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The Millennium - The Characteristics Of The Lord's Reign

Relative to:	Characteristics
Its development Summarized	<p><u>No. 1 Summarization</u> There will be the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of all false religions (Rev. 17:1-18); earth's commerce (Rev. 18:1-24); and earth's military might (Rev. 19:11-21). While the end of false religions and commerce are before the Lord's coming to the earth, the beginning of the end of earth's military might will begin when the feet of the Lord touch the mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4) • Regathering of Israel and reuniting of Israel (Ezek. 37:1-15; 16-23) • Restoration of Israel (Rom. 11:1-12; 23-32; Jer. 12:14-15) <p><u>No. 2 Summarization</u> The millennium will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be the fulfillment of this feast of tabernacles (Lev. 23:34-42) • When the Lord as King shall reign in righteousness (Isa. 32:1) • When the devil will be incarcerated for one thousand years (Rev. 20:1-3)
Humanity	<p>During the millennium there will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death (Isa. 65:20) • Fruitful labour (Isa. 62:8-9; 65:21-23; Jer. 31:5) • Instruction (Jer. 3:14-15; Mic. 4:2) • Boys and girls playing in the street (Zech. 8:5) • Bodily health (Isa. 35:5-6; Jer. 30:17; Ezek. 34:16) • Prayers answered (Psa. 72:12; Isa. 65:24) • Work, such as Husbandry (Jer. 31:5); and maintenance (Ezek. 48:18-19) • A manifestation of what is in the heart of man despite perfection of government and Satan in the bottomless pit (Rev. 20:3)
Horticulturally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be changes in the horticultural world (Psa. 72:16; Isa. 35:1-2; 55:12-13; Ezek. 34:26-27; 36:34-35; Amos 9:13)
Geographically	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mount of Olives shall split (Zech. 14:4) • There will be changes geographically for the river flows from the temple to the waters of the sea (the Dead Sea, approximately 17 miles distant) which is healed and teemed with fish (Ezek. 47:8-12) • Ezek. 34:26-27
Prosperity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it." (Mic. 4:4; Isa. 30:23-25)
Universally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation will be delivered from bondage (Rom. 8:19-21) • Unified language (Zeph. 3:9)

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Zoologically	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp (venomous snake), and the weaned child shall put his hand in the cockatrice’ (venomous snake) den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain” (Isa. 11:6-9) • Isa. 35:9; 65:25
Evangelically	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The removal of the stony heart and given a new one (Ezek. 11:19; 36:26) • Exhortation to worship and evangelism (Isa. 12:3-6) • “And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles” (Zech. 14:16; Mal. 1:11)
Angelology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Let all the angels of God worship Him” (Heb. 1:6)
Satan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The angel “lays hold on the dragon, that old serpent, who is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years”(Rev. 20:2)
Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lord shall judge righteously (Psa. 96:10; Isa. 11:3-5) • Christ will be the Legislator (Isa. 2:3) • Christ will be King (Isa. 2:2-4; 11:3-5) and will rule in righteousness (Isa. 32:1) • David will be His Vice Regent King (Ezek. 37:24; Jer. 30:9) • There will be rulers, judges, and counsellors (Lk. 19:17, 19; Isa. 1:26) • There will be subjects (Dan. 7:22, 27; Isa. 9:6)
In contrast to Eden	<p>It will not be returned to Eden again for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The second Man (1 Cor. 15:47) will reign in sovereign authority; Satan will never be able to detract or entice Him to change loyalties; and there will never ever be any possibility of failure.
By Prophetic Pictures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The year of Jubilee (Lev. 25:9-50) • The feast of tabernacles (Lev. 23:34-42) • The Stone (Dan. 2:34-35) • Solomon's reign (1 Kgs. chs. 1-11) • The prophecy of Jacob (Gen. 49:10) • The Sun of Righteousness arises with Healing in His wings (Mal. 4:2)

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Covenants	<p>The fulfillment of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covenant with Abraham which is declared to be everlasting (Gen. 17:7), this promised the children of Abram would get the land. • Covenant with David which is declared to be everlasting (2 Sam. 23:5; Isa. 55:3) • New covenant which is declared to be everlasting (Jer. 32:40; Heb. 13:20) • Observe that none of these covenants were two sided with man doing his part and God doing His. It all depended on God and were unconditional, when speaking He used the word, “will” repeatedly (Deut. 30:1-10; 2 Sam. 7:10-16; Jer. 31:31-40)
Characteristically	<p><u>Peace</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between people individually (Isa. 55:12) • Between people internationally (Isa. 2:4; 60:18) • Between man and God by the acceptance of Christ as Messiah and His peace (Col. 1:20) • Between man and those which were wild animals and venomous snakes (Isa. 11:8; Ezek. 34:25; Hos. 2:18) • Between the nations (Mic. 4:3-4) • Between animals and animals, their diet will be changed (Isa. 11:6-7; 65:25) <p><u>Righteousness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the inhabitants (Matt. 25:37) • In his rule (Isa. 32:1) <p><u>Glory</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The glory of the Lord shall be revealed” (Isa. 40:5; 60:7-9) <p><u>Joy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation . . . Sing unto the Lord, cry and shout” (Isa. 12:3-6; 14:7-8; 25:8-9; Jer. 30:19; Zeph. 3:14-17; Zech. 8:18-19) <p><u>Liberation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Thou hast broken the yoke of his burden” (Isa. 9:4) <p><u>Truth</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In contrast to the character of natural man (Jer. 9:3-5; Dan. 8:12), and the beast foreshadowed by Antiochus (Dan. 8:12) • When the Lord reigns there will be truth (Isa. 42:3); Jerusalem shall be called the “City of truth” (Zech. 8:3) • God will be their God in truth (Zech. 8:8) <p><u>Comfort</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.” (Isa. 12:1; 40:1-2)

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Characteristically	<p><u>Holiness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The city of Jerusalem (Joel 3:17) • The mountain (Psa. 48:1; Joel 3:17) • The house, and all the surrounding area (Ezek. 43:12) • The inscribing on the bells of the horses and the pots in the Lord's house and Jerusalem (Zech. 14:20-21) • The people (Isa. 4:3-4) <p><u>Justice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punishment for child abusers (Jer. 30:20) • He shall "break them with a rod of iron" (Psa. 2:9) and "rule them with a rod of iron" (Rev. 2:27; 12:5; 19:15). There will be no political correctness nor appealing against a judgment given. • Justice will be done in righteousness (Isa. 9:7; 11:5; 32:16; 60:17; Jer. 31:29-30) <p><u>Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Thy children shall be taught of the Lord" (Isa. 54:13; Isa. 2:3; Mic. 4:2; Hab. 2:15) <p><u>Divine strengthening and protection</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isa. 41:8-14; Jer. 23:6
Divine Persons	<p><u>The Father</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God the Father will be the recompensing the Lord. While the Lord was on earth He said: "I have glorified Thee on the earth" (Jn. 17:4). All that He did, thought, or wrought was for the glory of God, nothing was too much. Calvary was the ultimate display of His love and devotion to God. God will gloriously compensate Him on this earth, the place of His rejection (Psa. 89:27). • God shall display to the world the glory of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ His ability to fulfill His purposes despite every obstacle of Satan directly or through man (Matt. 4:1-11; Eph. 1:10) ▸ His grace, for "man shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads" (Rev. 22:4).

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Divine Persons	<p><u>The Son</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He will be honored universally in the place of His rejection (Psa. 72:8-11; Jer. 23:5) • When before Pilate his accusation was: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ He made himself to be a King (Lk. 23:2) ▸ In derision, His accusation on the cross was: “This is Jesus the King of the Jews” (Matt. 27:37). • In the millennium He will be manifested as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ The “King of Kings” (Rev. 19:16) ▸ “The blessed and only Potentate” (1 Tim. 6:15) ▸ The “Prince of the kings of the earth” (Rev. 1:5) ▸ King over all the earth (Zech. 14:9) ▸ God’s anointed King (Psa. 2:6) ▸ The King of glory (Psa. 24:7, 9) • He will reign because of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ His deity (Isa. 52:7; Zech. 14:9) ▸ His legal right (Matt. 1:1; Lk. 3:31) ▸ His moral right (Psa. 24:3-10) ▸ His military right (Rev. 19:11-21) • He “will be as the dew unto Israel” (Hos. 14:5) • “He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth” (Psa. 72:6) • He shall sit a King Priest on His Throne (Zech. 6:13). While it only mentions “priest”, yet by the additional clause, “His throne”, it indicates Kingship. This is in keeping with Christ as a “Priest after the order of Melchizedec” who was “King of Salem, priest of the most high God” (Heb. 7:1). <p><u>The Holy Spirit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He indwells, convicts of the truth so that men call on the Lord (Joel 2:28, 32) • He transforms, sanctifies (Ezek. 36:25-31), indwells (Ezek. 37:14), therefore there will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Singularity of acknowledgment of supremacy and worship (Isa. 45:23) ▸ Abundance of blessing (Isa. 44:3)
Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enriched (Isa. 60:9, 16-17) • Made the head (Deut. 28:1, 7, 10, 13), all nations subject to Israel (Psa. 72:11; Isa. 60:12-14) • Made “an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations” (Isa. 60:15)
Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Israel (Heb. 8:8-12) • Gentiles (Isa. 19:18, 25) • Priests (Isa. 61:6)
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fulfilling of Divine Purposes (Eph. 1:10) • The exaltation of Christ (Phil. 2:9-10) • The dispensing of the knowledge of the Lord (Isa. 11:9)

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Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We shall judge the world and angels (1 Cor. 6:2, 3) • The church shall display the governmental glory of God (Rev. 21:11). There is much debate about this, whether it is a literal city or to be interpreted spiritually.
The city of Jerusalem	<p>Shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The city of righteousness, the faithful city” (Isa. 1:26) • The governmental capital of the world (Isa. 2:1-3) • Shall be the center of worship for the world (not Mecca) (Zech. 14:16) • “Mount Zion . . . the city of the great King” (Psa. 48:2; Matt. 5:35) • The hill of the Lord, the holy Place (Psa. 24:3)
The time of rewards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt. 19:27-29; 25:14-30 • Isa. 62:11; Rev. 11:18; 22:12

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13**

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