

Return of the King

WEEK 6 DISCUSSION GUIDE

OVERVIEW

In this message of *Is This the End?*, we will discuss the return of Jesus to rule the world on a throne in Jerusalem for a thousand years. He brings us—His Bride—to rule with Him.

DISCUSSION OUESTIONS

The seven-year Tribulation ends when Christ returns. This is known as His Second Coming. Upon His return to the earth, Jesus puts an end to the Battle of Armageddon (Rev 16). The good news is that Jesus is bringing His Bride—His believers—with Him to earth. This will be a glorious time of peace, rule and reign with Christ, justice, and great choices. It is important for us to study the millennial kingdom to get a picture of what we can partly experience now.

What are some ways you can experience kingdom living now?

Three Aspects of the Millennial Kingdom:

1. The Millennial Kingdom is a <u>time of peace</u>.

Revelation 20:1-3: Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. Jesus creates and secures a peaceful reign by removing the enemy from the scene. Jesus returns to the earth and defeats all adversaries of Christians and Christianity. He also bounds Satan with chains by an angel and throws him into the abyss. Satan is placed under arrest, and his list of crimes are his names:

- He is the <u>dragon</u> set out to destroy God's people.
- He is the <u>serpent</u> who brought sin, pain, and death into the world when he tempted Adam and Eve.

- He is <u>Satan and the devil</u>, which mean "adversary" the rebellious enemy of God and His people.
- Why is it important for us to remember that Jesus is the victor and can defeat Satan?
- 2. The Millennial Kingdom is a time of Christ's earthly rule...and ours.
 - 2 Timothy 2:12: If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. There are a few Scriptures (Luke 22:28-29, Revelation 5:10) that remind us that we will reign with Christ. When you commit your life to Christ and become a believer, two things happen:

 1) Your relationship with Christ is restored; 2) Your rulership under Christ is restored. We are rulers now—not over people but over sin, Satan, and challenging circumstances.
 - How will remembering our authority in Christ help us when we face challenging situations or circumstances?
 - What can we do to overcome sin, Satan, and challenging circumstances?
- 3. The Millennial Kingdom ends with one final battle.
 - At the end of the thousand-year Millennial Kingdom, Jesus releases Satan from the abyss. When the enemy is released from prison, he is neither remorseful nor does he repent. He plans another attack against Christianity, Christ, and Christians. Jesus casts him into the Lake of Fire with all his followers (Rev 20:7-10). Jesus could have done this initially, before the thousand-year reign of peace. However, he gave Satan the same thing that He gives us today: free will/choice. Choose to follow and commit your life to Christ.
 - What did you learn from this message?
 - How can you apply this message to your life?

LIFE CHALLENGE

After the Tribulation, we will enjoy a thousand-year reign with Christ. We will rule and reign with Him. We do not have to wait until then to experience peace, rule, or justice. Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? Write down ways that you can experience these benefits today, here on earth. Let's commit ourselves to being the salt and light of the world.

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