

## The Messianic Kingdom

The Millennium of Revelation 20:1-10 is what the Old Testament calls the Messianic Kingdom. (Genesis 13:14-15; 2 Samuel 7:9-16) That future kingdom is described in Psalm 72:1-19; Isaiah 2:2-4; 1:6-9; 9:6-7; 16:4b-5; 65:18-25; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Ezekiel 34:23-24; 37:24-25; Micah 4:1-5; Zechariah 14:9; Luke 1:30-33 and in Jesus' ministry (Matthew 19:28; Luke 22:28-30)

**Millennial Theology:** Three points of view: Premillennialism, Postmillennialism and Amillennialism.

**Summary:** I believe in a future Millennium for three reasons. First, the promises that God made to Abraham (Genesis 13:15). Second, the promises that God made to David (2 Samuel 7). Third, the Old Testament prophecies that point to a Messianic Kingdom ruled from Jerusalem, where God's Temple has been restored.

Removing Satan's Influence - Revelation 20:1-3

**1000 Years** - Without strong internal evidence that this designation of 1000 years is symbolic, there is no reason to believe that it is anything but literal.

Removing Satan - Revelation 20:4-10

'Satan's living arrangements'. First, heaven, and Ezekiel 28:11-15. Second, "prince of the powers of the air" (Ephesians 2:2) leading the "spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12; Job 1-2). Third, Satan is bound (Revelation 20:1-3) and eventually cast into the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:7-10).

**Conclusion:** Mounce comments, "neither the designs of Satan nor the waywardness of the human heart will be altered by the mere passing of time." (371) The 1000 years have ended, Satan's binding is finished and it's time for him to get what he has coming to him—total defeat and permanent isolation in the Lake of Fire.

Throughout Revelation John reminds believers who are persecuted by ungodly people and rulers to faithfully endure because it will be worth it all in the end. Future blessings will outshine present suffering.

The final future reign of Jesus Christ comes in two stages. First, what we have looked at in our text, the Millennium, and second, what we will soon see as the the eternal state and the Holy City coming down out of heaven (Revelation 21). The New Creation will change the most negative thing about the Millennium, the presence of the sinful human nature.

Three reasons for the Millennium: First, God is the creator and he will undo what has been done to his creation the Millennium will manifest the beginning of that New Creation. Second, God has sovereignly stepped into the history of his creation, made irrevocable promises to Abraham and David, that he will keep for our benefit and His eternal glory. Third, believing the Bible includes believing in the Millennium; it's preparation for 'heaven'.