

## LIFE IN THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Read Micah 4:1-4

We have spent so much of our time talking about the antichrist, the day of the LORD, God's wrath and judgements, the invasion of Israel. In this episode, we look into God's Word with you about when our wonderful Lord and savior reigns on earth. People for many centuries have dreamed about what it will be like to spend eternity in heaven, so it seems ok for us to visualize what it will be like to reign with him on the earth?

- 1,000-year reign
- He is personally present!
- He is fully manifested.
- There will be immortal born-again believers.
- We will know him fully or more fully.
- We have our new bodies. I John 3:1-3, Phil 3:20, 21
- We reign with him Rom 8:16, 17, 19
- Satan bound, in prison
- No more affliction, tribulation or persecution
- No deceiving the nations. Devil not controlling governments anymore.
- Role reversal between resurrected saints and principalities and powers. I Cor 6:2, 3
- There will be mortals of both Israel and the Gentiles
- Will there be death. Assume so among the mortals.
- There will be resurrected saints
- Subduing the earthly kingdoms will not be instantaneous—a process
- Israel will be very fruitful and prosperous

I Peter 1:3-7. Incredibly powerful passage of scripture! The score is kept in heaven. At the rapture we are completely transformed into the new creation. As 1 Cor 3 says, everything we did not according to Christ is burned up and lost. As we face trials in faith, we are refined. The worthless stuff is burned away now in this life. Picture two lumps of ore, going to the smelter. One has a high gold content and results in a big, valuable nugget of pure gold. The other lump has very little gold in it and results in a little nugget of pure gold. Think of Jesus's parables and so many other things the NT says. Our lives now are defining our role in this kingdom. If we live to go through the end times, how we glorify God in our bodies, by life or death will be very important.

Revelation 20

20:1-3 Stipulates 1,000 year reign a number of times and says the devil will be imprisoned and will not deceive the nations.

Is 20:4 saying that John sees what had happened at the rapture after the 6<sup>th</sup> seal, or is this a new resurrection event? Two groups mentioned specifically, 1) those who had been beheaded, and 2) those who did not receive the mark of the beast. If this is a separate resurrection event, could it include others, say, OT saints? 20:5-6 Blessed and holy are those and over them the second death has no power. This would agree with John 5:21-29.

4 resurrection events to account for. Are they 4 different events?

1. I Thess 4 and I Cor 15, clearly the rapture.
2. Matt 24:31 gathering at or after the 6<sup>th</sup> Seal and before the 7<sup>th</sup> Seal. FF believes that this is the same event as I Thess 4 and I Cor 15. If not, then who do you say it is for.
3. Rev 20:5-6 is the first resurrection or is this referring back to everyone who was raised at the rapture?
4. Rev 20:12 The final resurrection before the second death and the new heaven and earth.

After 1,000 years Christ turns the kingdom over to God, I Cor 15:25-28.

Then comes Rev 21-22 with new heaven and new earth and new Jerusalem after the second resurrection of judgement.

Apparently, David and the patriarchs must be raised to be in the Millennial Kingdom

Luke 13:27-30 weeping and gnashing of teeth when they see the patriarchs in the kingdom.

Luke 14:13-24 "you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just". Then the feast parable. It seems very clear that it is expected that the patriarchs and presumably other justified saints will be in the Millennial Kingdom.

Matt 8:11-12

Isa 54:4-10, 55:12, 13, 60:1-3, 7, 10 and the ending chapters of Isaiah show other aspects of how blessed Israel is during the MK. 60:10 agrees with what we covered in Ezek 33-36, that the LORD God strikes Israel to chastise them and then pours out His mercy. Jeremiah 31:28 covers this as does the entire 31<sup>st</sup> chapter.

- Temple sacrifice
- 10 wrath and mercy. When has this happened since written?
- Portrays a capital city.
- King Jesus will be reigning.
- Subduing the nations not instantaneous.
- Isa 60: 22 children born, apparently to mortals who survived the 70<sup>th</sup> week.
- 61:4-6 rebuilding and nation of priests
- 61:10-11 righteous living before God.

Think about life in the US when there is no war and righteous government. Think of all the tanks, Hum-V's and rockets that can be recycled to other things!

Isa 25:6-9. Feast on the mountain

Closing. It will be a time of huge joy. God's righteousness and love will be established on earth among mortals, resurrected saints and raptured believers of the church. The value of our obedience, our hupomenō endurance and our steadfast faith will be completely manifested. That is why it is so important to Finish Faithful.