

The Gospel According to John

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1. Last week I taught in part Joh 7:1-10 by way of the *Doctrine of the Millennium*.

2. Before we return to our study of the *Doctrine of the Millennium*, I want to give you opportunity to rebound.

Joh 7:1 After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews there were waiting to take his life.

Joh 7:2 But when the Jewish **Feast of Tabernacles** was near,

Joh 7:3 Jesus' brothers said to him, "You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do.

3. The Feast of Tabernacles was designed to teach a future coming of the Christ to a promised land where he would reign in perfect environment for one-thousand years.

4. Jesus and His brothers have an interesting conversation concerning whether or not He should attend.

Joh 7:4 No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world."

Joh 7:5 For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

Joh 7:6 Therefore Jesus told them, "The right time for me has not yet come; for you any time is right.

Joh 7:7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that what it does is evil.

Joh 7:8 You go to the Feast. I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me the right time has not yet come."

Joh 7:9 Having said this, he stayed in Galilee.

5. Jesus, unknown to his brothers attends the feast in secret.

Joh 7:10 However, after his brothers had left for the Feast, he went also, not publicly, but in secret.

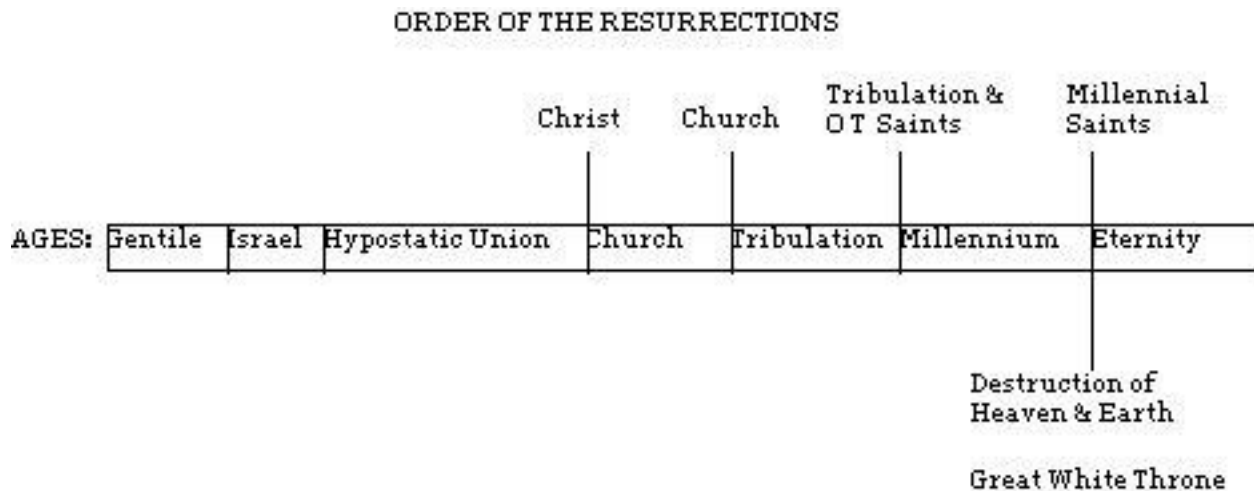
6. I want to review some of that learned last week and then begin new material at point 18 on page four.

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. Rev 20:1-11 summarizes the major events.
2. Most of Israel expected their Messiah to come and “immediately” proceed in destroying Roman rule and implementing their promised world-wide Kingdom. Let’s look at a chart depicting their expectations.

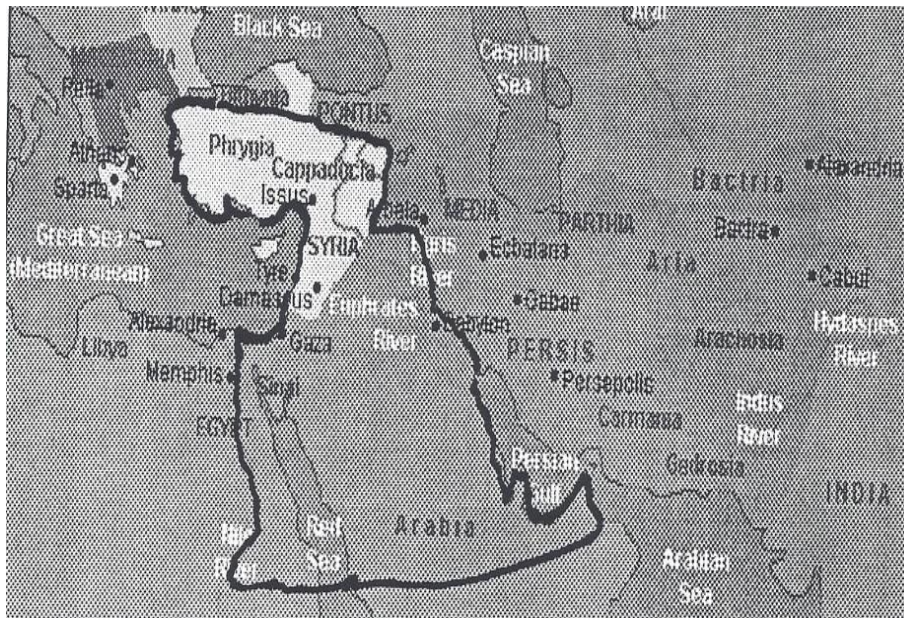
GENTILES				ISRAEL	KINGDOM
Positive Volition	Negative Volition	Noah's Family	Jewish Patriarchs	Jewish Client Nation	+
Creation of man	Fall of Adam	Flood	Abraham	Moses and the Exodus	Birth of Christ

3. As we saw last week, because of Israel’s rejection of their Messiah there will be a multi-faceted order of resurrections.



4. During the Millennium, Christ, as David's son, will sit on the throne of David and David will serve as Christ’s executive officer. Eze 34:23-25
5. God's faithfulness to perform what He has promised to David and believing Israel is emphasized in Jer 33:20-21.

6. Israel's boundaries will be extensive, far beyond the boundaries of any prior kingdom of David, and it will be a forever kingdom. Gen 15:18-21



7. Christ's reign during the Millennium will be a universal rule. Mic 4:1-2

8. Christ will rule with a rod of iron in absolute power. Psa 2:8-9

9. Satan is bound and rendered inoperative during the Messiah's reign.

10. 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.

11. Children who are born during this Age of Christ will be subject to the righteous rule of Christ.

12. Many will not believe, and, if deemed appropriate by Christ, they may even be executed. Such capital punishment will be summarily executed by Christ if their manifest sin or evil adversely affects perfect environment.

13. "Open sin and evil" will be punished; no one will be permitted to disrupt perfect environment. Isa 11:4

14. 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; Amos 9:11-14; Isa 19:23-25; 49:5-7; 22; Jer 3:17 and 16:19

15. 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

15.1 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)

16. It will certainly be a time of righteousness, prosperity and universal peace.

Isa 12:3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Isa 12:4 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.

Isa 12:5 In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

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

20.1 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.

21. 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.

22. 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.

Footnote: Recall Revelation chapter two pertains not only to the church at Ephesus but also to a period of time beginning in A.D. 32 to A.D. 100. Revelation 3:1-6 deals with not only the church at Sardis but also the universal church from the reformation to the Rapture. Revelation 3:7-13 pertains not only to the local church at Philadelphia but also to a point in time when the Rapture takes place. Revelation 3:21 pertains not only to the church at Laodicea but also to the church extant during the Tribulation.

23. 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.'"

24. 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.

25. 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.

25.1 Jerusalem will be secure and never be destroyed again.

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. 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.

29. 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.

30. 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.

Conclusion

1. The Millennium is a 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth, in perfect environment. The age of perfection begins with the Second Advent and ends with the Gog revolution.

2. The Gog revolution is put down by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain.

Rev 20:2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

Rev 20:3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

3. The destruction of the forces of Satan and his followers is followed by the Great White Throne.

4. The Great White Throne Judgment is followed by the destruction of planet earth when a new perfect environment is ushered "in."

Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

Rev 20:13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done.

Rev 20:14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

Rev 20:15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

5. Now let's see what happens when Jesus arrives in the middle of the Feast of Tabernacles.

5.1 Attitudes at the Feast

Joh 7:11 Now at the Feast the Jews were watching for him and asking, "Where is that man?"

Joh 7:12 Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, "He is a good man." Others replied, "No, he deceives the people."

Joh 7:13 But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the Jews.

5.2 Jesus Arrives and Teaches

Joh 7:14 Not until halfway through the Feast did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach.

5.3 Scribes and Elders React

Joh 7:15 The Jews were amazed and asked, "How did this man get such learning without having studied?"

5.4 Jesus Answers

Joh 7:16 Jesus answered, "My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me.

Joh 7:17 If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.

Joh 7:18 He who speaks on his own does so to gain honor for himself, but he who works for the honor of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.

Joh 7:19 Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?"

5.5 The Crowd Answers

Joh 7:20 "You are demon-possessed," the crowd answered. "Who is trying to kill you?"

5.6 Jesus Answers

Joh 7:21 Jesus said to them, "I did one miracle, and you are all astonished. Joh 7:22 Yet, because Moses gave you circumcision (though actually it did not come from Moses, but from the patriarchs), you circumcise a child on the Sabbath.

Joh 7:23 Now if a child can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing the whole man on the Sabbath?

Joh 7:24 Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment."

6. The Kingdom Age was a time of great demonic activity.

Luk 6:18 Many came to hear the Lord and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured,

Mar 5:1 They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes.

Mar 5:2 When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him.

Mar 5:3 This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain.

Mar 5:4 For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him.

Mar 5:5 Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

Mar 5:6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him.

Mar 5:7 He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!"

Mar 5:8 For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!"

Mar 5:9 Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many."

Mar 5:10 And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

Mar 5:11 A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside.

Mar 5:12 The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them."

Mar 5:13 He gave them permission, and the evil spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

7. Demons are opposed to Church Age believers and are capable of all sorts of superhuman conduct. Church Age believers are ambassadors for the "absent" Christ.

1Pe 5:8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1Ti 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

Eph 6:11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Eph 6:13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

2Co 11:13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ.

2Co 11:14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

2Co 11:15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

8. The Lake of Fire was created for Satan and his demons.

Mat 25:41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

9. Demons can possess unbelievers.

Luk 8:27 When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long-time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs.

10. Demons cannot possess believers, but they can control a believer if he or she chooses to dabble in certain prohibited spheres.

11. Methods of acquiring demon possession/control are five in number.

End Lesson

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