

A BRIEF . . . ON REVELATION

1. **Revelation 1:3** Blessed is he who reads, and those who hear the words of this prophecy
2. **Revelation 1:19** The book John wrote is of 3 parts:
 - 1) write the things you have seen
 - 2) and the things that are
 - 3) and the things which will take place after (this)
3. Revelation was written near the end of the reign of Domitian (6th king) A.D. 81-96
4. Revelation has three cycles of seven judgments

7 seals

7 trumpets

7 bowls

NOTE: Since the scroll is sealed with only seven seals . . . the seven trumpets and seven bowls could not follow the seals . . . they are the content of the 7th seal.

5. Between the 6th and 7th seals there are two . . . visions, also between the 6th trumpet (9:13) and the 7th trumpet (16:12) are six chapters of visions: 10, 11 (except 11:15), 12, 13, 14, 15 . . . not 16 these are the events of the bowl judgments (16:1 - 16, 17) . . . chapters 17, 18 are also visions.

6. Chapter 19 is not a vision, but events that followed the vision of (ch. 18) the fall and judgment of political Rome . . . the beast . . . a great multitude in heaven with a loud voice praising God for His judgments on the . . . harlot . . . declaring . . . the Lord reigns . . . (v. 7) let us be glad and rejoice for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His wife has made herself ready.

7. The rest of chapter 19 . . . a white horse and Him who sat on it . . . the armies in heaven (v. 14) followed Him . . . the final battle

Release of Satan - His Led Revolt

Revelation 20:2-3 and 7-9 He laid hold of the dragon, that old serpent - which is the Devil and Satan, bound him for a thousand years—and cast him in the bottomless pit - shut him up, set a seal upon him - that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years be fulfilled - after that he should be loosed for a little season, and shall go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth. God and Magog,

to gather them to battle - the number as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. Fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

NOTE: The nations in Matthew 25:32 went into the kingdom in their human lives - they were blessed by God - inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. During the thousand years multitudes of children were born, who would need salvation. That's why the Lord ruled with a rod of iron - even in perfect conditions - man's nature never changes because of this -- rebellion - that's why there is the great white throne judgment at the end of 1000 years.

Millennium Age

1. Duration of the millennium

The kingdom which Christ is to rule is between the first and second resurrection of the 1000 years

2. Purpose of the millennium

To fulfill covenants made to Israel

- A. Abrahamic covenant . . . land and seed
- B. Davidic covenant . . . promises concerning the King . . . the throne . . . the royal house
- C. Palestinian covenant . . . possession of the land fulfilled during the millennium age
- D. New covenant promises . . . new heart . . . forgiveness of sins . . . filling of the Spirit . . . all blessings fulfilled in the millennium

3. The millennium will be a period of the full manifestation . . . glory of Christ

- A. Glory of His . . . humanity
- B. Glory of His dominion . . . which is universal
- C. Glory of His government . . . in which He is absolute power
- D. Glory of a judiciary . . . God's will and law throughout the age
- E. Glory of Christ's . . . deity . . . omnificence . . . and omnipotence

4. The spiritual character of the millennium

The multitude of material blessings offered in the millennium . . . it is essentially a spiritual kingdom . . . even though it exists on the earth.

5. Government in the Millennium

The government will be a theocracy . . . not a republic where the legislative . . . executive . . . and judicial power is lodged in the people . . . nor is it a monarchy (of human origin) . . . Thine O Lord, is the greatness and power

A. And the glory, and the victory and the majesty . . . for all that's in heaven . . . and in the earth are Thine

B. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou are exalted above all. Both riches and honor . . . come of thee and thou reignest over all (1 Chronicles 29:11-12)

C. While God exercises absolute authority, His sovereignty may be exercised through individuals as secondary causes

6. Occupants in the Millennium

(1) saved Israel . . . (2) saved Gentiles (3) resurrected . . . bride of Christ

Saved Israel and saved Gentiles go into the millennium age with their natural life, as subjects of the reigning King . . . but the bride of Christ . . . living the divine life (not natural life). They are not subjects of the King . . . but reign . . . with Him

7. Worship in the millennium

A. A large portion of prophecy of Ezekiel (40:1-42:20) concern the building of the temple and its measurements.

B. (Ezekiel 43:2) Afterwards . . . behold the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east . . . (v. 4) the glory of the Lord came into the temple . . . (v. 5) the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

NOTE: The book of Ezekiel contains numerous prophecies. In this meeting we will start with Ezekiel 36:1. The Lord said - son of man prophesy to the mountains of Israel. But you (v. 8), O mountains of Israel shoot forth your branches - yield your fruit - my people Israel is about to come. For I (v. 24) will take you from among the nations - gather you out of all countries and bring you into your own land. Russia (ch. 38:1) and her allies in a future time will invade Israel. Son of man (ch. 39) prophesy against Gog and say, Thus says the Lord God: I am against you. I will (v. 2) turn you around and bring you from the far north. You shall (v. 4) fall upon the mountains of Israel. I will (v. 11) give Gog a burial place in Israel. Son of man (ch. 40:4) look with your eyes and hear with your ears - I brought you here so I might show you - declare to the house of Israel - everything you see. In the visions (ch. 40:2) He took me into the land of Israel - set me on a high mountain - toward the south was something like a structure of a city - and a man (v. 5) with a measuring rod. He measured (ch. 41:1-2) the tabernacle length 40 cubits - the width 20 cubits. This is the measurements for the future temple 40 cubits x 20 cubits.

Solomon's Temple - 1 Kings 6:2 - 60 cubits - 20 cubits - 30 cubits

Ezra's Temple - Ezra 6:3 - height 60 cubits - width 60 cubits

Ezekiel 43:5 -- The glory of the Lord filled the temple

Conditions existing within the millennium

Much Scripture is devoted to stating the untold blessing and glory poured out upon earth through the beneficence of the Lord Jesus Christ in the kingdom. Many of these have been alluded to previously, but an outline of the conditions on the earth will show the "greatness of the kingdom" (Dan. 7:27)

A. *Peace*. The cessation of war through the unification of the kingdoms of the world under the reign of Christ, together with the resultant economic prosperity, since nations need not devote vast proportions of their expenditure on munitions, is a major theme of the prophets. National and individual peace is the fruit of Messiah's reign (Isa. 2:4; 9:4-7; 11:6-9; 32:17-18; 33:5-6; 54:13; 55:12; 60:18; 65:25; 66:12; Ezek. 28:26; 34:25, 28; Hos. 2:18; Mic. 4:2-3; Zech. 9:10).

B. *Joy*. The fulness of joy will be a distinctive mark of the age (Isa. 9:3-4; 12:3-6; 14:7-8; 25:8-9; 30:29; 42:1, 10-12; 52:9; 60:15; 61:7, 10; 65:18-19; 66:10-14; Jer. 30:18-19; 31:13-14; Zeph. 3:14-17; Zech. 8:18-19; 10:6-7).

C. *Holiness*. The theocratic kingdom will be a holy kingdom, in which holiness is manifested through the King and the King's subjects. The land will be holy, the city holy, the temple holy, and the subjects holy unto the Lord (Isa. 1:26-27; 4:3-4; 29:18-23; 31:6-7; 35:8-9; 52:1; 60:21; 61:10; Jer. 31:23; Ezek. 36:24-31; 37:23-24; 43:7-12; 45:1; Joel 3:21; Zeph. 3:11, 13; Zech. 8:3; 13:1-2; 14:20-21).

D. *Glory*. The kingdom will be a glorious kingdom, in which the glory of God will find full manifestation (Isa. 24:23; 4:2; 35:2; 40:5; 60:1-9).

E. *Comfort*. The King will personally minister to every need, so that there will be the fulness of comfort in that day (Isa. 12:1-2; 29:22-23; 30:26; 40:1-2; 49:13; 51:3; 61:3-7; 66:13-14; Jer. 31:23-25; Zeph. 3:18-20; Zech. 9:11-12; Rev. 21:4).

F. *Justice*. There will be the administration of perfect justice to every individual (Isa. 9:7; 11:5; 32:16; 42:1-4; 65:21-23; Jer. 23:5; 31:23; 31:29-30).

G. *Full knowledge.* The ministry of the King will bring the subjects of His kingdom into full knowledge. Doubtless there will be an unparalleled teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit. (Isa. 11:1-2, 9; 41:19-20; 54:13; Hab. 2:14).

H. *Instruction.* This knowledge will come about through the instruction that issues from the King (Isa. 2:2-3; 12:3-6; 25:9; 29:17-24; 30:20-21; 32:3-4; 49:10; 52:8; Jer. 3:14-15; 23:1-4; Mic. 4:2).

I. *The removal of the curse.* The original curse placed upon creation (Gen. 3:17-19) will be removed, so that there will be abundant productivity to the earth. Animal creation will be changed so as to lose its venom and ferocity. (Isa. 11:6-9; 35:9; 65:25).

J. *Sickness removed.* The ministry of the King as a healer will be seen throughout the age, so that sickness and even death, except as a penal measure in dealing with overt sin, will be removed (Isa. 33:24; Jer. 30:17; Ezek. 34:16).

K. *Healing of the deformed.* Accompanying this ministry will be the healing of all deformity at the inception of the millennium (Isa. 29:17-19; 35:3-6; 61:1-2; Jer. 31:8; Mic. 4:6-7; Zeph. 3:19).

L. *Protection.* There will be a supernatural work of preservation of life in the millennial age through the King (Isa. 41:8-14; 62:8-9; Jer. 32:27; 23:6; Ezek. 34:27; Joel 3:16-17; Amos 9:15; Zech. 8:14-15; 9:8; 14:10-11).

M. *Freedom from oppression.* There will be no social, political or religious oppression in that day (Isa. 14:3-6; 42:6-7; 49:8-9; Zech. 9:11-12).

N. *No immaturity.* The suggestion seems to be that there will not be the tragedies of feeble-mindedness nor of dwarfed bodies in that day (Isa. 65:20). Longevity will be restored.

O. *Reproduction by the living peoples.* The living saints who go into the millennium in their natural bodies will beget children throughout the age. The earth's population will soar. These born in the age will not be born without a sin nature, so salvation will be required. (Jer. 30:20; 31:29; Ezek. 47:22; Zech. 10:8).

P. *Labor.* The period will not be characterized by idleness, but there will be a perfect economic system, in which the needs of men are abundantly provided for by labor in that system, under the guidance of the King. There will be a fully developed industrialized society, providing for the needs of the King's subjects (Isa. 62:8-9; 65:21-23; Jer. 31:5; Ezek. 48:18-19). Agriculture as well as manufacturing will provide employment.

Q. *Economic prosperity.* The perfect labor situation will produce economic abundance, so that there will be no want (Isa. 4:1; 35:1-2, 7; 30:23-25; 62:8-9; 65:21-23; Jer. 31:5, 12; Ezek. 34:26; Mic. 4:1, 4; Zech. 8:11-12; 9:16-17; Ezek. 36:29-30; Joel 2:21-27; Amos 9:13-14).

R. *Increase of light.* There will be an increase of solar and lunar light in the age. This increased light probably is a major cause in the increased productivity of the earth (Isa. 4:5; 30:26; 60:19-20; Zech. 2:5).

S. *Unified language.* The language barriers will be removed so that there can be free social intercourse (Zeph. 3:9).

T. *Unified Worship.* All the world will unite in the worship of God and God's Messiah (Isa. 45:23; 52:1, 7-10; 66:17-23; Zech. 13:2; 14:16; 8:23; 9:7; Zeph. 3:9; Mal. 1:11; Rev. 5:9-14).

U. *The manifest presence of God.* God's presence will be fully recognized and fellowship with God will be experienced to an unprecedented degree (Ezek. 37:27-28; Zech. 2:2; 10:13; Rev. 21:3).

V. *The fulness of the Spirit.* Divine presence and enablement will be the experience of all who are in subjection to the authority of the King (Isa. 32:13-15; 41:1; 44:3; 59:19, 21; 61:1; Ezek. 36:26-27; 37:14; 39:29; Joel 2:28-29; Ezek. 11:19-20).

W. *The perpetuity of the millennial state.* That which characterizes the millennial age is not viewed as temporary, but eternal (Joel 3:20; Amos 9:15; Ezek. 37:26-28; Isa. 51:6-8; 55:3, 13; 56:5; 60:19-20; 61:8; Jer. 32:40; Ezek. 16:60; 43:7-9; Dan. 9:24; Hos. 2:19-23).

The wide diversity of the realms in which the blessings of the King's presence is felt is thus clearly seen.