

# Bible Prophecy

## Millennial Kingdom

### What is the Millennial Kingdom?

- Sometimes simply called the Millennium, it is a period of 1,000 years during which Christ reigns over the earth.
- This belief is sometimes referred to as *Chiliasm*.
- This period is the most anticipated and prophetically detailed event in the Old Testament scriptures.
  - The one major detail revealed in the New Testament is the length of 1,000 years – found 6x in Revelation 20:1-10

### The Purpose

- To glorify Christ – I Peter 1:11 – “...it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.”
- To fulfill Old Testament covenants
  - The Abrahamic Covenant – Israel would be a mighty nation and own the Promised land forever – Genesis 12:1-3,7
  - The Davidic Covenant – an everlasting throne and kingdom from David’s line – I Chronicles 7:12-14
  - The New Covenant – that Israel would be restored fully to God – Jeremiah 31:31-34
- To prove the depravity of man – still men reject God and rebel against Christ – Revelation 20:7-8
  - Note - we will discuss these events in greater detail next week.

### The Prison

- Satan is imprisoned until the end of this 1,000-year period – Revelation 20:1-3

### The Prince – Christ

- Christ rules and His kingdom is all the earth – Daniel 7:13-14, Revelation 20:6
- His rule is strong – see “rod of iron” in Psalm 2:9, Revelation 2:27, 12:5, 19:15
- Jerusalem will be His capital – Micah 4:1, Isaiah 2:2-3
- Under His rule is a time of unprecedented peace – Micah 4:3-4
- Christ will be worshipped through sacrifices at the Jewish Temple – Ezekiel 40-46,

## **The People**

- Saved Jews and Gentiles will survive Armageddon, etc. and enter the Kingdom – Matthew 25:31-46
- Also present with glorified bodies will be those saved in the Church Age (Revelation 20:6), those martyred during the Tribulation (Revelation 20:4), and I believe the Old Testament saints (Daniel 12:2).

## **The Planet**

- I think the earth's drastic changes during the Tribulation are used by God to reshape the world and its environment.
- Earth will revert to an Eden-like state – Romans 8:19-22
- Nature will be peaceful and docile – Isaiah 11:5-9
- Human life is prolonged – Isaiah 65:20