

## **THE COMING KINGDOM REVELATION 20:1-6**

As we read the news we wonder if there will ever be a government that really works. Will there ever be a leader who truly has the answers to the problems of our world and makes no mistakes? Will there ever be a government that is free of corruption, self-interest and deception? Will there ever be justice, prosperity for all and security in our world? Thank God there will be a utopia one day, but it will only be when the Prince of Peace returns to reign.

### **I. THE PROMISE OF THE KINGDOM.**

#### **A. The Promise in the Old Testament.**

1. To Abraham. Gen. 12:1-3; 13:14-18; 17:4-8.

\* This promise includes the promise of a nation and a possession in the land of Canaan. Note 13:15. \*

2. To David . 2 Sam. 7:14-17; See Ps. 89:20-37.

\* This promise includes descendants, a kingdom and a throne. Note 7:16. \*

3. To the prophets . Is. 9:6,7; 11:1-16; Jer. 23:5-8; Ezek. 37:21-28.

#### **B. The Promise in the New Testament.**

1. At the birth of Christ. Luke 1:32-33.

2. In the teachings of Christ. Matt. 6:10; 19:28.

3. In the writings of Paul. Rom. 8:18-23; 11:25-27.

4. In the Book of Revelation. Rev. 3:21; 11:15; 20:1-6.

### **II. THE INAUGURATION OF THE KINGDOM.**

A. The Arrival of the King. Rev.19:11-16. Cp. Zech. 14:1-10.

\* He receives the kingdom in Revelation 5 and claims it in Revelation 20. \*

B. The Destruction of Antichrist. Rev. 19:17-21.

\* His reign that begins in Revelation 13 is brought to an end. \*

C. The Binding of Satan. Rev. 20:2,3.

\* Imagine a world without Satan. 1 Pet. 5:8. \*

D. The Judgment of the Nations. Matt. 25:31-32.

\* This is the judgment of those who live through the tribulation, not the church that is involved in this judgment. Only the righteous will enter the kingdom.

Matt. 25:34. \*

### **III. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM.**

A. The Lord Will Be King. Zech. 14:9.

\* Isaiah 11:1-5 describes his spiritual and moral qualifications. This will be a reign of justice, fairness, strength and perfect wisdom. See Ps. 72. \*

- B. The Seat of His Government. Is. 2:3; Zech. 14:16,17; Luke 1:32.
- C. The Scope of His Reign. Zech. 14:9; Dan. 7:14,27; Ps. 72:8.
- D. The Security of His Reign. Isaiah 2:1-4; Micah 4:1-4; Is 54:13; Is. 60:11.

#### IV. THE CONDITIONS OF THE KINGDOM.

##### A. The Spiritual Conditions.

1. All will know the Lord. Is. 11:9; Hab. 2:14.
2. God's glory will be revealed. Is. 35:2; 40:5.
3. The fullness of God's Spirit will be experienced. Is. 32:15.

##### B. The Environmental Conditions. Rom. 8:18-23.

1. There will be healing for those entering the kingdom. Is. 35:5,6.
2. There will changes in the vegetable kingdom. Is. 35:1-2,7.
  - \* The curse of Gen. 3 will be removed and the earth will experience unprecedented productivity. Amos 9:13. \*
3. There will be changes in the animal kingdom. Is. 11:6-9.
  - \* Animals will not harm each other, will be vegetarians and will be in complete subjection to man. \*

##### C. The General Conditions.

1. Peace. Is. 32:16-18; 60:18.
2. Righteousness. Ps. 72:7.
  - \* Imagine living in a world where everyone does what is good, honest and right. \*
3. Joy. Is. 35:10.

#### V. THE CONCLUSION OF THE KINGDOM. Rev. 20:7-10.

##### A. The Release of Satan. Rev. 20:3,7.

\* Those born during the millennium have never been tempted. Everyone who enters heaven will have chosen God and rejected Satan. Satan has not changed during the 1000 years in the abyss. He still opposes God (Is. 14:12-14), seeks to destroy man (1 Pet. 5:8), and has tremendous deceptive powers. \*

##### B. The Rebellion of the Multitudes. Rev. 20:8,9a.

\* Those that follow Satan are those born during the millennium. They have lived in a perfect environment but have not experienced an inner transformation.

##### C. The Outcome of the Battle. Rev. 20:9b-10.

\* The rebels are destroyed and Satan is cast into the lake of fire to never tempt man again. Sin, Satan and temptation are forever banished. (Rev. 21:27). The millennial kingdom then merges with the eternal kingdom (Rev. 21). \*