



Things To Come: Week 12

The Wars of Messiah & The Millennium

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Introduction: What is the Millennium?

The Millennium is the reign of Christ when He returns in power and glory.

- *Millennium* is a Latin word which means “a period of 1000 years.”
- Revelation chapter 20 says Christ’s Kingdom is a 1,000-year kingdom.

19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. (Revelation 19:19-20:6)

20 Insights Into Christ's Coming and His Kingdom

1. Jesus destroys the rebellious nations of the Earth.

Jesus defeats the armies of the wicked Gentile nations. Antichrist gathers the kings of the Earth to make war against Christ, but He destroys them.

...the Lord will consume [Antichrist] with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. (2 Thess. 2:8)

...it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe... (1 Thess. 1:6-10a)

2. He rescues Israel from the Antichrist and other Gentiles. (See chart.)

1. SOUTH - EGYPT: *Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud, and will come into **Egypt**; the idols of Egypt will totter at His presence, and the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst. (Isaiah 19:1)*

2. SOUTHEAST - EDOM & ARABIA: *“For My sword shall... come down on **Edom**, and on the people of My curse, for judgment.... For the LORD has a sacrifice in **Bozrah**, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom....” For it is the day of the LORD’s vengeance, the year of recompense for the cause of Zion. (See: Isa. 34:5-8)*

*Who is this who comes from **Edom**, with dyed garments from **Bozrah**, this One who is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength?— “I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.” Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? “I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes. For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come. (Isa. 63:1-4)*

*O LORD, I have heard Your speech and was afraid; O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy. God came from **Teman**, the Holy One from **Mount Paran**. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise. His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing from His hand, and there His power was hidden.... I saw the tents of **Cushan** in affliction; the curtains of the land of **Midian** trembled.... You marched through the land in indignation; You trampled the nations in anger. You went forth for the salvation of Your people, for salvation with Your Anointed. (See: Habakkuk 3:1-13)*

3. CENTRAL ISRAEL, JUDAH, AND JERUSALEM:

*Behold, I will make **Jerusalem** a cup of trembling to all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.... The LORD also shall save the tents of **Judah** first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah. In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem... And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (Zech. 12:2-3, 7-9)*

*Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil shall be divided in the midst of you. For I will gather all nations against **Jerusalem** to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives... (See: Zech. 14:1-4)*

4.- 5. NORTHERN ISRAEL, ARMAGEDDON – ASSYRIA, MAGOG, ETC.

*When the Assyrian comes into our land, and when he treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princely men. 6 They shall waste with the sword the **land of Assyria**, and the land of Nimrod at its entrances; thus He shall deliver us from the Assyrian... (Micah 5:5-6)*

*Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the chief prince of **Meshech** and **Tubal**, and I will turn you back, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you forth, and all your army, horses and horsemen... **Persia**, **Ethiopia**, and **Libya** with them; all of them with shield and helmet: **Gomer**, and all his bands; the house of **Togarmah** of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with you.... You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you, and all your bands, and the people that is with you... (See: Ezekiel 38:2-6, 39:4-6)*

6. COASTAL ISRAEL – ANTICHRIST, those holding Jews captive

*The word of the LORD is against you; O **Canaan**, the land of the **Philistines**, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant....And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed on it; in the houses of **Ashkelon** shall they lie down in the evening: for the LORD their God shall visit them, and turn away their captivity. (See: Zeph. 2:3-7)*

*And he [Antichrist] shall plant the tents of his palace **between the seas and the glorious holy mountain**; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him. (Daniel 11:45)*



3. The Salvation of Israel

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins." (Romans 11:25-27)

This results in both Jews and Gentiles now understanding the plan of God:

"I will set My glory among the nations; all the nations shall see My judgment which I have executed, and My hand which I have laid on them. So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day forward. The Gentiles shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they were unfaithful to Me, therefore I hid My face from them. I gave them into the hand of their enemies, and they all fell by the sword. According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I have dealt with them, and hidden My face from them.... When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations, then they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them captive any longer. And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel," says the Lord GOD." (See Ezekiel 39:21-29)

4. The Judgment of Israel

Many believe Christ will perform a special judgment of Israel:

I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face. Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you,” says the Lord GOD. “I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD. (Ezekiel 20:34-38)

5. Resurrection and Reward of Martyrs

In Revelation 20 the righteous dead are raised to life again at Christ's coming.

6. The Kingdom Given to the Saints

In Revelation it says we will reign with Christ on the earth. And the apostles also spoke about this as a future reality for us.

7. The Judgment of the Nations (The Sheep and the Goats)

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’” (Matt. 25:31-36)

8. Judgment of Satan

As a part of the Reign of Christ, Satan will be bound for a thousand years.

9. Judgment of the Demonic Host

It seems like the world will be fully cleansed of these entities during the Kingdom.

10. Manifestation of the Angelic Host

It also seems that with the Lord, the angelic host is also coming to the earth.

11. Social Characteristics of the Kingdom

As we know, the Kingdom of Christ will be characterized by peace and righteousness.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, and His enemies will lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts. Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him. (Psalm 72:5-11)

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. (Isaiah 2:2-4)

12. The Ingathering of Israel

Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me; and the ships of Tarshish will come first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of the LORD your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He has glorified you. (Isa. 60:9)

13. The Condition of Israel

Israel will be the leading nation of the world, and the center of the worship of God.

14. The Millennial Worship

We know from Ezekiel 40-48 that there will be a new Temple in the Millennium, and Jesus Christ will personally be there. It will be the focal point of worship on Earth.

15. The Condition of Man

Man will not only be blessed by living under the government of Messiah, but also by God removing most of the curse which He pronounced upon Creation.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; the voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying. No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old, but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. (See: Isaiah 65:19-22)

16. The Condition of the Earth

With the removal of the Curse, the Earth will revert to its garden-like conditions.

17. The Desolate Places of the Earth

Some places will remain desolate: Babylon (Isa. 13) and Edom (Isa. 34).

18. The Situation of the Animal Kingdom

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:6-9)

19. The Situation of the Heavenly Bodies

Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD binds up the bruise of His people and heals the stroke of their wound. (Isaiah 30:26)

20. A Final Rebellion

One last thing to note: we read in Revelation 20 that at the end of the Millennium, there is one final rebellion against God.

The Bible says that Satan will be loosed again and he goes out to deceive the nations. God quickly judges those people.

No matter what environment Man has on the *outside*, his true problem is *within* – inside his heart.

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