut up, and sealed.
- ✓ We will see the building of a glorious new Temple.