

1. Last week I taught the phrase “not inherit the Kingdom of God” by way of the *Doctrine of the Millennium*.
2. Before continuing, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.
3. Let’s begin with an expanded translation of Gal 5:19-21.

**Gal 5:19 Understand the production from the Old Sin Nature is certainly seen in various sexual sins, such as adultery, filthy thoughts, and shameful sexual conduct ...**

**Gal 5:20 idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, inordinate ambition, dissension, factions ...**

**Gal 5:21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.**

4. One cannot understand the meaning of “the Kingdom of God” unless an understanding of what Israel missed when they rejected Christ’s Kingdom message. An acceptance of the message would have brought about the Millennium with its four unconditional covenants.
5. I want to review some of that learned and then begin new material at point 14 on page 3 where we were about to study the two types of peace extant during the Millennium.

### ***Doctrine of the Millennium***

1. Many Old Testament and New Testament passages combine to teach that Christ will be the supreme ruler of the earth in an age called by many the Age of Christ, or the Millennium.
  - 1.1 The Apocalypse as you might imagine speaks to the subject in several places. Rev 20:1-11; Dan 12:2; Jer 30:9; Eze 34:23-25; Hos 3:5

2. God's faithfulness to perform what He has promised to David and believing Israel is emphasized in Jer 33:20-21.
3. Israel's boundaries will be extensive, far beyond the boundaries of any prior kingdom of the early king David, and it will be a forever kingdom. Gen 15:18-21; Dan 2:44-45;
4. Christ's reign will be a universal rule. Mic 4:1-2
5. Christ will rule with a rod of iron in absolute power. Psa 2:8-9; Rev 19:15
6. All who oppose Him will be punished. Christ's government shall be one of righteousness and peace. Isa 11:2-4
7. These unusual characteristics are made possible in part because Satan is bound and rendered inoperative. The only source of evil in the world will be the sin nature residing in unbelievers. Rev 20:1-3
8. The Millennium will begin with believing adults transformed by the application of the New Covenant. However, there will be unbelieving children born into this age with old sin natures.
  - 8.1 Children who are born during this Age of Christ will be subject to the righteous rule of Christ. Some number will not believe, and, if deemed appropriate by Christ, they may even be executed. Such capital punishment will be summarily imposed by Christ if their manifest sin or evil adversely affects perfect environment.
  - 8.2 Volition will remain a divine institution and some number of progenies will reject the "Christ." This unbelieving ilk will produce both sin and evil.
9. "Open sin and evil" will be punished; no one will be permitted to disrupt perfect environment. Zec 14:16-17; Isa 11:4
10. Israel will enjoy a place of privilege and special blessing as God's priest nation. Many passages bear on this subject. In the Millennium the Israelites will be re-gathered and restored to their Promised Land. Jer 30:3; 31:8-9; Eze 39:25-28; Amos 9:11 and 14

11. The people of Israel will be the subjects of King Jesus the Messiah.  
Isa 9:6-7; Jer 23:5-6; Rom 9:4-13; Rom 11:26

12. Israel will have title to their land even as the Gentiles receive abundant blessings in their lands. Clearly, there will be nations and indigenous peoples will reside in their homelands just as God originally commanded. The word nations appear more than 130 times in the Bible. It was early on in Scripture that God voiced his displeasure at global thinking and "one-worldism." United nations only work when Christ is in charge. Isa 19:2-25; 49:5-7; 22; Isa 66:18; Jer 3:17; 16:19

Isa 49:5 And now the LORD says--he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength--  
Isa 49:6 he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

Isa 49:7 This is what the LORD says--the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel--to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you ..."

Isa 49:22 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I will beckon to the Gentiles, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders.

12.1 Although the Millennium is often correctly described as a political rule, it will also be a time of abundant spiritual blessing. Jer 31:33-34

13. Although there is no evidence that the Holy Spirit will baptize believers into a spiritual unity such as is true in the Church Age today, there will be the indwelling power and presence of the Spirit in the believers in the Millennium. (Isa 32:15; 44:3; Eze 39:29; Joel 2:28-29)

14. It will certainly be a time of righteousness, prosperity and universal peace among national entities. Not only does Isa 2:4 describe peace between the nations but what we know as inner peace will also pervade.

## World Peace

Isa 2:4 He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

## Inner Peace

Fear and evil cover the land today, in the form of fears about a lack of energy, war, depression, revolution, destruction of the environment etc. God has delivered us from fear and all forces which motivate fear. Through the Faith-Rest drill you can and should have a relaxed mental attitude toward all these things.

15. As a center for worship, a Millennial Temple will be built. It is described in Ezekiel, chapters 40 through 46. There will again be sacrifices in that Temple.

15.1 The sacrifices mentioned by Ezekiel seem to be a memorial looking back to the cross, just as the Old Testament sacrifices looked forward to Christ's coming.

16. The groaning and travail of creation will be lifted. There will be prosperity, health, and both physical and spiritual blessing such as the world has never known.

Isa 35:1 The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus,  
Isa 35:2 it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God ...  
Isa 35:7 The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

Isa 30:23 He will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows.

17. There will be important changes in the topography of the earth.

17.1 The Promised Land will again be the garden spot of the world, the center of God's kingdom on earth and the place of unusual blessing.

18. The Millennium will be a golden age, the climax of earth's history, and the fulfillment of God's purpose to establish His Son as the supreme ruler over the universe.

Isa 45:23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Rom 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

19. Those who are “overcomers” will receive special rewards in Christ’s kingdom.

1Jo 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

1Jo 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Rev 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Rev 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Rev 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it ...

Rev 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Rev 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

20. At the end of the Tribulation, a judgment will take place to determine which of the survivors of that great and terrible day of the Lord will enter the Millennium.

Mat 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory."

Mat 25:32 "All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."

Mat 25:33 "He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left."

Mat 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'"

21. The Lord Jesus Christ, as the Messiah of Israel and King of kings, will rule over the entire earth.

Zec 14:9 The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name.

22. Included in the topographical changes will be the elevation of Jerusalem.

Zec 14:10 The whole land, from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become like the Arabah. But Jerusalem will be raised up and remain in its place, from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the royal winepresses.

22.1 Jerusalem will be secure and never be destroyed again.

23. An indication of the rule of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords is that He will judge the nations that fought against Jerusalem in the Tribulation.

Zec 14:12 This is the plague with which the LORD will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

Zec 14:13 On that day men will be stricken by the LORD with great panic. Each man will seize the hand of another, and they will attack each other.

24. A plague will seize man and beast alike. Israel will acquire great quantities of gold, silver, and clothing.

Zec 14:14 Judah too will fight at Jerusalem. The wealth of all the surrounding nations will be collected--great quantities of gold and silver and clothing.

25. Those who survive the purging judgments at the beginning of the Millennium will be required to worship Christ annually.

Zec 14:16 Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

26. God will withhold rain from those nations that do not send delegations to Jerusalem when the Feast of Tabernacles is celebrated.

Zec 14:17 If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, they will have no rain.

Zec 14:18 If the Egyptian people do not go up and take part, they will have no rain. The LORD will bring on them the plague he inflicts on the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zec 14:19 This will be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

27. It will be a time when the holiness of God is uniquely revealed.

Zec 14:20 On that day HOLY TO THE LORD will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, and the cooking pots in the LORD'S house will be like the sacred bowls in front of the altar.

Zec 14:21 Every pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be holy to the LORD Almighty, and all who come to sacrifice will take some of the pots and cook in them. And on that day there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD Almighty.

28. Conclusion

**End Lesson**

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