### IV. Changes in The Millennial World

The Clean-Up of War's Carnage to Begin – Eze. 39:9-12

#### **Environment and Agriculture**

- > Deserts will produce food abundantly (Isa. 35:1-2, 35:7)
- > Land will become very fertile (Amos 9:13-15; Joel 2:21-27)

#### Removal of the Curse

- > Isaiah 11:6-9 and 65:25 illustrate changes in animal world
- > Lion & lamb, child & asp, no more predatory natures

#### Health

- > Sickness will be eradicated (Isa. 29:18; 33:24)
- > Longevity will return to the human life-span (Isa. 65:20)

#### **Blessing All Around**

> Righteousness > Justice > Joy > Economic prosperity > Knowledge > Peace

#### V. Worship in the Kingdom

- ❖ In Jerusalem at the Millennial Temple (Isa. 2:2-4; Ez. 40-46)
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Temple of Israel: 1<sup>st</sup> Solomon's 3<sup>rd</sup> Tribulational 2<sup>nd</sup> Herod's 4<sup>th</sup> Millennial
- The Re-institution of Blood Sacrifices
  - Millennial sacrifices are not for expiation of sin
  - Millennial sacrifices are a memorial unto Christ as the Lord's Supper has been in the Church-Age

#### VI. The Closing Rebellion of the Kingdom (Rev. 20:7-10)

- 1. Release of Satan from the Pit @ Gathers huge following
- 2. These rebels will stage an attack / Jerusalem
- 3. God the Father, sends fire to consume them
- 4. The devil is then thrown into the Lake of Fire
- 5. This provides a final lesson to man of the utter depravity of the fallen human nature, that, even in a most righteous environment, man still chooses to reject all that God has done for him!



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# The Millennial Reign & Kingdom of Jesus Christ Revelation 20:1-15

### I. The Acceptance of a Literal 1,000 Year Period

- A. Real Beings in Rev. 20:1-3
  - A real angel in v. 1, but not Christ
  - A real "chain" for holding spirit-beings in v. 1
  - A real confinement of Satan in v. 2
  - A real "pit" imprisoning the Devil for 1,000 years in v. 3

#### B. Real Possibilities as is Worded in the Text of Scripture

- There is no reason to not take Ch. 20 as literal time
- Other Scripture makes more sense w/literal interpretation of Ch. 20
- A natural flow of understanding gained w/literalness

#### II. The Beginning of the Kingdom and Reign

- Established with end of Tribulation
- Review of Steps:
  - Millennium begins immediately after the Tribulation \*(See section on Daniel's 75 days after this list)
  - 2. Cosmic phenomena occur in outer space (Mt. 24:29)
  - 3. The sign of the Son of Man in Heaven will be seen by everyone (Mt. 24:30) Christ will gather His elect (v. 31)
  - 4. Heaven will open with Christ on white war horse (Rev. 19:11)
  - 5. Christ comes with armies of Heaven (Rev. 19:14)
  - 6. Christ comes in power and great glory (Mt. 24:30)
  - 7. Christ will stand on Mt. of Olives (Zech. 14:3-5)
  - 8. Unbelievers mourn since they are not ready (Mt. 24:30)
  - 9. Antichrist and his armies confront Christ (Rev.19:19)
  - 10. The Lord casts Antichrist and the False Prophet into Lake of Fire (Rev. 19:20)
  - 11. Antichrist's armies killed (Rev. 19:21)
  - 12. Satan cast into bottomless pit for 1000 years (Rev.20:2)
  - 13. Christ judges the unbelieving people who were not part of the army & establishes His Kingdom (Mt. 25)
  - 14. Old Testament & Tribulation saints resurrected (Mt. 24:31; Rev. 20:4)

#### The Extra 75 Days of Daniel 12

- ➤ Mid-point of the Tribulation is 1,260 days @ 30 days/mo
  - Typical Hebrew calendar was 30 days/mo
  - Other prophetic passages linking 42 mo / 1,260 days
    - Rev. 11:2 Gentiles tread city for 42 mo
    - Rev. 11:3 Two witnesses prophecy 1,260 days
    - Rev. 13:5 Worship of Antichrist for 42 mo
- > Dan. 12:11 mentions 1,290 days = 30 extra days
- > Dan. 12:12 mentions an additional 45 days = Total 75
  - Apparently, there is some delay in making the millennial Kingdom operational
    - Perhaps time for the judgments of Mt. 25:31f

#### III. The People Who Populate the Millennium

#### A. The Timing of the Resurrections

1<sup>st</sup> Jesus Christ after three days in the tomb (1 Cor. 15:23)

2<sup>nd</sup> Church-Age Believers at the Rapture (1 Th. 4:16)

3<sup>rd</sup> Tribulation Believers at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming (Rev. 20:4-5)

4<sup>th</sup> O.T. Believers at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming (Dan. 12:1-2a)

The above four "orders" (phrase from 1 Cor. 15:23) are all part of the <u>First Resurrection</u> stated in Rev. 20:5. The  $(5^{th})$  order which comes 1,000 years after the  $4^{th}$  order above is referred to as the <u>Second Resurrection</u> (Rev. 20:5a, 11-15).

5<sup>th</sup> Unsaved Dead (Rev. 20:5, 11-15)

#### B. The General Population of the Millennium

- 1) The believing survivors of the Tribulation (Mt. 25:31f)
  - Believing Jews
  - Believing Gentiles (Sheep)
- 2) The children born to the above people since these are still "physical" people in a physical world

## C. <u>The Resurrected Ruling and Administrative People of the Millennium</u>

- 1) The Apostles who were promised thrones (Mt. 19:28)
- 2) The Church-Age, Tribulation, and O.T. Believers who all are part of the First Resurrection above (Rev. 20:6)

## D. <u>Some Protest the Living Together on Earth of Still-Physical People and Resurrected Believers</u>:

- Did not seem to be a problem w/Christ and disciples for 40 days of post-resurrection ministry
- Is not a problem in Heb. 13:2 when man is unaware of "entertaining" angels
- Was not a problem w/ angels & rescue of Lot in Gen. 19
  @ fed them, housed them, was grabbed by them in v. 16