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VII. THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

A. The time period after the 70th week but before the initiation of the Millennial Kingdom.

After the 1,260 days of the second half of the 70th week, Daniel 12:11-12 describes two additional blocks of time.

1,260 days	30	45
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1,290 days		
1,335 days		

1. The additional 30 days apparently involve:
 - a. The **REGATHERING** of Israel to Jerusalem (Is. 11:11-12, 15-16; Ezek. 20:37-38)
Note: All nations (Gentiles) will also be gathered (Mt. 25:32; Joel 3:1-2)
 - b. A time of **JUDGMENT** for those still living (but not raptured) after the Tribulation [Note the chronology of Mt. 25:1-13 [Rapture] and Mt. 25:14-46 [Judgment]] (Is. 11:3-4)
 - 1) The **Nature** of this Judgment

This judgment involves the separation of the sheep (God's people redeemed after the Rapture) from the goats (the unsaved) (Mt. 25:31-46)
 - 2) The **Purpose** of this Judgment

To determine which of the living (Jews and Gentiles) will enter the Millennial kingdom

3) The **Basis** of this Judgment (Mt. 25:31-46)

Man's actions (during the Tribulation) will give evidence of his spiritual state (Mal. 3:2-3, 5). How one treated God's people will manifest the nature of their hearts and how they are rewarded (Mt. 25:35-46).

4) The **consequences** of this Judgment

- a) The **saved** are accepted into the Millennial Kingdom (Mt. 25:31-40)
- b) The **unsaved** are rejected, and are slain, to await resurrection unto damnation (Ezek. 20:37; Mt. 25:41-46)

No unsaved person will enter the Millennial Kingdom.

2. The additional 45 days (which transpire before the Millennium) apparently involve:

- a. The **leveling** of Palestine's **topography** (Is. 35; Is. 40:4-5; Zech. 14:10; Is. 26:15)
- b. The **building** of the Millennial **Temple** in Jerusalem (Ezek. 40-48)
- c. The **purifying** of the earth and **preparing** for the Kingdom
 - 1) Weapons will be beaten into farming tools (Is. 2:4)
 - 2) Jerusalem will become a source for **fresh** (good, drinkable) **water** from the Dead Sea and Mediterranean Sea (Zech. 14:8)
- d. The **binding** of Satan will conclude these time period just prior to the 1,000 year Kingdom (Rev. 20:1-3; Ezek. 28:13-19; Is. 14:4-17).

During the Millennium, "all outward sources of temptation must be removed so that man will demonstrate what he (really) is apart from Satanic influence" (Pentecost, p. 477)

The depravity of mortal man will be evident, as his only source of temptation will be "*the flesh*" (not the world system or the devil)

B. The time period of the Millennial Kingdom (Rev. 20:1-7)

The word "millennium" is the Latin derivative from the Greek word "chilia" which means 1,000 years (Rev. 20:1-7)

3 views of the Millennium:

1. **Post-Millennialism** - (social gospel view) Man through social effort will usher in a utopian period of peace on earth, after which time Christ will return
2. **A-Millennialism** - (covenant theology view) There is no 1,000 year kingdom. The 1,000 years of Rev. 20:1-7 are only figurative. They symbolize the time period from the cross until the imminent return of Christ (According to this view, there is no literal 7 year Tribulation either). At the cross Jesus defeated Satan and he has been bound ever since.
- * 3. **Pre-Millennialism** - (dispensational view) Christ will literally return for judgment and then will establish he promised, long-awaited Messianic Kingdom.

Proofs for the literal establishment of the Millennial Kingdom:

- a. The Scriptures **teach** it (Rev. 20:1-7)
- b. God **detailed** it (Is. 11, etc.)
- c. Christ **promised** it (Mt. 26:29)
- d. The Apostles **expected** it (Acts 1:6-7)
- e. Creation **awaits** it (Rom. 8:19-22)
- f. We are expected to **pray** for it to come (implying that it hasn't come yet-Mt. 6:10)

[Important Note: The Millennium (1,000 year Kingdom) will be the first phase of Christ's eternal kingdom - Dan. 2:44; Ezek. 37:24-28.]

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MILLENNIUM (in general)

The 1,000 year Kingdom will be a time of:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Christ's sovereign reign (Rev. 20:4-7; Zech. 14:9; Haggai 2:7; Is. 9:6-7, 11:1-5, 10) |
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2. **Believers reigning with Christ** (Rev. 20:4-7; Obad. 21)
3. **Holiness & righteousness** (Zech. 8:3, 14:20; Is. 32:1-5)
4. **Justice & peace** (Is. 2:1-4, 9:6-7; Micah 4:1-5)
5. **Longevity of mortal life** (Zech. 8:4)
6. **Worship via a new temple** (Haggai 2:7-8; Ezek. 40)
(sacrifices will be memorials of Christ's finished work)
7. **Peace, spirituality, & prosperity** (Micah 4:4-8; Is. 60:17-20; Joel 2:18-27)
8. **Rejuvenated water** (Ezek. 47:1-12)
9. **Storms & rain** (Is. 4:6; Zech. 14:18-19)
10. **No external temptation or deception** (Rev. 20:1-3)
11. **No violence or destruction** (Is. 11:6-10)
12. **Spiritual blessing** (Is. 32:15-19)
13. **Renovated land and desert** (Is. 40:3,4; Is. 35:1-8)
14. **Gentile & Jewish inhabitance** (Is. 60:14-16)

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MILLENNIUM (specifically related to Israel)

For Israel, the 1,000 year Kingdom will be a time of:

1. **Unity** (among the tribes of Israel) (Is. 11:13; Ezek. 37:15-22; Jer. 3:19)
2. **Comfort & joy** (Is. 12:1-6; 40:1ff)
3. **Rest** (Is. 14:3, 7-8)
4. **Respect** (by other nations) (Zech. 8:23; Is. 60:14-16)
5. **Much land** (Obad. 19-20)

Events to follow the Millennium:

1. **Final Rebellion** (Rev. 20:7-9; Ezek. 38-39 *38:8-16)

The off-spring (children) of those living who originally entered the Kingdom will have to accept Christ; those who do not will follow Satan in his final, vain attempt to overthrow Christ.
2. **Dissolution of Heavens and earth** (II Peter 3:12-13; Rev. 20:11)
3. **Resurrection of the wicked** (the "second Resurrection")
(rev. 20:5, 6; 20:13)
4. **The Great White Throne Judgment** (Rev. 20:11-15)