

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

"The Millennial Reign of Christ"

Revelation 20:1-10

INTRODUCTION:

1. **Review** - Last week we looked at Christ's 2nd Advent!!

a) **Revelation 19:14a**

1) *"And the armies of heaven"*

b) **Who is in this Army of heaven? Vs 14**

1) All the resurrected church saints.

a. *"arrayed in fine linen, white and pure"*

2) All the resurrected children who died before the age of accountability.

a) *All babies killed in their mother's womb.*

3) Also *an angelic escort.*

a) *Matthew 24:29-31*

c) **Christ's instrument of war? Vs 15**

1) *"sharp sword" - Gk "rhemphaia" - image (a long sword)*

2) Vs 16

d) **The Enemies of God?**

1) Vs 19-20

2. **Who will populate the Kingdom?**

a) **@ the Judgment of the Sheep and the Goats**

1) *Matthew 25:31-46*

2) All those who were saved during the Tribulation and survived will physically enter into the Millenium.

a. And for 1000 years mortals will populate.

3. **Who will rule and reign with Christ?**

a) **All those who are part of the First Resurrection.**

1) **Jesus being the first fruits of the resurrection.**

a. *1 Corinthians 15:20*

2) **The Resurrected Church Saints**

a. *Revelation 20:6*

b. *1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*

3) **The Resurrected Tribulation Saints**

a. *Revelation 20:4-6*

4) All the Old Testament Saints

a. **Revelation 20:4a**

b. **Ezekiel 37:12-14**

4. **LISTEN UP:** The next prophetic event to take place is the RAPTURE of the Church.

a) Then the 7-year Tribulation.

b) Culminated by the Second Coming

c) The Battle of Armageddon will take place with the Saints and defeat the Antichrist and his armies.

d) Satan chained and bound in the bottomless pit for 1000 years.

e) THEN the Millennial reign of Christ.

5. Revelation 20:1-10

I. THE NECESSITY OF THE KINGDOM (Three Reasons)

A. REASON #1 - TO REWARD THE PEOPLE OF GOD

1. The Bible is clear that God intends to reward the Saints for their faithfulness and the Kingdom (Millennium) is one of those rewards.

a) **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

b) **Isaiah 40:10**

c) **Colossians 5:23-24**

d) **Matthew 25:34**

2. God will also reward faithfulness during this life is the reward of rulership and authority during the Kingdom.

a) Things will get very interesting!!

1) To see who's assigned to rule over who.

2) **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

3) **2 Corinthians 5:10**

3. Believers who die during the Tribulation will be resurrected @ Christ's return and will reign with Him for 1000 years.

a) **Revelation 20:4, 6**

4. A final resurrection will take place @ the end of the Millennium of all Unbelievers.

a) **Isaiah 65:20**

b) **2 Peter 3:7-12**

5. Revelation 20:1-7

B. REASON #2 - TO REDEEM ALL CREATION

1. In **Genesis 3**, God cursed creation because of Adam's sin.
2. **Roman's 8:19-22** NLT

C. REASON #3 - TO DEMONSTRATE WHERE EVIL IS BOUND

1. Even during the Millennial Kingdom when Jesus is ruling and reigning on earth, the depravity of man will manifest itself.
2. Those faithful Saints who survive the Tribulation will be fallen humans just like us.
 - a) They will be "**fruitful and multiply**" for 1000 years.
3. **Revelation 20:7-10**
4. What will this all prove? That evil is bound up in the heart of man!!!

II. THE DISPOSITION OF THE MILLENNIUM

(There are FIVE Characteristics of the Millennium)

A. A TIME OF PEACE

1. **Micah 4:2-3**
2. Military equipment will be retooled for agricultural use.
3. WOW!!! **Isaiah 11:6-9**

B. A TIME OF PROSPERITY

1. **Isaiah 35:1-10**
2. There will be no more wilderness or deserts anywhere.
3. Earth will be Green and Plush, like a greenhouse or rainforest.

C. A TIME OF HOLINESS

1. **Holiness means** - to be virtuous, and pure.
 - a) It means to be set apart and devout.

2. When a King who is holy is ruling, the influence of holiness extends to every part of His Kingdom.

- a) *Isaiah 11:9*
- b) *Isaiah 25:9*
- c) *Isaiah 66:23*
- d) *Zechariah 13:2*

D. A TIME OF HEALTH

1. *Isaiah 65:20*

2. Lifespans will be restored to when people lived to be nearly a thousand years old.

3. Sickness, disease and physical weakness will be done away with.

E. A TIME OF PERSONAL JOY

1. Look @ these Verses on Joy in Isaiah:

- a) *Isaiah 9:3-4*
- b) *Isaiah 12:3*
- c) *Isaiah 14:7-8*
- d) *Isaiah 25:8-9*
- e) *Isaiah 30:29*
- f) *Isaiah 42:1, 10-12*

2. If there's one thing missing in the world today, it is joy!!

- a) Supernatural Joy that flows from a clear conscience knowing that we are right with God.

3. **Psalm 98**

1) 250 years ago a man by the name of Isaac Watts wrote a hymn based on Psalm 98.

2) The Hymn - "*Joy to the World*"

- a. Joy to the World - is about the Second Advent, not the first.

CONCLUSION:

1. Are you looking forward to a time of "*Peace on Earth good will toward men*"

- a) *Luke 2:14*

2. *Colossians 3:15*