

Sunday Bible Study, Session 2 – December 28, 2014

“Millennial Characteristics” – (Revelation 16-17)

Read [Revelation 11:15-17](#); Verse 18 describes the lost of the Millennium prior to the Gog-Magog Revolution.

Now continue our reading with [verses 18 and 19](#), noting again the [Biblical Timeline](#). At the end of the Tribulation we have the Battle of Armageddon, the Baptism of Fire (the down payment on the Lake of Fire for all unbelievers of the Tribulation), then there will be a time of clean-up for 75 days, to renew the earth for the period of our Lord's reign during the Millennium. This is mentioned in [Daniel 12:7ff](#); there are actually two periods – one 30 days (1290 days minus 1260 days) plus the 45 days in Daniel 12 (1335 days minus 1290 days), which add up to the 75-day clean-up period at the beginning of the Millennium.

Brief Look at [Revelation 11:16-18](#)

Verse 16 gives us a response of the 24 Elders. They worshipped because a new aspect of God's Plan had gone into action – the 4th and final dispensation, the age of Christ – the Millennium.

Verse 17 – These Elders give Thanks that the angelic conflict had come to its correct conclusion. Jesus Christ is called "*O LORD, GOD, ALMIGHTY*".

Note: When Jesus Christ came the first time, He did not use His divine power to rule the earth – He left everything in the hands of man's choice, and religion rejected Him.

Verse 18 is at the end of the Millennium, with a revolt of Satan; so from verse 17 to verse 18, we have the presentation of the Millennium. Note that all believers will be taken out to begin the Tribulation. People will become believers during that 7 years at the end of the Age of Israel, and the believing survivors of the terrible events will go into the age of the Millennium and perfect environment, and will begin having children. Some of the children of millennial believers will not accept Jesus Christ as Savior, and eventually will become hostile to Him, and react to his reign; when Satan, who has been bound for the duration of the 1000 years is "*loosed for a season*" near the end of the Millennium, he will organize a revolution of these hostile unbelievers (Gog-Magog revolution).

"nations angry" = Hostility of unbelievers, reacting to perfect environment.

"wrath to come" = Last Divine Judgment – called the Great White Throne judgment.

"time of the dead – to be judged" means 2nd Resurrection of unbelievers for judgment. These are unbelieving dead, resurrected to stand before the Great White Throne judgment.

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Revelation 11:15 – The Millennial Reign of Christ

Characteristics:

1. There will be no religion on the earth (The greatest source of evil is religion – [Revelation 20:1-3](#)).
2. There will be great spirituality ([Joel 2:28](#); [Isaiah 65:24](#); [Zechariah 14:16, 17](#)). In the Church Age, the Lord Jesus Christ is in Heaven, absent from the earth in His humanity – therefore the Filling of the Holy Spirit in the Church Age glorifies Christ, and actually produces the character of Christ – so, the emphasis of the Church Age is not on Emotions. You know you are filled – not by your feelings – *but by the Word*. ([1 John 1:9](#)).
 - You can be depressed, and filled.
 - You can be in pain, and filled.
 - You can be emotional, or non-emotional.
 - In the Millennium, the LJC will be present on the earth, and the filling of the HS will include ecstasies and emotions. Ecstasies will not be harmful to the body at that time. Today, prolonged ecstasies disturb the nervous system; extreme religious highs and lows often result in periods of great depression. In the Millennium, there will be perfect health – therefore the body will be equipped for proper emotional responses. There will be no diseases or sicknesses of any kind ([Joel 2:28](#)). Satan will not be there to take emotion and turn it into something false. Biblical truth in the soul of the believer while on earth tempers the emotions, and makes life most enjoyable.
3. Israel will be restored as a nation of born-again individuals. The BOF will take out the unbelievers ([Isaiah 35:3-10](#); [65:19](#); [Zechariah 8:20-23](#)).
4. [Isaiah 2:4](#) reveals that there will be no military – no weapons, and no war. There will be universal peace because of the Personal reign of the LJC.
5. There will be universal prosperity ([Psalm 72:7](#); [16](#); [Isaiah 65:21-23](#)). It will be a free enterprise system operating on the gold standard.
6. There will be universal knowledge of God ([Isaiah 11:9](#)). Not everyone will accept JC as Savior, but everyone will know about God. *“The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters that cover the sea.”*
7. There will be perfect government in the Millennium under the Lord Jesus Christ ([Zechariah 14:9](#); [Isaiah 11:1, 2](#); [Psalm 72](#)).

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8. There will also be radical changes in nature ([Romans 8:19-22; Isaiah 11:6-9; 35:1, 2; 65:25](#)). Weather will be perfect and there will be plenty of water, with no deserts. The scripture also reveals in the Romans passage that the earth is actually currently “groaning” for these new changes in nature.
9. Perfect administration of justice ([Isaiah 11:3, 4; Psalm 72:12-14](#)), and capital punishment will be practiced; crime will be almost nil, because of perfect law enforcement.
10. The lost will be removed from the earth at the beginning of the Millennium. They will exist again later in the millennium, but at the beginning they will be removed by the BOF ([Ezekiel 20; Matthew 25; Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16; Matthew 13; Matthew 24](#)).
11. Life will be extended; death will only occur because of capital punishment (that’s the reason for the fantastic population explosion – [Isaiah 65:20](#)). Multitudes being born – and few leaving – results in the population explosion.

Look again at the [Biblical Timeline](#). You can see the Tribulation, 2nd Advent at the end of the Tribulation, the Battle of Armageddon, the Millennium, the Gog-Magog revolution, and the Great White Throne Judgment, which is the last judgment.

The Last Judgment (Great White Throne)

- I. People who do not face God’s justice in time will receive Divine Justice in Eternity – 2nd Death – Great White Throne Judgment ([John 5:22](#)).
 1. The Last Judgment is the alternative to salvation.
 2. God is perfect in Righteousness and Justice.
 3. He found a way in time to keep from compromising these two characteristics.
 4. Christ did this in Propitiation.

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- II. The human race – two categories:
 - 1. BELIEVER – Perceptive, who has accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, the Good news of the Gospel ([John 3:18](#) – *“He that believeth is not condemned...”*).
 - 2. UNBELIEVER – Negative, Non-perceptive, One who has rejected Jesus Christ – Eternal condemnation ([John 3:36](#) – *“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him”*).
- III. In the last Judgment the unbeliever is under indictment, based on rejection of Jesus Christ as Savior ([John 16:9](#) – *“of sin because they believe not on me”*; [Revelation 20:15](#) – *“Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the Lake of Fire”*).
- IV. No believer is involved in the Last Judgment ([Romans 8:1](#)).
- V. The Unbeliever has two appointments with God:
 - 1. Death
 - 2. Last Judgment ([Hebrews 9:27, 28](#))
- VI. The second appointment is kept by a 2nd Resurrection ([John 5:24-29](#); [Daniel 12:2](#)). God takes all unbelievers, and resurrects them at the end of time – after the Gog revolution, for the Great White Throne Judgment.
- VII. The Resurrected unbeliever is condemned on the basis of his human good (dependence on works of the flesh, instead of on the greatest Gift ever given to mankind, salvation by the Work of Jesus Christ) not on the basis of sin ([Revelation 20:12, 13](#)), which our Lord bought and paid for.
- VIII. The Eternal State of the lost is the Lake of Fire forever ([Matthew 25:41](#) – *“Then he shall say unto them on the left hand, depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels”*; [Revelation 20:14, 15](#)).