

Wednesday Bible Study - May 21, 2014
"Facts About the Millennium" - (Revelation 2:23)

Read Revelation 2: 27

Literal Translation of Revelation 2:27: *"And He will shepherd them with an iron staff; as the vessels of clay are broken."*

Note the diagram we've been reviewing of the timeline, with emphasis on the Church Age.

"And He shall rule" FAI 3RD P.S. OF POIMAINO (Greek) = to tend, to pasture – GNOMIC FUTURE – a statement of fact.

ACTIVE VOICE – JC Produces the action

INDICATIVE MOOD – Reality of millennial reign of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Other types of future tense include: Predictive Future; Progressive Future; Imperative Future; Deliberate Future

The *Gnomic* Future anticipates the absoluteness of the millennial reign of JC on the earth. Jesus Christ was born, lived, died, was buried, and was resurrected in the Age of Israel. Then the Church Age followed (starting with the Pre-canon period, and continuing with the Post-canon period to the present time) and it's to be consummated in the future with the event called the *Rapture*. Then will begin the consummation of the Age of Israel with the terrible period of the Tribulation. This will be followed by our Lord's rule on the earth.

When Jesus Christ rules on the earth it will be a time of perfect environment.

It will also be a time when believers in resurrection bodies are going to rule under the Lord's leadership.

At that time the population of the world will be in bodies of corruption – those who reign with the Lord Jesus Christ (LJC) will be Church-Age believers in resurrection bodies.

There will be those (believers *only*) who move into the Millennium from the time of the Tribulation (at the end of the Age of Israel).

MILLENNIAL FACTS:

1. During the 1,000 years the nations will be very prosperous and many advanced technologies will be discovered.
2. The weather will be perfect and provide a sense of a tropical paradise. No extreme shifts in the weather, and no storms, hurricanes or floods. The Lord will maintain proper climate control year round. Isaiah 35:1,2,7 declares that desert and wilderness areas will flourish with plant life. This will occur because "water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert" (Isaiah 35:6).
3. Perhaps the mist of the ground as before the flood will irrigate the earth. Rain will also increase in areas that used to be very dry, perhaps like at the time of the Garden of Eden.
4. After pollution and war the land will need to be healed and restored. The land will be blessed and brought back to its former glory of Eden described in Isaiah 51:3. (Read)
5. The waters will be alive with every type of fish and become one hundred percent pure for drinking. This will be a time of tremendous agricultural prosperity and as described in Joel 2:24, "The earth will not be able to receive its bounty".
6. Believers moving from the Tribulation will probably be without disease according to Isaiah 65:20. Though the age not altered, everyone young and old will receive durable bodies that will stay strong for the entire time. The bodies, not indestructible but extremely strong.
7. The world will be safe and crimes such as murder, rape and theft will be non-existent. Zero crime rates worldwide.
8. Jealousy and envy will be a thing of the past (Isaiah 58:7); thoughtfulness and consideration will be the norm.
9. The OSN will still be the possession of every person-God will bring renewal to every person's heart and they will encounter a revival never experienced in all of history.
10. With Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, people will not have to worry about war, knowing that JC is the sole protector. No longer will people study war, but will trade in their weapons for instruments of farming. (Isaiah 2:2-4); "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Hab. 2:14)

MILLENNIAL LIFE:

1. The Millennium is the future thousand-year reign of the Lord Jesus Christ on earth.
2. It will be a time of wonderful peace, joy and blessing (Isaiah 35:1,2,7).
3. Jesus Christ will be the king of the world (Zech. 14:9).
4. Our enemy Satan will be taken away from the earth and locked up, so that he can no longer tempt and deceive us (Revelation 20:1-3).
5. Dangerous animals like lions, leopards and wolves will become so peaceful that "a little child shall lead them" (Isaiah 11:6).
6. In the original creation, all animals were vegetarians (Genesis 1:30); this will be restored during the Millennium, meat eating animals will become vegetarians (as they originally were); lions will eat grass (Isaiah 11:7).
7. Wolves will live in peace with lambs; leopards and baby goats, lions and calves, bears and cows will be peaceful together (Isaiah 11:6, 7).
8. Snakes will no longer be dangerous, even poisonous snakes; babies will safely play near them (Isaiah 11:8).
9. Animals will no longer hurt or destroy (Isaiah 11:9). There will be no bloodshed in nature.
10. The Whole earth will be "full of the knowledge of the Lord" (Isaiah 11).
11. Christ's followers will reign with Him over the earth (Revelation 20:4-9; 5:10)
12. After the Millennium, God will destroy the universe with fire in order to make way for a new creation. He will create for us new heavens and a new earth (2 Peter 3:7-13) – as beautiful and wonderful as the original paradise God created for Adam and Eve, and all humans – perhaps even better – is that possible?

Why is God going to release Satan after the 1000 years?

Rev. 20:7-10 reveals Satan will be released and will go out to deceive the nations; He will ultimately be destroyed with fire with those who follow him.

Some questions we cannot answer this side of Glory but we can be sure that He remains ever faithful and trustworthy.

There is an emphasis on the "star" at the end of our passage in Revelation. It represents the Lord Jesus Christ, who is brightest just before the dawn. The darkness is the Tribulation, and the day light that follows the dawn is the Millennium (believers moving into it with Him).

Some will rebel against God's plan as the Millennium proceeds. This is involved with the ultimate release of Satan, for God is not only the God of Mercy and Kindness and Grace, but He is the God of Justice and chastisement. We must realize He has a perfect purpose in *everything* He does and everything He will do.