

# Note

## Revelation – Part 11 of 15

### Summary

The Millennial Kingdom will be under Jesus' perfect and righteous rule. A ruler like no other. During this time the saints will reign and Satan will be imprisoned. At the end of the 1000 years, Satan will be released for a brief period of time before he is thrown into the lake of fire. Through this New Kingdom, God's people will see that we are only saved through His abounding grace and our life on earth should be a place of preparation for real potential in the Millennium.

# Transcript

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We'll continue on the Millennial Kingdom.

In the previous section, I spoke about a parable about ruling cities. I made a mistake. I mixed up the parable in Luke (Chapter) 19 with the parable in Matthew Chapter 25 about the five talents, two talents and one talent. So, apologies for giving the wrong example there. But basically the principle is, if we are faithful in this world right now, preparing for our roles in heaven and not just sitting down passively as useless people, God will give us greater responsibility in the Millennial Kingdom and thereafter.

Today, I want to describe the Millennial Kingdom to you. What is this Millennial Kingdom? What's the purpose? God had a purpose when He created the garden of Eden, and He put Adam in that garden to tend it. The garden was perfect, but it had also perfect potential for more. So Adam's role was to tend the garden to get the maximum out of it. God is a God who works, who contributes, who gives, and we are made in the image of God to be useful, to bless. So Adam was supposed to use his God-given character, talent, etc. to bless, make the world a beautiful world. But he chose to do otherwise. He had the freedom of choice. The sacredness about God is, we are made in His image and being in God's image, you can make choices unlike other parts of creation. A plant has no choice, animals do exactly the same thing, lions, tigers, ants live exactly the same way as their ancestors did, from the beginning of creation. Man can create, man can make choices. And so Adam was given a choice but he messed it up. We are all still given choices.

Now, what is the Millennial Kingdom? The Millennial Kingdom is, God saying that, "You, Satan, you think you mess it up? You messed up the Garden of Eden? Well, let me tell you, you didn't mess it up. The second Adam, Jesus Christ, Son of God, the perfect man is going to make right choices. And He's going to rule the Millennial Kingdom. It is the Garden of Eden, plus, plus, in much greater beauty." In fact, Adam had the potential to make the Garden of Eden like the Millennial Kingdom if he made the right choices, but Satan tempted him and he made the wrong choice. So the world spun downwards. So now God is saying, "Sorry, Satan, you think you can mess up my plans? No. You just made a better plan for the world. Instead of a beautiful garden in the Mesopotamian area, near the River Euphrates, I will make a beautiful garden in the whole wide world and it's called the Millennial Kingdom." So basically, God is just getting His plan right back and having a good laugh at Satan, the one who thought he can outfox God.

So let's look at this Millennial Kingdom. What is this perfect place? This perfect world, the world that should have been. It is now done on a greater scale. So we can call it Garden of Eden, Version 2 or Version 2 million, because it's so much better.

First, that's perfect rule in it.

Let's look at Isaiah 11:1

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what His eyes see, or decide disputes by what His ears hear, but with righteousness, He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth, and He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, with the breath of His lips He shall kill

the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of His waist and faithfulness the belt of His loins.

In other words, there will be righteous rule in this Millennial Kingdom, something we don't ever have. We never had a righteous ruler. We have men who had some righteous traits about them, but at the end of it all, it is all "Babylonish". Everybody did it for his own self. And there was corruption. There was every kind of deception, but this One is righteous, does everything right, as it should be. We instinctively wish people would do it right, wish our rulers would be righteous, wish our bosses would be righteous and to some extent they may be, but at the end, that selfish nature keeps coming in. So, there will be perfect, righteous rule, no unrighteousness in this Millennial Kingdom - a government with no corruption, judges with no corruption, corporate bosses with no selfishness and unfairness, a school system with no unfairness.

Isaiah 2:4.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat the swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

There will be no war. Right now, for most countries, a major part of the budget is not for development, it's for defence. You have to protect yourself. So war is part of life. That's going to be over! No more wasting of resources.

The world will be super productive. Now, whatever you grow, however good your growing is, I guarantee you one thing that will grow very well, it's called weeds. In Genesis, it said when Adam chose to sin against God, the ground was cursed, "thorns and weeds shall this ground bring forth". But in Jeremiah 31:12 - Imagine Adam didn't sin, this is what the world would look like....

Jeremiah 31:12.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more.

Today, if you're a farmer, you'll understand there's pestilence, there's weeds, there's locusts, there's soil degradation. If you take care of animals, there's viruses killing your chickens, your pigs. But on that day, all the negatives that the curse of sin brought into the world is no more. It's the same world, it's the same soil, but it's not cursed. It's restored. It's not new spiritual soil, it is soil just like in the Garden of Eden. It's the Millennial Kingdom. It's not the New Earth. Please differentiate that. But it's the earth where the curse of sin is removed.

What about sickness? Will the Millennial Kingdom have a lot of sick people?

Isaiah 33:24.

And no inhabitant will say, "I am sick";

This is not talking about the spiritual, new bodies resurrected. These are real people with natural bodies moved from the Great Tribulation into the Millennial Kingdom. Nobody is going to be mourning about sickness.

What about life? What's life like there? Here, every day we fear our life may be shortened by disease, by accident.

Let's look Isaiah 65:20.

No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

No infant deaths. People will live out their days. There will be death, not for those who are resurrected, or the saints who were martyred, but for those born in the Millennium, for those who survived the Great Tribulation, the Jews who were brought back in great numbers, but they will have long lives.

Let's look at the spiritual state in the Millennial Kingdom. In these prophetic books, like Jeremiah, Habakkuk, God is describing all these amazing things.

Habakkuk 2:14.

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

In other words, people will have spiritual knowledge, just like water covering the sea, as common and as plain as that.

Isaiah 11:6-7.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

Animals will be our friends. They won't eat each other or eat you. Even the lion will eat straw like the cow enjoying the Garden of Eden again. Not survival of the fittest. That will be no more.

There will be a temple. I'm very sure of that in the Millennial Kingdom. It's found in Ezekiel Chapters 40 to 46, so many chapters describing the Millennial temple. The Jews will go to the temple, and offer animal sacrifices, not as a substitute for their sins but as a reminder of the Lamb of God. Just like we take the bread and the cup, not that that will save us, but to remind us of what Christ did. The Jews in the Millennial Kingdom, I believe, will go to the Millennial temple and offer animal sacrifices, not as a way for salvation, but as a reminder that the Lamb of God died for us. And "we have sacrificed these animals, day after day, for centuries and never got it".

Of course there will be perfect joy and happiness in the Millennial Kingdom for 1000 years. Population would grow, natural bodies would get married, have kids and the saints would rule over them and the martyrs through the Great Tribulation would rule over them. Hopefully, you and I will rule over them. Hopefully you have 10 cities to rule because you've prepared yourself in this life for the Millennial earth.

Then later we see what happens when Satan is released. The Bible tells us in Revelation (Chapter) 20, after 1000 years of a perfect, beautiful rule, seeing Jesus on that throne, ruling righteously, satan is released for a little while after being locked up in the bottomless pit for 1000 years. What does the Bible say? Like the sand of the sea, he gathers them, like Gog and Magog. Gog and Magog, an archetype of human rebellion against God. Human heart makes a choice, a wrong choice and rebels, so satan leads a final war. This is not Armageddon. This is another one, the final one. Armageddon is already over before the Millennium. This is after. And then the battle from the four corners come to Jerusalem to attack it and fire comes down from heaven. The war is over, just like an electric shock. Like you electrocute somebody, just press the button, he's dead. Over! Very short war, and they are gone.

What's the lesson of the Millennial Kingdom? Even after the perfect environment, people, when given a choice, still have rebellion in their hearts. And they always say, "Satan made me do it." Satan was bound for 1000 years in the Millennial Kingdom, and when he is released for a while, people still rebelled. So what have we learnt from this? That we are saved, simply by the grace of the Almighty God.

When we say, "My grandfather never heard about Jesus, he didn't know, maybe that's why he never got saved." Well, if your grandfather lived in the Millennium kingdom, he would probably have heard Jesus for 1000 years, he still would have rejected Jesus. Maybe you say, "Oh, my grandfather was deceived by satanic forces", well, there was none in the Millennial Kingdom, and yet they turned against God.

So what is the point of this whole 1000-year (period)? 1000 years is a long time to us, in this body, where we live maybe 70/80 years. I don't think 1000 years is long when you live in the Millennial Kingdom. It's not long, it's happiness. When you're happy, time flies. But the point is, God wants us to know that there's rebellion in our hearts, and that we can't blame anyone. We just thank God that we are saved. When we get to heaven, we're just going to say, "Thank You, God. If not for Your grace, Your amazing grace, I could be like any one of those people, getting the best education for 1000 years, the best environment and I could have just turned from you like that (snap of a finger)". And then, when we enter the eternal state, we will just praise God forever and be so grateful that we are saved by the grace of God and that He loved us. And we are in eternity, the New Heaven and New Earth, by the grace of God. That's one of the lessons I think the Millennial Kingdom would teach us for all eternity. Nobody is going to say, "Oh, you know, I came from a good family. I got great religious background.....no, no, it's the grace of God. "



Secondly, I think when you understand the Millennial Kingdom and ruling, there will be 1000 years of good work to do and skills are needed. Natural people will be there. Babies will be born. Life will go on. Farming will take place. Production will take place, though it's a beautiful Garden of Eden, but it's not doing nothing. It is running the Millennial Kingdom. And I hope you and I are looking forward to the most productive jobs you can ever have. Nothing is more satisfying to the human heart than to see things grow, whether it's your crops, or your children. And if you're not faithful in the little things of this world today, preparing yourself for the Millennial Kingdom, you are going to feel 1000 years. Have you ever been to see the old grandpa who regretted his life and said, "You know, when I was young, I wasted my life. Young, look at me, all the options presented to me, I couldn't take it, I can't read, I can't write, I can't do anything." You will be like that for 1000 years, my dear brothers and sisters. Learn about the Millennial Kingdom, believe the prophecies, believe when God says something, it is true. Don't spiritualize everything away. Then the Bible becomes a book of myths from Genesis Chapter One-Adam was not real, Eve was not real, the 6 days of creation are not real. The prophecies about the lion sitting with a kid, all those prophecies about the beautiful Kingdom that Christ will rule, is just spiritual. Don't spiritualize it away. Then there is nothing to read, just a few moral lessons. No, the Bible is real! What God says, God means it. I don't mean you take everything literally. If it is allegorical, it is allegorical. But some of those things are just too plain, and repeated many times. Thousand years, thousand years, thousand years - 6 times! If it is allegorical, you don't do that. It is like the beginning of creation, morning and evening, morning and evening - 6 times! What was God telling us in the creation story? "It's a real day. Believe Me, I don't repeat Myself for nothing. I don't say a thousand years if I just mean a long time." So I hope this helps us to prepare for the Millennial and to be eternally thankful for eternity in the New Heaven and New Earth.

May God bless you. May you know this amazing God and His plans for you, so that you'll be totally satisfied, forever and ever. Your potential you thought on this earth was used up was just preparation for your real potential for another thousand years. God bless you.

