



THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Revelation 20:4-6

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Big Idea: One day, there will be “peace on earth” when Christ sets up his millennial kingdom. Until then, you can find peace by allowing him to rule in your life.

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4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

First Resurrection of the Dead: Believers 3 phases:

The Church (rapture) 1 Thess. 4:13-18

Old Testaments believers (7 years later—invited as guests to the Wedding Supper) Daniel 12:1-3

Tribulation believers (raised at the start of the millennial reign of Christ)

Second Resurrection of the Dead: Unbelievers (after the millennium, a resurrection to judgment—v.5)

The Millennium: Biblical Prophecy

Psalms 2:6-12; Ezekiel 40-48; Zechariah 14, Isaiah 2, Isaiah 65

What will the reign of Christ look like? (Isaiah 65)

- A redeemed earth with redeemed conditions
- Long life: 100 years+ (like before the Flood)
- No weeping caused by war, evil, injustice, or suffering
- A blessing over the world and intimacy with Christ
- A huge repopulation of earth, with the greatest population of believers in history

LIFEGROUP STUDY GUIDE: THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Opening: Who have been the most evil rulers in history? What characterized their reigns? Who have been some of the best? Why did even they fall short of creating world peace?

Review: Reread Rev. 20:1-3. What will be the purpose of binding Satan for 1,000 years?

Read today's text: Revelation 20:4-6.

Who are the martyrs? Read Rev. 6:9-11.

Who else will reign with Christ in the millennium? Read 1 Cor. 6:2.

Discuss together the 3 phases of the “First Resurrection.” When will each of these phases take place? (See sermon notes and read the suggested verses under “First Resurrection” on opposite side.)

What is the “Second Resurrection?” Who will it involve? See v.5 and 11-15

Discuss the 3 approaches to millennialism presented in the sermon. What reasons were given for taking a premillennial view as opposed to a postmillennial or Amillennial approach?

Read Isaiah 65:17-25. Then review the passage verse by verse and detail what the millennial kingdom will look like from Isaiah's point of view.

Personal Application

- Do you know that you will be a part of the first resurrection?
- Do you look forward to the glorious reign of Jesus on earth?
- Do you have peace in your life now because Christ rules your heart? How so?
- How are you preparing yourself now to reign with him in the future?