



“Your Future in the Millennial Kingdom”

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I greet you again in the wonderful name of Savior Jesus Christ and want to get right into our next session. My topic this afternoon will be the millennial reign of Christ. And I want you to just bow your hearts with me as we ask the Lord to take us in. (Prayer)

The millennial reign of Christ, I love this teaching so much because as a Christian every one of us will literally be a part of this event and we are going to see some beautiful things here. We bringing up the prophecy chart again and if you notice in the chart there we have the mid point where we talked about the Great Tribulation I shared again about the Second Coming of Christ when Christ will literally come back. And as Christ comes back we will come back with Him to go into His Millennial Kingdom or this 1,000 year reign of Christ. Now we have a number of topics I am going to deal with this afternoon and we are going to hit them pretty fast but we are going to look at what is the millennial reign. I like to define a subject first. We will look at the order of events leading to Christ's rule. We will look at different views that are taught regarding this area. We will look at the promise of His reign, as well as promise of the Saints reigning with Christ. We will see the scriptural bases, we will actually look at Revelation 20 and we will see

the scriptural basis for the Millennium. And then we will close up with the living conditions of the millennial reign, again it is going to be a great, great teaching.

Now what is the Millennial Reign of Christ? First of all I want to define the term millennium because again it is one of those words a lot of people may not understand. And I do like the ABC's of prophecy, I like to define things. So the term millennium is taken from two Latin words mille which means 1,000, and anam which means years. When the words are combined the word simply means 1,000 years or the Millennial Reign of Christ is a 1,000 years literal reign of Christ. There are many people today that don't really believe that Christ will physically come back to physically reign, but we are going to see this afternoon that He must come back, and He will reign. You might say, "Brother Perkins, I thought when Christ comes back He is going to rule forever." Well He will rule forever, but we've got to see that God has ordained a 1,000 year period in prophecy and that period will accomplish something again in the program of God, so we are going to see that this afternoon, and it is going to be wonderful.

This period of time in which Jesus Christ will reign on the earth for 1,000 years is fulfillment of many prophecies. During this rule of Christ Satan will be bound and sealed in the bottomless pit, so he will have no influence in the earth to deceive mankind. And I really love that part of prophecy here because during the Millennial Kingdom God is going to bind the Devil. Satan will be cast into a bottomless pit and there he will have no influence during the time of the Millennial Kingdom. Even though there will still be sin in the Millennium, Satan's influence won't be there. And a man that sins in the Millennium he can't say, "The Devil made me do it." The Devil won't be around during that time and we will tell you a little more about that in regards to why.

At the time, at this time Jesus Christ will rule the entire world, and He will be King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. He will sit on the throne of King David ruling Israel. Now we know that Christ came the first time and the Jews held Him as King, they threw the palm branches in front of Him. But we know that He never physically officiated as King and ruler on the throne of David, He never really sat on the throne of David. But that is a physical prophecy that literally must come to pass, so Christ will fulfill that prophecy. Now I want to quote again Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost, in his book, *Things to Come*, listen to what he says regarding the Millennial Reign of Christ, "The millennial period, will be a period of the full manifestation of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. There will be the manifestation of the glory associated with the humanity of Christ that will be the glorious dominion in which Christ by virtue of His obedience unto death is given full dominion to replace that dominion which Adam lost." That will be the glory of the glorious government in which Christ as David's son is given absolute power to govern. That will be the glory of the glorious inheritance in which the land and the sea promised to Abraham are realized through Christ. This is going to be an awesome time in this Millennial Kingdom, Christ is going to literally rule and reign.

I want to quote Dr. John Walvoord, listen to what he says, "Advocates of this view hold that the Millennial period in which Christ will literally reign on the earth as a supreme political leader and that many promises of the Old Testament relating to a kingdom on earth in which Israel will be prominent and the Gentiles will be blessed will have complete and literal fulfillment because the distinctive character of this Millennial reign of Christ is maintained in contrast to the present age. This age is sometimes designated as a dispensational interpretation." In other words it is a period of time that God has ordained in Scripture. This Millennial Kingdom, this 1,000 year government this 1,000 year reign Christ will literally sit on the throne as the political leader. You

know we are living in a time now where we need true political leaders. The world today doesn't really understand government. We know that because we have lawmakers that make laws that are contrary to God. We truly need true biblical leaders. At the time of the Millennial Kingdom Jesus will sit on the Throne of David as the leader of the world. And again it is going to be a blessed event for the redeemed.

Now let's look at the order of events leading to Christ's rule. And we will see some beautiful things. I bring the chart in again because God has a divine order from which the Tribulation into the Millennium so there is an order of events. I shared earlier in the Tribulation message that the close of the Tribulation period will be the Second Coming of Christ. So again we will see the order of events leading us right to that time. First of all we have the Second Coming of Christ which I love so much! Here the Savior Jesus Christ will literally come back physically upon a white horse. You know I shared earlier that Jesus he rode into Jerusalem as king based upon Zechariah's prophecy; He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. They declared Him king of Israel; they put the palms in front of Him. But a few days later they say, "Give us Barabbas." They killed Him. At that time Christ never officiated as King on the throne. Now many of the Jews at that time they really wanted Christ to take the throne. They wanted Jesus to be Lord and Conqueror but He didn't. He understood prophetic timing. As a matter of fact in the Gospel of John chapter 6 there is an account where Jesus did miracles, He did the fish and the five loaves. He feed the 5,000 the Scripture tells us down in verse 13 that when the people realized that Jesus was the Messiah or He was the King, the Scripture said that Jesus perceived in His heart that the people would literally force Him to be King at that time. And the Bible said that Jesus removed Himself because He realized that if I stay here these people are going to try to put me on the throne and it is not time yet, though I am King of Israel, I have been called to be King, but there is a divine order in which that is going to happen. Jesus came first to die, and he rode in lowly on a donkey. But I want to say something this afternoon saints, our Savior's donkey riding days are over! He is riding no more donkeys saints. When He comes back the next time He is coming back as a man of war and He will literally reign upon the throne.

I shared earlier that as He comes back that Second Coming will produce this event called the Battle of Armageddon. This Battle of Armageddon will be an amazing battle because here Christ is literally taking authority He is going to shake the earth. He is going to come as a man of war. The Scripture says that when Christ comes back at that time He is coming back with fire in His eyes. The world has never seen Christ in this capacity. You know we look at Christ and we think of Him as being Mary's baby, we only see Him in the manger, but we don't see Christ in this capacity. He is coming back as a man of war to take authority in the earth. And one other thing too that I want to mention, that when Christ comes in the Second Coming He is coming back with His administration. That is going to be everyone of us that was raptured, those of us who are raptured glorified will go up to Christ, we will go to the judgment seat of Christ, we go to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb as the food digests we mount up on horse and then we will come back down with Christ. But guess what saints? The glorified saints are literally coming with Christ to go into His administration. We will be in key positions of rule to help Christ govern the world. Now He is coming back with the glorified and the reason why the glorified are coming with Him, we will be like Him. We will literally judge like Him, the sin nature will no longer be a part of our being. So therefore the Second Coming, when He comes back we are going to literally come with Him and go into His government.

Now what I love so much is that as Christ comes back He is going to set up that government and I love this that that world will literally worship Him. He will truly be King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The world will literally bow their knee to honor Jesus Christ as King. He will official sit on the throne of His Father David. And what I love so much is that we the righteous will literally be a part of this great event.

Now I must give you some different views in regards to the Millennial Kingdom because there are a number of views out there, so I want to give them to you just in case you may bump into some who don't hold to a view of a Millennial Kingdom. So let me give you a few of these views here and the first one I want to give you is the Amillennial view. And let me define that for you, the Amillennial interpretation is a denial that there will be a 1,000 year reign of Christ after His return to earth. It is an Amillennial or non-millennial view because it denies such a literal reign of Christ on the earth. This view was developed in 400 AD by Saint Augustine it was adopted by the Roman Catholic Church in 430 AD at the Council of Ephesus. It is called the Amillennial view meaning that there will not be a Millennial Reign. They don't believe that Christ will physically return to planet earth.

Now I am going to tell you this if Christ does not physically come back to planet Earth you might as well throw your Bible away. Because listen saints He will fulfill every jot and tittle this is one reason why He is coming back, He is coming back to fulfill prophecy. As we shared earlier He fulfilled the first prophecies that brought Him to the cross. Well there are future prophecies that are also on His life that He will fulfill as well, and again we will see that.

Now let's look at the next one, the next one is called the Post-Millennial view this view basically suggests that the world will get better and better until the whole world is Christianized, at which time Christ will return to a kingdom of peace. This view was originated by Daniel Whitby in 1638 to around 1726 a Unitarian in England. Although he was censored for some of his heretical views many conservative theologians rapidly embraced and propagated his viewpoint on the Millennium. Now this view again teaches that the world will basically get better and better. And many that hold a view like that they believe that they can get into government and they can basically turn the world and make it a better world. Well I've got to tell you something saints, it won't happen without Christ. God will not allow any man to have that kind of glory. As a matter of fact the unstableness in the nation of Israel today is really by God's design. The world can not have true peace unless the Messiah sits on the throne of peace. That is the only way that peace will actually take place in the world. Well Christ must come back in order to stabilize that. As a matter of fact the Scriptures literally predict that is going to get worse before it gets better. We can't make it better, I mean man has tried his humanistic way to bring in a utopia but it never works, it never works. Mankind can't do it so this Post-Millennial view is not a good view and we will go a little further.

Now let's look at the Pre-Millennial view this is the view that I do hold and teach. This view holds that Christ will return to earth literally and bodily before the millennial age begins and that by His presence a Kingdom will be instituted over which he will reign and that all of Israel's covenants will literally be fulfilled. It will continue for 1,000 years after which the Kingdom will be given by the Son to the Father when it will be merged with His Eternal Kingdom. Generally speaking ones view of interpreting the scripture depends whether or not he or she is a pre-millennialist. For the most part all who believe the Bible to be literal are pre-millennialists again I want to just throw this in here. I do believe that the pre-millennial view is the right view. And the reason why

is that this view stands the test of Scripture, it gives a clear and balanced perspective on God's end time program with clarity, it makes plain sense of the Scriptures. As a colleague once said, "When the plain sense makes sense, there is no other sense unless you wind up with non-sense." And that is so true, many people hold crazy views you know? Some people teach that we are in the Millennium now. I have met many people that hold that view and I say, "Wait a minute brother," I say, "We can't be in the Millennium now first of all Christ is not ruling on the Throne of David." We are going to see a little bit later that the Millennium Kingdom, God is going to change the whole nature of our whole society, even the nature of the animals, the animal kingdom will change. The lion will lie down you know the lion will eat straw. And again we are not in that Millennial Kingdom yet, but it's coming and again we will experience a wonderful, wonderful event.

Now, what I want to do here, I want to give you some promises of His reign and there are some promises of His literal reign. So I want to give you some Scriptures related to that. In the book of Acts 1:6-7 this is right after Jesus resurrection and right before He ascended He spent time with His disciples and what happened the disciples literally thought, "Okay Lord you died on the cross and you have been resurrected and now you are with us. So Lord at this time are you going to set up the Kingdom?" Look at verse 6, "When they therefore come together they asked of Him saying, 'Lord will thou at this time restore again the Kingdom to Israel?' And He said unto them, 'It is not for you to know the times of the seasons which the Father has put in His own power.'" Now the Jews they did something that we do today, except we do the opposite of what they did. And let me explain what I mean by that, see Israel they wanted the Kingdom, they wanted the Kingdom, they wanted Christ to bring in the Kingdom. Now Jesus came first of all to die to give them eternal life, then He would bring in the Kingdom. Well they had Christ, He died, but they wanted the Kingdom. They longed for the Kingdom and not Christ. Now we do just the opposite today, you know what we do? We want Christ but we don't want His Kingdom, we do just the opposite. We want Christ, but we don't want anything to do with a physical reign of His Kingdom. You know we look at Christ, we have Him today, He is seated in heavenly places, He is seated on the right hand of the Father. You know we are seated with Him in heavenly places, they Kingdom is here, and that is as far as go stop. We don't want a physical return, we don't want a physical kingdom, we don't want Jesus to come in and set up a physical government. But guess what saints? He must physically reign in order to fulfill prophecy. The Jews had Him but they wanted the Kingdom. We today have Him but don't want the Kingdom. And again we are going to see as we go a little bit further.

Let me give you another one here, look at this; now I love this verse in the book of Isaiah chapter 9, I call Isaiah 9 the holiday verse, because it is the only time we really use this verse. Isaiah 9:6-7, the Bible says here, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." Now we know based on verse 6 the Bible says here, "For unto a child is born, for unto us a son is given," and we normally stop there at Christmastime. We don't go any further with the prophecy, we look at Mary's baby, we see the baby in the manger and we see those things but we never go further in the prophecy. We know that Christ came as a child we know that, but we never have seen Him officiate as ruler. The Bible says here, "The

government shall be upon his shoulders,” in other words the responsibility of ruling will literally be on Christ, it is going to reign on Him. He is going to be King. Again this is a physical prophecy, a promise of His reign in the earth and again Christ will do it.

Now here's another one here, Zechariah 14, now we use this all the time, this is a Second Coming text this is a literally prophecy of Him coming back to planet earth. Look at verse 4 it says, “And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.” In the Second Coming He is coming back with all the Saints. But look at verse 9, verse 9 is a millennial verse it goes into the Millennium, “And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.” At the Second Coming He is coming back to set up His government. And I love it saints we are going to be a part of that administration. We are going to be a part of what Christ is doing.

Now let me give you some prophecies showing you not only that Christ will reign but we the saints will literally rule and reign with Him as well. And I want to look here at Daniel 7:18, 27, verse 18 says, “But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.” Verse 27 says, “And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most high, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.” Now we do know and I do like to let you know this that all though there is a 1,000 year reign the 1,000 year reign is really a precursor to the eternal world. The rule and reign will literally start in that 1,000 years. As I go further I am going to share with you why God has put a time limit on the 1,000 year reign but it is a precursor to the eternal world. And what is going to happen we are going to literally rule and reign with Christ through the Scriptures. Revelation 2:26-27, this is a promise to the Church listen to what He says, “And he that overcometh,” this is Jesus talking, “He that overcometh, and keep my works until the end,” Jesus said, “To him will I give power over the nation.” This is a promise that we will literally reign, we will rule.” If you overcome as a Church He said, “I will give you power to rule and reign over nations.” And He shall rule them with a rod of iron. We will literally rule and reign with the Savior.

Revelation 5:10 look at this, “And have made us unto our God kings and priests.” And listen to this, “And we shall reign on the earth.” We are going to literally reign on planet earth with Christ. We are going to literally rule and reign with Him. And last here, Revelation 20:4, it says, “And which have not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received the mark upon their foreheads are in their hands and they lived and reigned with Christ 1,000 years.” Now this verse we will talk little more about it in a little bit but this deals with the people who were martyrs in the Tribulation. Prior to the Millennial Kingdom beginning God is going to resurrect them and then they will literally reign with us in this 1,000 year reign of Christ.

So we move a little further now let's look at the living conditions of the Millennium and again there is so much we could talk about, I am going to only hit a few things here but these living conditions are really amazing in regards to what Christ is going to do. The book of Isaiah 65 tells us about the nature of the animal kingdom, look at Isaiah 65:25 it says, “The wolf and the lamb

will feed together and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock; and the dust shall be the serpents meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all of my holy mountain,' said the Lord." Now this is one were saints I know tonight this afternoon that we are not in the Millennium, because I am from San Diego and we have the San Diego Zoo world famous San Diego Zoo. And I go there and I can see those big old lions and let me tell you something you can't give these boys straw to eat, you throw some straw in there and they are going to made a bedding out of it. They are going move around in it and lie down on it they won't eat any straw. You put some flesh in there man they will tear it up. So we know that we are not in the Millennial Kingdom and that is one of those simple truths. I mean but there are people who will literally debate you and try to make you believe that again that were in the Millennium.

Here is another one Isaiah 11:6 look at this, He says, "The wolf shall also share the well with the lamb." I am going to bring it in, "The wolf shall also share the well with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid. And the calf and the young lion and the fatlings together a little child shall lead them." The nature of the beast will be taken away. Christ will remove the nature of the beast. It is a precursor to the eternal world. A child will be able to get on a most poisonous, I mean to play with a poisonous snake and he won't be bitten. God is going to remove that nature to attack out of the beast. Again just a precursor to what eternity is going to look like. I am looking forward to it man, I mean I am looking forward to it. I have already put my request in you know I want to have two lions, match me up with two good lions and I am going to take those lions with me into the new world, you know I want to have two lions. And again this is for the redeemed.

Here is another one Zechariah 14:16 says, "And it shall come to pass that everyone that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of Host and to keep the Feast of Tabernacle." During the Millennial Kingdom we will go up year to year and worship the Lord. The Feast of Tabernacle we will celebrate and worship with the Lord. You know it is going to be a beautiful time, I mean just a wonderful time, but we are going to see in a little bit again another thing that God is going to do right before that Millennium begins but these are some of the conditions that He is going to effect in that Millennial Kingdom. And again it is going to be exciting.

Now we will look at the actual Scripture bases but I want to share one other thing about the condition before I read this. The Bible says in Isaiah 65:22 that long life will be basically given to man. I mean the Scripture tells us that man will live as long as a tree. Those that die in the Millennium, the Bible says that some may die at the age of 100 they will be the ungodly who will die. But at the age of 100 they will literally be considered a child long life will be given to man in the Millennium. They life span of man will go beyond 70 years, 3 score and 10. We will live as long as a tree and those who die at 100 will be considered a little child at that time. The Millennium is going to be an amazing event for those who are part of it.

So now we are going to look at the literal scriptural bases for the Millennium. And what I am going to do I am going to take you into the book of Revelation 20 and we are going to begin to see the actual millennial account of a 1,000 years and what Christ is going to do here. First of all we are going to start off here with the verse in chapter 20 of Revelation here God is going to dispatch an angel to bind the Devil. Look at chapter 20 verse 1 it says, John says, "And I saw an angel come down from Heaven having the key to the bottomless pit, and a great chain in his hand. And he lay hold on the dragon that old serpent which is the Devil and Satan and bound

him for 1,000 years.” Now when I first started studying prophecy this was an amazing prophecy to read because it let me know that God dispatched an angel to bind the Devil. Now in verse 2 here again we see four different titles for the Devil, the Lord wants us to know exactly who He is talking about and whose been bound at this time. Here it says, “That old serpent.” He’s the serpent again from the Garden remember, the one that tempted Adam and Eve, or tempted Eve. He we see the dragon, he is a dragon from Revelation 12, and then here he is called the Devil or the accuser of the brethren, Revelation 12. And then he is also called Satan, or the adversary. Four different titles dealing with who will be bound here, and what is so amazing here that God is going to dispatch an angel to bind the Devil for 1,000 years. We will see in a few seconds why he is going to bind him.

Look at verse 3 or Revelation 20, it says, “And cast him into the bottomless pit and shut him up and set a seal upon him that he shall deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years shall be fulfilled and after that he must be loosed for a little season.” Now when I first started reading this I said, “Lord you are going to bind the Devil for a 1,000 years and then you are going to release Him?” I said, “Lord what are you doing? Lord when you bind the Devil leave Him bound.” And the Lord said, “Son I want you to read on, keep on reading the Scripture and you are going to find out some things.” Well we are going to see saints that God is up to something even in the Millennial Kingdom. He is going to bind the Devil for a period where Satan’s influence will not be in the earth to deceive mankind. The sin nature of man will still be there it won’t effect the glorified but the natural believers coming out of the Tribulation going into the Millennial Kingdom they will still be given in marriage and child bearing their babies will still have the sin nature and many of them will still sin. But Satan’s influence will not be there. God will put them in a perfect environment. He is going to show man, listen you want utopia I am going to give you a perfect environment but I am going to show you that without Christ you will still sin. Man is going to have a perfect environment but he is still going to sin and he will not be able to blame it on the Devil. But God is going to bind him for that short season. And again what is amazing too that God will dispatch only one angel to bind the Devil. You know it’s not a whole legion of angels, just one devil can bind the devil and throw him into the pit, I like that part.

I want to quote here Dr. Finis Dake from his book, *God’s Plan for Man*, listen to what he says, “This angel will lay hold on Satan will overpower him by actual combat, bind him with a great chain, cast him into the abyss where he will be there for 1,000 years. Sealed, set a seal upon him or literally seal the abyss over him to keep him there so he can not deceive the nations until the Millennium is over. Thus we see that Satan is a literal person, his doom is literal, he is to be bound by a literal angel, with a literal chain cast into a literal abyss, and sealed with a literal seal for the period or duration of the Millennial Kingdom.” The enemy will be bound and cast into that prison. Again for 1,000 years, so it is going to be wonderful not to have the enemy during that time, but he is going to be bound.

Now let’s go to verse 4 we are still in chapter 20 almost done, verse 4 says, John says, “I saw thrones and they that sat upon them and judgment was given unto them. And I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the Word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast neither his image, neither receive his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands. They lived and reigned with Christ a 1,000 years.” Now I mentioned earlier again, these were those who died in the Tribulation. Prior to this 1,000 year beginning God will resurrect them, they will be glorified and guess what they are going to rule and reign with us as

well. Now the Bible says that these people they died basically for their testimony they didn't take the mark of the beast, they didn't worship the Antichrist. God is going to resurrect them and they will literally reign with us in the Millennial Kingdom. The verse goes on in verse 5, "But the rest of the dead live not again until the 1,000 years were finished this is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who had part in the first Resurrection, on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with Him 1,000 years." Now again this is going to be an awesome time even those that died in Christ during the Tribulation will be resurrected. The Bible says that these are part of what is called the first resurrection.

Now many people have gotten that term mixed up and they try to twist it, but the first resurrection is an all inclusive resurrection that literally started with the resurrection of Christ. Christ Jesus was the first guided unto God; He was the first to rise eternally in a physical body. The Rapture saints will rise from the dead, the two witnesses will rise from the dead. Now we have saints who died in the Tribulation they will rise from the dead. But all of us that have died in Christ will literally rise from the dead with Christ and the Bible calls that the first resurrection. But it says this, "But the rest of the dead." In other words there are still some people that are dead in the earth during the Millennial Kingdom, the rest of the dead will not live until the Millennium is over.

Now what is going to happen, this will literally be the last resurrection at the close of the Millennial Kingdom God will have one last resurrection, but it will be the resurrection of the damned. They will be literally raised from the dead. The Bible said they are raised unto damnation. And it is going to be really, really bad for those because they are raised to go before the White Throne Judgment. God will judge them and then they will be cast into the Lake of Fire. So blessed are those that are part of the first resurrection or such the second death or the Lake of Fire will have no power.

Now we are almost done, let's go a little further here. We are getting down to verse 7 in chapter 20 verse 7, "And when the 1,000 years are expired Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and he shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And he went out on the width of the earth and compassed the camp of the saints about and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of Heaven and devoured them." In this last resurrection what is going to happen, God literally is going to allow the influence of the Devil to come back into the earth. And what he is going to do is literally going to be like God sifter. God is going to expose the hearts of man who really don't want to worship and honor Him during this Millennial Kingdom. You are saying, "Brother Perkins, you mean to tell me they are going to have Christ here in the earth and men will not want to worship Him?" That is correct. The sin nature will still be there and again many people even at this time, Christ will be there and over a duration of 1,000 years many people may not be sensitive to the whole event that took place prior to us getting there. For whatever reason many people's hearts will literally not really honor Christ and God will allow Satan's influence to come back into the earth and many people's hearts will literally be exposed.

Now what is amazing to me about this particular prophecy though the Bible says that when Satan's influence is released in the Millennial Kingdom his influence will deceive a number which is like the sands of the sea, that is a lot of people. You are going to have thousands, probably billions being deceived but these are people who didn't honor Christ during the

Millennial Kingdom. The Bible even tells Zechariah that some nations will not come to worship Christ at that time and He will not allow rain to fall upon their lands. It is amazing, but God is going to allow this sifter to take place.

Now I want to quote Dr. Reagan here, because I think he gives a really good analysis on this, in his book, *God's Plan for the Ages*, if you don't have this book I encourage you to get it because he gives a good analysis of what is going to happen. He says, "God is going to prove this point by using the Millennium like an experimental laboratory. He is going to place mankind in a perfect environment of peace and prosperity for 1,000 years. Satan will be bound, righteousness will abound." He goes on to say, "Yet, at the end when Satan is released most people will rally to him when he calls the nations to rebellion against Jesus Christ. The Millennium will prove that what man needs is not a new society, but a new heart." And literally that is exactly what is going to happen. Men will even in the Millennial Kingdom they will not want to honor Christ, and God is going to allow the influence of the enemy to come back in like a sifter and their hearts will be exposed and then every one of them will literally be judged. This Millennial Kingdom is an amazing event.

Now I love this last part here, verse 10 of chapter 20, this is one of my favorite verses in the Bible saints, the Bible says here, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the Lake of Fire, burning with fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." I love this prophecy because this is the prophecy of Satan's judgment. This is the demise of the Devil. You know I have mentioned many times that when I was a young child growing up I was always taught that I should never study the book of Revelation because I would lose my mind if I studied it. And what happened when I became a Christian, even though I was a Christian I would never go into the book of Revelation, I had a fear of it. And now the Lord has such a wonderful sense of humor, He called me to preach Bible prophecy. And I say, "God it is amazing to me that you called this little fellow who was afraid of Revelation to study it." But what I found, I found some powerful truths about this wonderful book. And here is one of those amazing truths that I found out. The Devil did not want me to study Revelation because it shows the end of the Devil. He didn't want me to preach His end. And what I do now saints when the Devil starts messing in my life and family I start prophesying to Him. I start quoting Revelation 20:10, I remind the Devil of his eternal end, and again God is going to judge him.

Now I am going to close it with this here, the reasons of the Millennial Kingdom and this is just bullet points here. We are going to bring them in, as a result of it Christ will come to be King over the earth, He will rule the world at this time. He will remove Satan's influence in the earth. He will show mankind that He will still sin without a Devil. The knowledge of Christ will literally fill the whole world. That is going to be awesome man we will still be learning in the Millennium, I love that, it is going to be an awesome time. Also the saints will literally reign with Christ. Israel will actually experience the full covenant. There is just so much that will be the benefit of this wonderful time. And then true peace in Jerusalem. You know the Bible commands us in Psalm 122:6 it says, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee." You know I really believe saints that when we pray for the peace of Jerusalem we are literally praying for the Millennial Kingdom. Because that is the only time Israel will literally experience a peace. Right now all we have now is photo ops for Presidents. Every President you know that has come along they are going to solve the Middle East crisis, but all that happen they have a photo

op with the current administration, and nothing happened, before the ink dries war breaks out. God will never allow man to have that kind of glory to stabilize that region. We know based on Zechariah's prophecy that region is unstable by God's design because it is going to bring glory to Christ when He stabilizes it, where Jerusalem will experience a lasting peace because of the Savior.

So this Millennial Kingdom is an awesome time, it is an awesome event. Again I just barely touched the surface of it, but this is a wonderful teaching that every born again believer here will literally be a part of.