

That Big, Bright, Beautiful Tomorrow - The Millennial Kingdom

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Intro

John Lennin's *Imagine* a dream not to be fulfilled until Christ's second coming.

Isaiah

Who will populate the Millennial Kingdom

Revelation 19

Glorified believers

Living Jews and Gentiles (*Matthew 24*)

Daniel 12:1

Revelation 20:4 - those who do not worship the beast during the tribulation

Events During the Millennium

Condition of Economy.

Isaiah 65:21-23 - the productivity will increase.

Condition of Physical Life

- Isaiah 11:6-9. The curse will be reversed (not removed). There will still be people who have the sin nature. Death will still be present, but changed.
- There will be a harmony between the animal kingdom and the human kingdom.
- Sickness and deformity will be removed. Is 35:3-6
- Longevity of life will be restored (a 100 year old person will be considered a youth)

Condition of Government

- a Theocracy Jesus will be the king of the whole earth. Isa 2:4; 9:6-7
- global peace
- believers will serve in some judgemental capacity in our glorified bodies. (Revelation 20:6)
- The Hebrew people will have a special place in the kingdom - the promise of the Abrahamic covenant will be fulfilled. Jeremiah 30:3. David will be the king of Israel (a prince to the king of kings and the Lord of Lords)

Condition of Spiritual

Righteousness will carry the news of the day. We will experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit like never before.

Acts 2:17 - in the last days, Peter says, if you remember Joel that you could have that today but it's just a silhouette that is to come during the millennial kingdom. God will pour out his spirit like never before.

Condition of Heavens

There will be a type of protective canopy that will guard against the even brighter sun.

Isaiah 30:36

Condition of the Devil

Revelation 20:7 - Satan will be released after the millenium to mount up armies against Jerusalem.

Why would God allow this last revolt?

1. it shows that a perfect environment will not change man's heart. Betterment is not the same as conversion
2. it shows that the universal knowledge of God in the world is not the same as the personal knowledge of the savior

Application

1. God Controls - he hasn't lost control and has top authority in this world. near sightedness is the lack of ability to see the distance. "Let's stick to the practical" is spiritual nearsightedness! God wants us to see the big picture.
2. God cares so deeply. He is genuinely interested in this world and its needs. He wants to give us a beautiful gift. Like getting a good report from a doctor should we not also want to hear a good report from our savior! We should pursue Him!