

Lesson 15- The Millennial Kingdom Temple, the Division of the Land of Israel and What comes after the Kingdom

Recap from last week: The 75 Day Interval

Last week, we looked at a number of events that will occur during this 75-day interval between the end of the Tribulation Period and the beginning of the Messianic (Millennial) Kingdom. We saw that it doesn't really matter that the Abomination of Desolation will not be removed until 30 days after the end of the Tribulation. This is because God never sanctified this third Temple, anyway. It meant for nothing. We saw the culmination of the first resurrection where all the righteous saints will be resurrected. These resurrected saints include the Church saints, the Tribulation saints, and the OT saints. We also saw that the anti-Christ and the False Prophet will be thrown into the Lake of Fire during this same 75-day interval. The False Prophet and the anti-Christ will be the only two in the Lake of Fire for 1000 years when afterwards they will be joined by ha-Satan and all the unbelievers of all generations. We saw ha-Satan bound and confined in the abyss for 1000 years. We discovered that at the end of the 1000 years, he'll be loosed for a short period of time and he will once again round up the nations against God. We also looked at the Sheep and Goats Judgment that will occur during this same time interval just outside the city of Jerusalem. Here those who helped the Jews during the Tribulation Period and survived that awful time will be those who enter the Millennial Kingdom and populate and rule the Gentile Nations during the Millennium. Those Gentiles, who sided with the anti-Christ to destroy the Jews, will be judged and ultimately thrown into the eternal fire. And of course, during this 75-day period, I am assuming God is going to recreate and make the earth once again inhabitable. Thing is, this will take Him no time at all or He may choose to do the repair work through His saints.

Then we looked at some of the aspects of the Messianic (Millennial) Kingdom. Jesus will sit on His throne in Jerusalem. King David will be resurrected with the other OT saints and will sit on an actual political throne over Israel. King Jesus and King David will co-reign over Israel for the Millennium. King Jesus will rule not only over Israel but will also rule over the rest of the world, including all of the Gentile nations. The Gentile Sheep will be the kings and rulers of the Gentile Nations under the leadership of the resurrected Saints. The resurrected Saints will answer to King Jesus for their governance of the Gentile Nations.

For this last study, we are going to still focus on some of the highlights of the Millennial Kingdom like the Millennial Temple and the sacrificial system. We also will look at the division of the Land of Israel to the 12 different tribes of Israel. Finally, we will come to the end of the Millennial Kingdom age and the entrance into the Eternal Order where there will be the New Jerusalem and a brand new earth.

Day 1 The Millennial Kingdom Temple

Millennial Kingdom Temple

Today's reading is in **Ezekiel 40-48**. This is a lot of material to read over and I am not asking you to do any more than basically skim over it. If your Bible has section titles, read over them. A lot of controversy causes tensions between Bible scholars over this rendering of the Millennial Kingdom Temple because the OT sacrifices are reinstated during the Millennial Kingdom. The book of Hebrews, chapters 8, 9 and 10, tells us, the blood of bulls and goats and sheep could never remove the sins of the people; the blood of these animals could only temporarily cover the sins of the people. When Christ came the 1st time and atoned for their sins, then the Old Covenant, written on tablets of stone, passed away and the new covenant, written on human hearts, came. The great expositors try to explain that the OT sacrifices reinstated will be a memorial for the nation of Israel at this time in the MK. That explanation doesn't satisfy me at all, but I have not found any other explanation that satisfies my quest for truth, either. I will tell you what Dr. Fructenbaum says in his dissertation on Israelogy the Missing Link in Systematic Theology. His explanation carries a little more weight with me than the other expositors, but in the long run it does not satisfy me, either. His understanding is explained below:

Please read **Ezekiel 44:1-46:24**

"The Church has been commanded to keep the Lord's Supper as a physical and visual picture of what Christ did on the cross. God intends to provide for Israel in the kingdom a physical and visual picture of what the Messiah accomplished on the cross. For Israel, however, it will be a sacrificial system instead of communion with bread and wine. The purpose of the sacrificial system in the kingdom will be the same as the purpose of communion of the Church: *in remembrance of Me.*"⁵⁸

After this quote, there are pages and pages of other authors' understanding of these MK sacrifices. I read the whole section and can't remember any of it. Does that tell you how well it didn't stick with me or that it wasn't worth reading in the first place? I am afraid that I am going to just have to leave this one up to its future revelation during the Millennial Kingdom. It does not change my thoughts on the

⁵⁸ Arnold G. Fructenbaum, Israelogy: the Missing Link in Systematic Theology, Ariel Ministries, revised 1996, p.

veracity of the Scripture; it only makes me realize there are some things for which we have to place our understanding into His hands at a future time.

A few questions before we leave the Millennial Temple? Looking forward to “after the Millennium,” who or what will be the Temple in the New Jerusalem? See **Revelation 21: 3, 22.**

What will the city of Jerusalem look like in the New Jerusalem? See **Revelation 21:10-21.**

The Millennial River

Please read **Ezekiel 47:1-12, Joel 3:18, and Zechariah 14:8**

Which way does the house (or the Temple) face?

Where is the source from which the water is flowing?

Who is the source of this water that runs out to the east of the Temple? Massive Hint: read **John 7:37.**

What happens to the depth of the water each time the man with a measuring line measures 1000 cubits?

What happens to the water according to **Ezekiel 47:8**? Trace the water’s pathway.

To which sea is **Ezekiel 47:8** referring?

What do you know about the Dead Sea?

Is there anything living in the Dead Sea today?

Why not?

What does it say here in **Ezekiel 47-9-10** about living creatures in this water?

Please read with **Ezekiel 47:12.** Now compare this to the time after the Millennial Kingdom in the New Jerusalem in the New Order in **Revelation 22:1-2** in the space below:

What does **Joel 3:18** say about the water “in that day?” Assume that this is during the Millennial Kingdom.

What does **Zechariah 14:8** say about the living waters “in that day?” Again, assuming this is during the Millennial Kingdom.

Day 2 **The Division of the Land of Israel**

Please read **Ezekiel 47:13—48:29**

During the MK and for the first time in Israel’s history, the Jews will possess and settle in all of the land that God promised Abram in Genesis. This time the land will be divided up differently than how they divided it up during the first occupation of the land when they first came out of the desert in the book of **Joshua**. It will be divided between the twelve tribes of Israel and it will fulfill God’s promise of the land to the descendants of Abraham. Remember, there has to be a MK in order to fulfill some of the promises God has already made to the people of Israel and has not yet fulfilled this side of the Tribulation.

What are the boundaries of the land in the Millennium according to **Ezekiel 47:15-20**?

How far will the northern boundary extend? See **Ezekiel 47:15-17**.

Where will the eastern border extend? See **Ezekiel 47:18**.

Where will the southern border extend? See **Ezekiel 47:19**.

What will serve as the western border? See **Ezekiel 47:20**.

Describe the northern division of the land as subdivided for seven of the twelve tribes. See **Ezekiel 48:1-7**.

Describe the place of these seven tribes running from north to south:

Describe the exact location of the mountain of Jehovah's house in **Ezekiel 48:8-22**.

Describe the division of the land for the remaining five tribes in **Ezekiel 48:23-29**. Again, show the placement of these five remaining tribes from north to south.

The Millennial Jerusalem

There are many other aspects to the city of Jerusalem for which we will not have time to explore. If you want to learn more about the city take a look at the following passages of Scripture:

Ezekiel 48:30-35

Psalm 48:1-10; Psalm 87:1-7; Psalm 122:1-9; Psalm 147:1-20

Isaiah 1:26-27, Isaiah 4:3-6; Isaiah 14:32; Isaiah 33:20-24; Isaiah 52:1-2, 7-10; Isaiah 60:10-14; Isaiah 62:1-12; Isaiah 65:18-19; Isaiah 66:10-14.

Jeremiah 3:17; Jeremiah 31:6; Jeremiah 31:38-40; Jeremiah 33:9-11

Joel 3:17, Micah 4:6-8, Zephaniah 3:14-1

Zechariah 1:14-17; Zechariah 2:1-5; Zechariah 2:10-12; Zechariah 8:1-8; Zechariah 8:20-22; Zechariah 14:9-11; Zechariah 14:20-21.

Days 3-5 **What comes after the Millennial Kingdom**

During the Millennial Kingdom, the conditions on earth will be the best they have been since just before the original fall of Adam and Eve. However, the conditions will not be perfect. Everyone who survived the Tribulation will enter the MK as saved individuals. Since these individuals are still in their sinful bodies, they will have children and their children will still carry the "sin" gene. These children will need to make their decision for Christ just like you and I made our decision to follow Him. However, some instead will make the decision to rebel against the LORD. This is so hard to believe since they will actually have King Jesus on the Throne in Jerusalem ruling them. They can see Him and they can know Him. Remember, ha-Satan is bound and confined to the Abyss at this time. But, guess what? There will still be a great number of un-regenerated men on the earth during this time who are quite capable of "sinning" all on their own without the aid of ha-Satan.

The Loosing of ha-Satan and the Final Invasion of Israel

Please read **Revelation 20:7-10**.

What will ha-Satan do once he is released from the Abyss at the end of the Millennium?

How many will ha-Satan deceive into coming from the four corners of the earth to rebel against the LORD and His people?

Who are God's Saints or God's People here?

Where will this battle be fought? This is kind of a trick question.

At this last battle, what will happen to the people who rebel?

What will happen to the devil here in these verses? Who will join him in torment forever?

What will be the eternal state of the unholy trinity, ha-Satan, the False Prophet, and the anti-Christ?

YEAH RAH!!! The career of ha-Satan will come to an end!!!

Please read **1 Corinthians 15:24-28**.

When will the Millennial Age come to an end?

What transfer of authority will occur at this time?

Who has had the authority and rule over the Messianic Kingdom during the Millennium?

Please read **Matthew 28:18b**. Why could Jesus transfer this authority He had during the Millennium over to God the Father?

As a result of His death and resurrection, Jesus was given all authority in heaven and earth. From the **1 Corinthians** passage above, at the end of the MK, Jesus will turn over the authority and power of the Kingdom to God the Father.

When can this occur and only when? What are the pre-requisites? See **1 Corinthians 15:25**.

Is the last enemy ha-Satan? If, not, who or what is the last enemy?

Remember, there will still be death in the MK. It is only after ha-Satan is cast into the Lake of Fire and forever confined that death can be abolished.

With the abolishment of death, the MK will come to an end. All things and all authority that has been given to Jesus will now be subjugated to God the Father.

The Great White Throne Judgment

Read **Revelation 20:11-12**. The GWT Judgment will also happen after the MK comes to an end.

Who is the One who is sitting on the throne? Is He named? See **John 5:22**.

What happens to the present heavens and the earth in **Revelation 20:11b**?

How long have the present heavens and the earth existed? See **Genesis 1**.

Does this passing away of the earth include the earth that was renovated for the Millennium?

The earth that was renovated and then polluted again by Mankind and ha-Satan's last revolt, will then go away forever. All those Creative Memory scrapbooks that I have put together in this lifetime, if they survive the Tribulation and the MK, will go away with the passing of this earth. I do hope to enjoy them (though) before that day.

Who will be judged in this GWT judgment?

What will be the purpose of this judgment?

This is all new to me. This is from Dr. Fructenbaum's dissertation on Israeology: the Missing Link in Systematic Theology. The purpose of this judgment is not to determine salvation because salvation is already determined at death. One is either a Believer or an unbeliever at death. Therefore, the Believers at death go on to be with God and the unbelievers at death go away from God. The purpose of this GWT Judgment is to determine the degree of punishment for the unbelievers only.

Make sure you have this understanding.

The Degree of Punishment at the GWT Judgment

Next we will look at the degree(s) of punishment that will be given out in the GWT Judgment. I will never forget after Columbine what one of my well-meaning friends said to me about the victims of that terrible shooting, “those who were shot and killed will go to hell the same as the one who killed them.” This was with the assumption that they were all unbelievers. In many ways, she was right, but just listen and take in what follows:

Please read **Matthew 11:20-24**.

What is the criterion for a harsher judgment for Bethsaida and Capernaum in this Matthew passage?

My prayer partner told me once, “if you respond to the light given, God will give you more light.” I’ve been searching for a passage of Scripture to fall onto when the sense of unfairness to the access of the Gospel overwhelms me. I think this **Matthew 11:20-24** passage works.

Please read **John 19:11**. Jesus spoke of greater and lesser sins in this passage.

The point I am trying to make here is that the person’s appearance at the GWT judgment is a direct result of their failure to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, but the degree of punishment dolled out here will be based on the person’s works.

Books that Determine the Degree of Punishment

How many books are mentioned in Revelation 20:12?

The Book of Life

Please read **Ps 139:16**.

Who do you think is included in the Book of Life?

According to **Revelation 3:5**, whose names are retained in the Book of Life?

According to **Ps 69:28**, whose names are blotted out of the Book of Life?

If a person is a Believer at death, his name remains in the Book of Life. If a person is an unbeliever at death, his name is taken out of the Book of Life. This passage does not say that a Believer can lose his salvation. So, at the GWT judgment, if their names are not in the Book of Life, then that tells us that these present here are unsaved.

The Other Books

What are the “other books” mentioned in **Revelation 20:12**?

The Lamb’s Book of Life

Please read **Revelation 13:8, 17:8b**.

Please read **Ps 69:28**.

According to this verse in **Ps 69:28**, what other book name could you come up with for this same book that was written in from the foundation of the world?

Dr. Fructenbaum says this book is known as the Book of the Righteous. “Based on God’s election and foreknowledge, this book contains the names of only those who are born again. And because salvation is eternally sure, it is impossible to be blotted out of this particular book.”⁵⁹

The Second Resurrection

Please read **Revelation 20:13**. Here is the account of the second resurrection: “ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades, gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every one of them according to their deeds.”

This second resurrection goes along with the Second Death described below. The second resurrection will be in stages just like the first resurrection. The first resurrection was first the Messiah, then the first fruits, then the Church Saints at the Rapture, then the Tribulation Saints and then the Old Testament Saints. This second resurrection will also be in stages, the first fruits being the anti-Christ and the False Prophet, and after 1000 years of the Millennium, all the rest of the unbelievers. The dead bodies of all unbelievers will be resurrected at this time in order to be reunited with all their respective souls in Hades.

The Second Death: the Lake of Fire

Please read **Revelation 20:14-15**.

What will be the second death? Where will the second death take place?

How long will the unbelievers be in the Lake of Fire?

⁵⁹ Arnold G. Fructenbaum, “After the Kingdom,” Manuscript 45, Ariel Ministries, 2005, p. 7.

The following information was helpful in my understanding: Heaven, Hell, Hades, Sheol, and the Lake of Fire.

Throughout the OT, both the righteous and the unrighteous are seen going to Hades or Sheol after their deaths. The OT Saints are the same as the righteous here.

Please read **Hebrews 10:4**. Could the OT sacrifices remove the sins of the people?

Could they cover the sins of the people?

How can the sins of the people be removed?

Dr. Fructenbaum says this, "While the sacrificial system was sufficient to keep them from Hell, it was not able to get them into Heaven. So all who died, both righteous and unrighteous, went to a place known as Sheol or Hades."⁶⁰

We know from **Luke 16:19-31** that Sheol or Hades had two compartments. Please read about Lazarus and the Rich Man in this Luke passage.

According to this story Jesus told concerning Lazarus and the rich man, the one compartment was for the righteous (called Abraham's Bosom for it was a place of comfort,) and the other compartment was for the unrighteous (we would call this "hell" for it was a place of torment). Jesus refers to Abraham's Bosom or the place of comfort for the righteous as Paradise in **Luke 23:43**). The two places of Sheol or Hades were separated by a huge gulf, one that was impossible to traverse. When the OT saint died, his body went underneath the dirt, but his soul went to Paradise. When the OT unbeliever died, his body went underneath the dirt, but his soul went to the side of Hades that was a temporary place of torment. While there, the OT unbeliever awaited his resurrection and judgment. When Jesus died on the cross, He paid the price for all previous and future sins. See **Romans 3:25** and **Hebrews 9:15**. Therefore, all the sins of the OT saints, in Paradise, were removed.

Read **Ephesians 4:8-10** to find out what happened next. I love this. This came from a little book by Erwin Lutzer that I read that I have since loaned out and I don't know where it is, called, Two Minutes after You Die. The effect on my soul has been mind altering.

After Jesus was crucified and His body was in the tomb, His soul went down to Abraham's Bosom's side of Hades/Sheol and preached the Gospel to the Righteous. He told them that the atonement, permanently removing their sins, had been made. The Scripture says, " He led captive a host of captives." This means He emptied out Abraham's bosom's side of Sheol or Hades and he brought the OT righteous into Heaven.

⁶⁰ Ibid, p. 8.

So, what happens today, when an unbeliever dies? Is the body still buried in the ground? Where does his soul go?

What happens today, when a Believer dies? Is the body still buried in the ground? Where does his soul go?

Please read **2 Corinthians 5:8**. When the first resurrection occurs (the resurrection of the righteous), the bodies of the righteous will be resurrected and then united with their souls. This will happen for the Church saints at the Rapture and for the OT Saints and the Tribulation Saints, it will occur after the 2nd Coming of Christ in that 75 day interval between the end of the Tribulation and the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom. Remember, I told you that the first resurrection will happen in more than one place in time, but the first resurrection will be completed before the 1000-year reign of Christ on the earth.

When the second resurrection occurs at the end of the Millennial Kingdom, the bodies of the unrighteous will be resurrected and joined with their souls and be thrown into the Lake of Fire. The other side of Hades, "Hell," will be emptied out. Hell had been a temporary place of torment for their souls only. The Lake of Fire will be a place of torment for both the bodies and the souls of the unrighteous forever.

This gives us another perspective about our eternal resting place, also. We actually will move from either the Millennial Kingdom on earth or the present heaven into the Eternal Order of things in the New Jerusalem on the New Earth.

Closing Remarks

I know we have covered a tremendous amount of material in our three parts of this Revelation study together. My only goal throughout this whole time with you has been to get you and your mind convinced and prepared for what comes about in the remaining time He has given you on this earth. I want you to know that you will hold on to what you have learned and for that which you have been convinced. If for some reason we have missed an important clue along the way, and we would not be raptured before the Tribulation, I want you to know what you are to do. Hold on. Stay firm. Stay close to Him. Know the Word. Comfort and encourage your sisters and brothers in Christ.

I have enjoyed all of you who have been with me the whole time through all of the three parts of this study, and all the others who have joined us for some of the journey along the way. I know absolutely that all of our lives have been enriched with the study of the Word of God.

With all my love, Peggy Grinstead, February 18, 2018