

# The Millennial Reign of Christ - WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE?

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Have you wondered what it will be like on earth when Jesus Christ rules it for a thousand years? This special time is called the Millennial Reign of Christ. The term "Millennial" is a Latin based fusion of two words. Mille which means one thousand and annum means year. Together, they mean one thousand (1000) years.

The Bible text for the Millennium is interspersed throughout the scriptures. John, the author of Revelation, puts it in focus in chapter twenty (20). The exact language is as follows:

- (1) *"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.*
- (2) *And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a **thousand years**.*
- (3) *And cast him in the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the **thousand years** should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*
- (4) *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a **thousand years**.*
- (5) *But the rest of the dead lived not again until the **thousand years** were finished. This is the first resurrection.*
- (6) *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a **thousand years**." Revelation 20:19.*
- (7) *And when the **thousand years** are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison."*

The "little season" referred to in verse three, if compared to the "short time" in Daniel 12:12 and the "short space" of Revelation 17:10 would be three and a half years. If one compares the "short time" with eternity, then this particular time would be very short.

When Jesus appears with His angels, great changes will take place on the earth. Jesus orders His angels into the spiritual work force of the earth. He calls them "reapers" in Matthew 13:41.

The scriptural quotation is *"The Son of Man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity."* It is interesting to note that Jesus used the term "His Kingdom" in relation to those exorcisms. Offensive and iniquitous people may be a serious part of the church world today, but He is using angels in this context to engage the wicked found in the church world. A thought to ponder is that it is possible to be a part of the church, but not a part of the Christ of the church. The Bible informs us that we should examine ourselves whether we be in the faith. II Corinthians 13:5.

Political changes will reach to every part of the earth when Jesus comes back to earth. The prophecy of Isaiah will be fully implemented. *"The government shall be upon His*

*shoulder*” according to what Isaiah stated in Isaiah 9:6-7, *“and of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end.”* History does not give a clue that peoples of the earth have ever fully recognized God as the Leader and Governor of human affairs. Instead, people in general, since Adam, have drifted into some form of idolatry or religion which has left the Spirit and true message of God out of the equation. The laws of God and the usage of His name may have been used for convenience more than for leadership. Such has never advantaged the nations nor the individual. Some, however, have been able to look above and beyond environmental perimeters of religion, philosophy and other influences to the real Christ of God and have found Him to be the true leader of their lives.

During the Millennial Reign of Christ, governments and leaders of the world will be changed. Angels will be delegated by the Lord to complete the purpose of God to ensure divine government, and divine peace and they will be executed throughout the world. Corruption in churches, politics and in all other areas of life will be stopped and those who have taken advantage of the godly, the good and innocent, the poor and others, will be held to the strictest accountability for all their actions because now, they must face the Supreme Leader who is the awesome Power and Judge of the Universe. What a revelation! What a change! All should be aware!

It appears from scriptural inferences that creation will be returned to the Garden of Eden status and the *“new world order”* will have really begun. One major change from Eden, though, will be realized. No Satanic influence will be present and will never prevail. Adam’s loss will be changed by the new Adam (Christ). I Corinthians 15:22.

According to the scripture, Satan will be bound and cast into the *“bottomless pit”* for one thousand years of imprisonment. The powerful Antichrist, who seems to be in control of millions of people, will be destroyed by the brightness of Christ’s coming back to earth. The pseudo-religious system will be expunged from the earth as the false prophet, himself, along with the antichrist, will be sent directly to burn in the fires of Hell.

The three principals, (Satan, Antichrist, False prophet), who are being guided by the forces of evil which emanates from Satan, himself, is only the beginning of the process of purging and changing which Jesus Christ will execute here on earth. The leopard and all other animals will lie down with respect for all other creatures of the earth. They will dwell with human beings, without tenacity and carnivorous appetites, but in peace. True and absolute peace will fill all the earth.

Isaiah writes: *“The wolf also shall dwell with the Lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.*

*And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

*And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ 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.

When we think of heaven and earth and the Creator of all things, we can understand easily why He called His creation *“good.”* The earth, our present abiding place, is a masterpiece. It was created by His mastermind and was spoken into existence by Him.

Never was it created by some explosive event. In the earth there is both logic and symmetry. The Millennium will be a time of cleansing and healing, not destruction. As Moses watched a burning bush burn, but yet, not destroyed, God has His special fire which will cleanse the earth and everything which has been adversely affected by evil.

The new earth will be cleansed in a positive way and will be inhabited by Jesus Christ, Himself, along with angels, people, and animals. Together we shall be blessed with perfect peace and perfect weather. The corruptive influences during this time will relate only to offensive things such as rebellious and unruly people and will be purged along with the briar, thorn, thistles and whatever else that is bad. God is good and good things are coming to earth and are coming for her eternal inhabitants. It all happens when Jesus returns to earth.

Read about all the wonderful changes which will take place in the Millennium and make plans to live with a perfected creation and the Creator who makes it all happen. The Bible has many such promises. These future blessings begin by accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

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