

In the midst of global devastation following the Tribulation, Christ appears in glory, as foretold: *“they shall look upon me whom they have pierced”* (Zechariah 12:10). Israel at last beholds its long-awaited Messiah, and the thousand-year Kingdom begins (Revelation 20:1–3). Satan, now bound, ceases his deception, allowing the world a season of nearly Edenic peace under Christ’s righteous rule.

Revelation 20:4–6 describes the resurrection of Tribulation martyrs who refused the beast’s mark, along with Old Testament saints. These glorified believers reign with Christ. Faithful survivors of the Tribulation—both Jew and Gentile—enter the Kingdom. Israel receives long-promised blessings, while faithful Gentiles live on earth in mortal form, sharing in the peace but not Israel’s direct inheritance (1 Corinthians 15:50–53).

## THE GOVERNMENT OF CHRIST’S KINGDOM

**Absolute Authority of Christ:** Christ rules with absolute power, fulfilling *“the government shall be upon his shoulder”* (Isaiah 9:6–7). From Jerusalem, His dominion extends worldwide: *“May he have dominion also from sea to sea”* (Psalm 72:8). He governs with an unbreakable rod of iron (Psalm 2:9; Revelation 19:15), preventing rebellion and safeguarding justice.

**Righteous Justice:** No corruption survives. Isaiah 11:3–4 depicts Christ judging with perfect righteousness, never swayed by outward appearances. Wickedness finds no refuge in a realm where His wisdom and holiness prevail (cf. Psalm 1). Swift judgment ensures that courts remain pure and true.

**Co-Rulers and Administrators:** Believers share in Christ’s rule (Revelation 20:4). *“Princes shall rule in judgment”* (Isaiah 32:1). The twelve apostles preside over Israel’s tribes (Matthew 19:28). Jesus’ earlier promise that faithful servants would oversee *“cities”* (Luke 19:17–19) finds literal fulfillment, with a vast network of administrators under the Messiah.

**Global Peace:** Generations of warfare end. *“They shall beat their swords into plowshares... neither shall they learn war anymore”* (Micah 4:3). Fear vanishes as children play safely in the streets (Zechariah 8:4–5). Christ’s righteous government cements this peace, fulfilling *“Prince of Peace”* prophecies (Isaiah 9:6–7).

**Universal Knowledge of God:** *“The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD”* (Isaiah 11:9). Idolatry disappears (Zechariah 13:2); Israel embraces its New Covenant heritage, *“They shall all know me”* (Jeremiah 31:34). Truth saturates culture worldwide, yet Israel’s intimate covenant relationship stands unique among nations.

## WORSHIP IN THE MILLENNIUM

**The Millennial Temple:** Ezekiel 40–48 describes a new Temple in Jerusalem, far grander than previous ones. The returning glory of God fills this house (Ezekiel 43:4–5). A healing river flows from it, renewing creation (Ezekiel 47:1–12). *“In the last days... all nations shall flow unto it”* (Isaiah 2:2). Jerusalem becomes the center of global worship: *“Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people”* (Isaiah 56:7).

**Universal Pilgrimage:** Surviving nations must come yearly to worship the King (Zechariah 14:16). The Feast of Tabernacles becomes a global celebration of God dwelling with humanity. Any nation that refuses faces drought (Zechariah 14:17). Most, however, come willingly, recognizing Christ as the source of every blessing.

**Restored Sacrificial System:** Ezekiel details renewed sacrifices in the Millennial Temple (Ezekiel 43:18–27; 45:17). Jeremiah 33:18 confirms an enduring Levitical priesthood: *“Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man... to do sacrifice continually.”* Malachi 3:1–4 portrays purified worship. These sacrifices do not replace Christ’s once-for-all atonement but fulfill covenant worship as *“the offering of Judah and Jerusalem”* returns to righteous form.

## LIFE AND SOCIETY IN THE MILLENNIUM

**Extended Lifespans:** Isaiah 65:20 promises that *“the child shall die an hundred years old,”* implying that a hundred-year-old is still considered young. People flourish like *“the days of a tree”* (Isaiah 65:22). Sickness and violence fade, and humanity nears Edenic vitality, with multiple generations coexisting.

**Ongoing Marriage and Childbearing:** Priests in the Millennial Temple take wives (Ezekiel 44:22). Children are born into blessing: *“They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble”* (Isaiah 65:23). Households thrive in a realm nearly free from the curse’s effects (cf. Isaiah 54:13).

**Prosperity and Productivity:** Creation yields abundant harvests. *“The plowman shall overtake the reaper... the mountains shall drop sweet wine”* (Amos 9:13). Isaiah 35:1 says deserts *“blossom as the rose.”* With famine banished, *“the earth shall yield her increase”* (Psalm 67:6). Each family enjoys the fruit of its own labor (Isaiah 65:22).

**Environmental Transformation:** Nature itself experiences renewal: *“the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption”* (Romans 8:21). Predatory instincts diminish, fulfilling *“the wolf and the lamb shall feed together”* (Isaiah 65:25). When Christ’s feet touch the Mount of Olives, topographical changes unleash healing waters from Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:4, 8; Ezekiel 47:8–9). Even the Dead Sea teems with life.

**Unified Language:** Zephaniah 3:9 foresees a *“pure language”* uniting humanity in worship. Divisions introduced at Babel fade. Diverse nations retain identity but share holy customs, celebrating God with one heart.

## TRANSITION FROM THE MILLENNIUM TO THE ETERNAL STATE

**Satan’s Release and Rebellion:** At the millennium’s end, Satan is *“loosed out of his prison”* (Revelation 20:7–8). Despite Christ’s perfect reign, some mortals rebel in a final uprising. They gather against Jerusalem, but fire from heaven destroys them (Revelation 20:9).

**Satan’s Doom:** *“And the devil... was cast into the lake of fire”* (Revelation 20:10). There he faces eternal torment, never again to deceive or disrupt God’s kingdom.

**The Great White Throne Judgment:** All unredeemed dead stand before God (Revelation 20:11–12). The *“second resurrection”* brings the final sentence upon those whose names are absent from the book of life (Revelation 20:15). With evil judged and Satan banished, God ushers in *“a new heaven and a new earth”* (Revelation 21:1), inaugurating an everlasting era of righteousness.