

The Millennial Kingdom –

The Millennial Kingdom is not now. It is yet to come. Y'shua has defeated the beast, the false prophet, the harlot of Babylon. The battle is over. The birds pick the earth clean. Now we start.

Revelation 20 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ 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.

Whoever this angel is, he is powerful. He has no problem laying hold of the dragon, who is the Devil and Satan, and binding him for a thousand years, casting him in the bottomless pit, shutting him up, and sealing him there. There's not battle. There's no fight. Is it because the angel is so powerful, or simply because God says so? Nothing gets past the permissive will of God. If God says bind the devil then the angel has the power to do it or Satan has no power to resist or both. Period.

One thousand years means one thousand years. It isn't an age or an era. It certainly isn't in the present day. The people who argue that this is in the present day or has already happened have to ignore "so he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished." There has never been a day in history or presently when the nations haven't been deceive let alone a thousand years. Satan will have no influence. Only Y'shua will have influence.

Dr. Baruch reminds us that when we doubt the word of God we become easy targets for deception. Satan calls doubt to everything

that God says. When we doubt God's word we fall right into what Satan wants, we are weakened spiritually, and we are right where the Devil wants us. Do not doubt but believe. Don't just believe. Believe and put it to action. God always proves Himself.

It is necessary for Satan to be released after that thousand years. Why? Because there will somehow be people on earth. I have heard all sorts of explanations of this based on people's beliefs on the rapture, or their beliefs that some people repented at some point in the tribulation and survived. They would have to be gentiles, because if Jews had repented they would have kept the Abrahamic covenant alive and the previous war in chapter 19 and the destruction of every wicked person, which appears to be everyone, would not have happened.

We do see that there are people raised at this point.

⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for ^[a]a thousand years. ⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Those who were beheaded and were true to Y'shua at least during the tribulation period, and it says those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus for the Word of God. If you connect this to Daniel 7 it seems that these are all the martyred from the time Ruach HaKodesh is poured out on those belonging to Y'shua. It is

definitely referring to those, during the time of the beast that didn't worship the beast or take the mark. So, these people are brought back to life in the first resurrection. They are able to live for the thousand years. Can they die? Whoever is left on earth can definitely procreate because in one thousand years, under Y'shua's rule, which is according to Torah, people are being fruitful and multiplying. We see that there are lots of them coming up. One explanation, for the rapture enthusiasts, is that people who are taken and protected during the time of the tribulation, come back with Christ when He comes and they live on earth and under his reign. They are not in glorified bodies, yet, most theorists think that they live that entire length of time, which, in an Eden like earth, without the influence of sin, maybe they would.

Everyone rises from the dead. This is the first group that rises. The second group is coming up. They rise after the thousand years.

⁷ Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea. ⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where^[b] the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

After the thousand years and Satan is released. Everyone who has been born and lives on earth will be put to the same test as Adam and Eve. Satan has a short time to deceive. It will be the same seduction. The people who live under the reign of Y'shua HaMeshiak for that thousand years will be living under the Torah. Y'shua fulfills the Torah. Dr. Baruch argued that there would be

sacrifice for sins again as a point backwards toward the cross. I don't see how he justifies that theory when Y'shua is a live and can forgive us in person. There are so many theories about this chapter, even from within the Messianic Jewish sources that I used that it got my head spinning.

The nuts and bolts of it is that somehow there are people like the sand on the sea who are subject to deception and they fall prey to it. They reject Y'shua and His rule and they rebel against Him. It is the last rebellion. Remember that there are no weapons on earth. There has been a thousand years of Torah observant rule over all the earth. Lots of people may not like that, but that's the way it was. The war that is about to take place is nothing like the war that has already happened. The Gog and Magog of this war are bringing sticks to a battle of the Spirit.

The indication is that the earth is one large land mass. These people come to surround the beloved city which is Jerusalem and the saints, those who reign with Christ, as if they can do anything to people who are immortal. Their intention is to overthrow Y'shua who has reigned with a rod of iron for a thousand years and replace His rule with lawlessness. Everyone who surrounds the beloved city with the intention of overthrowing the Son of God is devoured by fire that comes down from God out of heaven. This reminds me of parables that Jesus told in Matthew about what happens to people who kill the servants and then kill the Son and how the Father will deal with them.

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before [□]God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in

the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second [d]death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

The great white throne is a place of purity. It is from this place that Y'shua judges. The earth and heaven fled away means all that went against God the Father and Y'shua try to hide from God's presence, but that's impossible. All of the dead, all who were not raised in the first resurrection, from the time of Noah onward, stand before God and the books are opened.

The books are the reference material of our lives. What most of us don't think about is that God is with us all the time. He is witness to everything we do, think, say, or don't do, think, or say. Remember in chapter 19 Y'shua's eyes flame like fire. He has seen everything. The Holy Spirit of God is omniscient. The dead are judged according to their works by the things written in the books. In 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Paul talks about what criteria by which people who are not washed clean by the blood of Christ are judged: ⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor [b]catamites (of uncertain affinity), nor [c]sodomites (in Paul's time included people engaging in same sex activities and with young children), ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you

were [d]sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Romans 1, Galatians 5 and Revelation 21 and 22 also have similar lists. The important thing is, and such were some of you but you were washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. That's the name in the book that really matters. We don't use these lists to point fingers and say who's bad and who's not. All sin and fall short of the glory of God. Other lists include anyone who is not Torah observant, sorcerers, people who enchant with drugs, so drug users and dealers. Others include attitude, anger, holding grudges, fanatics – like people who live for causes other than Christ, liars, slanderers, jealous, quarrelsome, haters. The list is long. Here's a great one – Hebrews 12:14 ¹⁴ Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: And such were some of you, but...Jesus.

The book of life is basically a book of names because God's promise to those who give their lives to Y'shua, who repent, who believe in their hearts that Y'shua is Lord and profess with their mouths that God raised Him from the dead are saved. God remembers their sin no more. They have been washed with the blood of the Lamb.

The books of the dead are evidence of the things by which they must be judged without the Passover blood of Y'shua.

The sea, death, and hades, every place where the dead lie or wait, (the sea is the sea, death is the grave, and hades is Sheol) every soul is brought before the great white throne in the flesh. In other

words, everyone is resurrected and immortal at this point. All are judged and without the blood of Y'shua they are judged according to their works and the judgement is clear because there is nothing anyone can do to earn their own eternal salvation. Those whose names, because everyone that needs to be there is on the adoption page, are not written in the Lamb's book of life are cast into the Lake of Fire where those who want what's coming to them, who think they should get what they deserve, who think they should get what they've earned in this life actually do, forever.

Letter 20 in Aleph Beit. Resh – numerical value is 200

Holiness, cycles of growth, summary and judgement at the end of the cycle of life-----The letter 'resh' stands for the wicked. It is important to note that in the order of the aleph-beit, the 'resh' (wicked) letter appears on the left of the 'koph' while the 'tzaddi' (righteous) stands to its right. It is a picture of the day of judgment. The letter of holiness thus stands between wickedness and righteousness. Messiah will reward the righteous and judge the wicked. This is exactly what will happen at the Second Coming. The righteous will be saved while the wicked will be destroyed. In this chapter, we see how Elohim deals with the wicked and wickedness. A thousand years after the Battle of Armageddon, Y'shua will then sit on the Great White Throne as seen in this chapter. This is called the Second Resurrection, the resurrection of all wicked people to report for the Great White Throne judgment (20: 11-15). Satan the king of wickedness is also dealt with at the Second Coming, he is cast into the lake of fire forever and ever (20: 10). Dr, Liebenberg