

## Question - Who Will Occupy the Millennial Kingdom?

There will be two distinct groups occupying the Earth during the millennial kingdom—those with glorified bodies, and those with earthly bodies who lived through the tribulation and on into the millennial kingdom. Those with glorified bodies consist of the Church, receiving glorified bodies at the rapture ([1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#); [1 Corinthians 15:21-23, 51-53](#)), and those who are resurrected after Christ returns to Earth ([Revelation 20:4-6](#)). Those who have earthly bodies can be subdivided into two groups: believing Gentiles and believing Jews (Israel).

In [Revelation 19:11-16](#), we find the return of Jesus Christ to Earth, known as His second coming. The rapture ([1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#); [1 Corinthians 15:51-53](#)) is an appearing of Christ in the air, not His second coming. I mention this to make a distinction between the rapture and the second coming of Christ. There is no mention in [Revelation 19-20](#) of any kind of rapture event. The implication is that saints who are on Earth when Christ returns will remain on Earth to enter the millennial kingdom in their natural bodies. If the rapture or any kind of event where a living believer receives a glorified body were included in the second coming of Christ to Earth, one would expect to find reference to such a major event in [Revelation 19](#). But no such reference is to be found. The only event that results in believers receiving glorified bodies is found in [Revelation 20:4-6](#) where those who became believers during the Tribulation and were killed because of their faith are resurrected. It is also believed that at this same time Old Testament saints will be resurrected, also receiving glorified bodies (see [Daniel 12:2](#)).

[Matthew 25:31-46](#) is another passage that should be considered. This passage is commonly called the separation or judgment of the sheep and the goats. The sheep and goats refer to righteous and unrighteous Gentiles. Christ will judge the unrighteous Gentiles (goats), and they will be cast into the lake of fire for eternal punishment ([Matthew 25:46](#)). Therefore, no unbelieving Gentile will survive to live on into the millennial kingdom. The righteous Gentiles, or sheep, will live on into the millennial kingdom. They will give birth to children and will populate the Earth. However, these are not the only ones who will be producing children during the millennial kingdom.

The impression is given that when Christ returns, all Israel will trust in Him ([Zechariah 12:10](#)). They, too, will not receive glorified bodies (as did those who were raptured prior to the tribulation and those resurrected afterward). They also will produce children during the millennial kingdom.

So, believing Gentiles, Israel, and resurrected/raptured believers (all of whom have glorified bodies) will occupy the Earth. It should be noted, however, that believers with glorified bodies will not be reproducing. There is no marriage after this life ([Matthew 22:30](#)).

Children born during the millennial kingdom will have the responsibility of faith in Christ as all people of past ages have (faith in Christ since His coming; faith in God before—[Genesis 15:2-6](#); [Habakkuk 2:4](#); [Romans 3:20](#)). Unfortunately, not all of the children that are born during the millennial kingdom will come to faith in Christ. Those that do not will be led away by Satan into rebellion against God at the end of the millennial kingdom when Satan is let loose for a short time ([Revelation 20:7-10](#)).

For a further look at this subject (who will live into the millennial kingdom), look also at the following passages: [Isaiah 2:2-4](#); [Zechariah 14:8-21](#); [Ezekiel 34:17-24](#); [Daniel 7:13-14](#); [Micah 4:1-5](#).

## **Question - Sin During Millennium?**

You have asked an interesting and important question. The Millennium, which is the one-thousand-year reign of Christ on earth after the great and awful tribulation period and His coming back to earth (Revelation 20:1–6), is often referred to as a righteous reign. But the reign is righteous because of Christ’s righteousness (Isaiah 9:6, 7), not because of the people during it.

The Bible says that Christ will rule with a “rod of iron” (Psalm 2:9; Revelation 12:5), meaning that He will be in total control of all things. As a result, everyone will experience all kinds of blessings during the Millennium: world peace, restoration of Israel and God’s promises to the nation, perfect justice, universal prosperity, calmness in nature as manifested in animals’ losing their ferocity, perfect climate, and more (Isaiah 2; 11; 35; 60–62; Ezekiel 40–48; Micah 4; and many other passages).

All of the people who enter the Millennium will be believers (Hebrews 8:11); however; they will have children during that time, which may result in quite a population boom. Because of the ideal environment, the earth will be able to accommodate the increase in population, thus shattering the present myth about future overpopulation (Isaiah 65:20–25).

Many of these individuals will not follow the Lord Jesus in spite of the numerous blessings of that wonderful time. The seed of sin and rebellion will be in their hearts. (Various passages speak of Christ’s enemies during this millennial reign and imply that some people will feign obedience; examples are Psalms 110:2 and 72:9.) Satan will be bound during those thousand years (Revelation 20:1–3). But at the end of the thousand years, he will be loosed to test humanity. Many will follow him; Revelation 20:7 and 8 compare their number to “the sand of the sea.” Much of the outward evidences and expressions of sin during the thousand years will have been restrained because of Christ’s iron rule. This rebellion at the end of the Millennium will demonstrate that unregenerate people still have a sin nature; they will follow it and go with Satan when given the opportunity in spite of the wonderful conditions they have lived in.

The Garden of Eden and the Millennium exhibit parallels. Both prove that an improved, yes even a perfect, environment is not the answer to the problems of humankind. Similarly, in both places we see rejection of a perfect environment because of sin. During his temporary release at the end, Satan will undoubtedly come with attractive but deceptive promises that many people will fall for (just as he did in the Garden), despite what they have experienced during Christ’s reign. Thankfully the release of Satan and subsequent events including his final state are all under God’s control. As in the Garden, God will deal with Satan in the Millennium (Genesis 3:15; Romans 16:20; Revelation 20:10).

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## **What Is the Millennium? 5 Answers to 5 Questions**

Can you imagine a world with no fear? No disease? No pain? No worry? That is what the Millennial Kingdom will be like. For a thousand years, there will be peace—we will live in a perfect world with Christ as our ruler. It is something we can look forward to when our lives are difficult and when our world is filled with chaos, immorality, and despair. As we experience hard times, we find hope in our future with Christ. Here is a brief look at what the Millennial Kingdom will be like.

### **What Is the Millennium?**

"The Millennium is a thousand-year reign of peace, and the Lord Jesus Christ will be King." The word *mille* means "a thousand" so the *millennium* is "a thousand years." That term is mentioned six times in Revelation 20. The Millennium will be Christ's one-thousand-year reign as King, following the Tribulation. David will be His vice president and will sit on the throne with Him. They will rule the world in righteousness and godliness. There will still be sin in the Millennium, but it will be dealt with immediately.

By studying the Millennium, we discover that lifetimes will be extended, there will be peace in the animal kingdom—the lion will lay down with the lamb, and there will be peace among mankind—all the hostilities that have been a part of our world will be gone. The Millennium will be incredible. Dwight Pentecost stated there is more information in the Bible about the Millennium than any other period in Scripture. Many of these references are tucked away in the Old Testament where you wouldn't expect. When you start to search for it, there is something about that period everywhere you look in the Bible.

### **Will Believers Today Be on Earth for the Millennium?**

"The Bible says, 'And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years' (Revelation 20:4)."

At the moment of the Rapture, every believer who is alive or deceased will be taken up into heaven. We will remain there for seven years while the Tribulation is happening on earth. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb and Judgment Seat of Christ will take place during this time. Once the Tribulation is over, Christ will return to earth.

When Christ returns to defeat the armies of the world that have formed against Him, we will return with Him. After the battle is over, the Bible indicates that all Christians are going to be part of the government. "And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4). We will stay on earth with Him, and we will rule and reign with Him throughout the whole world.

What will we do in Christ's government? I don't know. In Scripture, there seems to be a relationship between one's faithfulness in this age and what administration they are going to be given in that era. It is the ultimate consummation of the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14–30. Jesus will reward us with responsibilities based on our faithfulness to Him.

### **Will There Be Conflict in the Millennium?**

"When we get to the Millennium, there will be no more war."

War has been a consistent part of human history from the very beginning. Growing up in Toledo, Ohio, during the end of World War II, we had blackouts. There would be a siren, and it would help prepare people for the on-going conflict of the time. War has always been part of our conversation, but there will be no war when we get to the Millennium.

Micah 4:4 says, "But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid." Can you image not being afraid of anything? Not having to lock your doors? Consider these words from Isaiah 19:23–25: "In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will serve with the Assyrians. In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria—a blessing in the midst of the land, whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, 'Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.' "

How peaceful is it going to be in the Millennium? Egypt and the Assyrians and the Jews are all going to be allies. They will work together in cooperation. Isaiah 2:4 tells us that they will "beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

In the Millennium, there will be no war.

### **Will There Be Death During the Millennium?**

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Isaiah 35:5–6 says, "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert."

Because of the universe's pristine conditions during the thousand-year reign of Christ, people will live for a long time. It appears that life spans will revert to those of the era before the Flood, when humans lived to be more than nine hundred years old. Isaiah 65:20 says, "No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days." Someone who is a hundred years old will be like a child.

Disease will be abolished. The crisis of death will be experienced only by those incorrigible individuals who rebel against the law of the kingdom. The ordinary hazards of physical life will be under the direct control of the One whose voice even the winds and waves obey.

### **Will There Be Sin During the Millennium?**

Some people find it surprising to think of rebellion during the Millennium, but here is how it will happen. Everybody who goes into the Millennium will be righteous—they all will be saved. But during that one-thousand-year period, there will be marriages. Children will be born and some of those children will rebel against the things of God. Just like today, each person born during the Millennial Age will make a personal decision for or against Christ.

We can be assured of this: Rebellion won't last long. The One who is in charge will know the intent of every heart, and there will be swift justice for every wrong. The Bible says our Lord will rule with a rod of iron. That means there won't be any long delays in justice—no postponements for trials, no postponements for sentences to be carried out. There will be immediate justice based upon the holy reign of King Jesus.

### **What Is the Purpose of the Book of Revelation?**

"Revelation is a book that is written on purpose."

This book is a purposeful book. It's written to tell us about two things: the return of the King and the reign of the King.

First, it says Jesus Christ is coming back. There is going to be a King on this earth one day who rules over every nation. Revelation 1:7 says, "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen."

Daniel's Old Testament prophecy foretold Christ's return. "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven!" (Daniel 7:13)

In His Olivet Discourse, Jesus spoke of His return in similar terms. He said, "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (Matthew 24:30).

John expanded upon Jesus' words. He said when Christ returns "every eye will see Him" (Revelation 1:7). It's going to happen. The King is coming back. And when He comes back, He is going to set up His kingdom and rule. " 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,' says the Lord, 'who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty' " (Revelation 1:8).

When Jesus returns with His saints, He will set up His kingdom on this earth, and for a thousand years there will be a rule of righteousness on planet earth. And the Bible says those who are His followers will reign with Him. We will rule with the Lord Jesus Christ on this earth.