

THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST

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Study #42

Introduction: The word "millennium" means one thousand years. Jesus Christ is going to rule in person on this earth for one thousand years. He will return to this earth, conquer all evil, bind and remove Satan, bring His Bride (the church) with Him and establish a holy and righteous kingdom.

I. MILLIONS OF BELIEVERS WILL BE RESURRECTED

1. Believers through the centuries of the church age and slain tribulation believers will be resurrected to be a part of the millennial reign of Christ.
2. During the reign of Christ, believers who have been resurrected will receive their duties and responsibilities and service for eternity.
3. There are great privileges for the resurrected believers during the millennium:
 - They will be extremely blessed.
 - They will be holy.
 - They will never die again.
 - They will serve as priests of God and Christ.
 - They will rule and reign with Christ.

II. JESUS CHRIST WILL REIGN FOR ONE THOUSAND YEARS

1. Jesus will rule for a thousand years because:
 - the earth belongs to Him.
 - he must fulfill promises He made while here before.
 - God wants to see as many saved as possible.
2. What will it be like for Christ to rule on earth for a thousand years:
 - He will rule over and govern every nation.
 - He will rule and judge the entire earth.
 - He will be higher than any person on earth.
 - Every nation will see His glory and bow to Him.
 - He shall be exalted over all authority on earth.
 - The kingdoms of the world become His kingdoms.
 - Mankind will obey Him.
 - Mankind will glorify and fear Him.
 - His rulership will be centered in Jerusalem.
 - He will bring peace and security to the world.

3. What will life be like during the Millennium?

a. Life will be blessed:

- world wide peace.
- no evil done by one nation against another nation.
- no sickness.
- no barrenness.
- plenty of food and necessities of life for everyone.
- long and full life spans.
- no tears, but joy and praise.
- everyone a neighbor to everyone else.
- a day of mercy.
- cities rebuilt.
- animals live in peace with one another.
- Israel a nation forever.
- Gentiles blessed.

b. Life will be governed by righteousness:

- Christ will judge the earth Himself.
- Christ will appoint a kingdom to the Apostles.
- Christ will prevent nations from doing evil to other nations.
- There will be national obedience.
- God's commandments will be kept by all nations.

c. Life will be a life of true worship:

- All nations, rulers, and people on earth will worship Christ.
- All nations will seek instruction from Christ.
- Israel will be at peace with God and Christ.
- All of God's people will be pure.
- The nations will bless Christ and glory in Him.

CONCLUSION

1. Christ's bride, His church will rule and reign with Him during the Millennium.
2. The world will undergo unbelievable changes when Christ comes to rule.
3. Only believers on earth for a while until children are born to the surviving believers of the tribulation.
4. Satan will be removed during the thousand years.
5. Believers will receive their eternal assignments and positions when Christ begins to rule.