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10 – The Kingdom of the Millennium | Jesus Reigns!

Standing in the places once marked by the sandals of our Lord Jesus would be an awesome experience.

THE MOUNT OF OLIVES – THE RETURN OF THE KING!

Jesus interrupts the eastern invasion with dramatic fashion

He was returning to the place where He prayed,
The place where He ascended into heaven leaving the apostles in awe,

But it was also a place 500 years prior to His leaving that the “Shekinah Glory” left the temple and disappear over the Mount of Olives and now will return – the embodiment of God – Jesus the Victor! (Ezekiel 11:23)

Jesus will be seen locally, but He will also be seen globally!

Matthew 24:27-31

For as the lightning flashes in the east and shines to the west, so it will be when the Son of Man^[e] comes. ²⁸ Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near.

²⁹ “Immediately after the anguish of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

³⁰ And then at last, the sign that the Son of Man is coming will appear in the heavens, and there will be deep mourning among all the peoples of the earth. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with the mighty blast of a trumpet, and they will gather his chosen ones from all over the world—from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.

When Jesus returns, He will do what man cannot!

He will establish a community of perfect peace and harmony.
Hebrews 2:7-11 NLT

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Yet for a little while you made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁸ You gave them authority over all things.”

Now when it says “all things,” it means nothing is left out. But we have not yet seen all things put under their authority. ⁹ What we do see is Jesus, who for a little while was given a position “a little lower than the angels”; and because he suffered death for us, he is now “crowned with glory and honor.” Yes, by God’s grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone. ¹⁰ God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation.

¹¹ So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters. ¹² For he said to God,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people.”

THE FIRST CHURCH GIVES US A GLIMPSE OF PEACE AND HARMONY

Acts 2:46,47 NLT

“They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.”

THE THRONE OF DAVID - This is a reference to the coming Kingdom.

2 Samuel 7:12-13

“Furthermore, the LORD declares that he will make a house (HBR: gemologist) for you—a dynasty of kings! ¹² For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong (HBR: territory). ¹³ He is the one

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who will build a house—a temple—for my name. And I will secure his royal throne forever.”

Gabrielle’s conversation with Mary

Luke 1:31-33

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ And he will reignj over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”

WHO WILL BE IN?

Matthew 25:31-33

“But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

The sheep are in (those who were saved during the Tribulation).

(vs. 34-36)

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’

The goats are out (those who have not accepted Jesus’ gift of grace and mercy)

“Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.

WHAT WILL THIS KINGDOM BE LIKE?

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Jesus will rule

Psalm 2:6

"I have installed my King on Zion, My holy hill."

The Curse will be ALMOST Lifted from the Earth

Remember, the Millennial Kingdom is not heaven.

Isaiah 65:20

"No longer will babies die when only a few days old. No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life. No longer will people be considered old at one hundred!"

In the Millennial Kingdom there will be health and longevity – but there will be death.

Remember the Christmas carol "Joy to the World?"

"No more let sins and sorrows grow..."

"He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove His righteousness, and wonder of His love."

In the early 18th century Isaac Watts, the author of the hymn, had no intention of this poem to be about the birth of a king, but was, in fact inspired by Psalm 98, King Jesus' domain.

The Enemy Will Take His Seat

Revelation 20:1-3

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit and a heavy chain in his hand. ²He seized the dragon—that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan—and bound him in chains for a thousand years. ³The angel threw him into the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so Satan could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. Afterward he must be released for a little while.

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Believers Will Rule With Christ

Revelation 20:4-6

Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

⁵This is the first resurrection. (The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended.) ⁶Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years.

Erwin Lutzer categorized four different groups of those who will reign with Jesus.

- The Holy Ones – Old Testament Saints (Daniel 7:27)
- The Apostles (Matthew 19:28)
- All Believers – Overcomers (2 Timothy 2:12)
- Believers from the Tribulation (Revelation 20:4-5)

THERE WILL BE A FINAL REBELLION

Remember – the sheep entering into the 1,000 years are “Believers saved by grace.” They will purposefully choose Jesus because they have not yet entered into heaven.

The generations that follow will be able to choose Jesus, but will also have free will.

Satan will be given “a little while” on earth at the end of the 1,000 years and will organize a rebellion against the Holy City, Jerusalem.

GOD ENDS THE FOOLISHNESS

Revelation 20:7-10

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When the thousand years come to an end, Satan will be let out of his prison. ⁸ He will go out to deceive the nations—called Gog and Magog—in every corner of the earth. He will gather them together for battle—a mighty army, as numberless as sand along the seashore. ⁹ And I saw them as they went up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded God’s people and the beloved city. But fire from heaven came down on the attacking armies and consumed them. ¹⁰ Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

JESUS JUDGES THE UNJUST – THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

Revelation 20:11-15

And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. ¹² I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God’s throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. ¹⁴ Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

At the White Throne of Judgment Jesus will be looking into the eyes of a multitude: many religions; atheists, agnostics and self-proclaimed believers – many socio-economic levels; the rich, the poor, the successful and those who could never find their grove in life.

But, they all fall under the category of the “dead”; spiritually and physically.

These individuals never walked in the places where Jesus walked under His authority.

They will eternally be doomed for total absence from God and all His blessing.

Revelation 14:6-7 NLT

“And I saw another angel flying through the sky, carrying the eternal Good News to proclaim to the people who belong to this world—to every nation,

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tribe, language, and people. "Fear God," he shouted. "Give glory to him. For the time has come when he will sit as judge. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the springs of water.""

Revelation 14:12-13 NLT

"This means that God's holy people must endure persecution patiently, obeying his commands and maintaining their faith in Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!""