**February 1, 2021**

 **Blessing to all and hoping all is well with you and your love ones. This month Bible Scripture Letter is “Who will occupy the Millennial Kingdom”. I had this article in my library for a number of years and it made me understand Gods plan that will lead us to Gods Kingdom, our final home with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This article was taken from “gotquestions.org”. In my opinion, a very reliable source in which I added a few comments and additions for clarification.**

 **In this letter, I added Bold Words you will see in Red Bold lettering and Black Bold Italic letterings that are in Parenthesis ( ). The legend below explains:**

**Red Bold words = Emphasis on statements/paragraphs contend**

**Black Bold Italic words in Parenthesis ( ) = My Added information to topic**

**I also added a brief Time Line so it will help you understand when these events will take place. When I was a new believer and began studying Gods word, I must admit, I was lost. I read or heard bible words of prophecies that would happen in the future but my mind couldn’t put these events together or better yet – in sequence. This diagram will be helping you.**

**So, let’s get started with “Who will occupy the Millennial Kingdom”**

Your Brother in Christ, Tony Gonzalez

**1 Peter 3:15**

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared to make a defense** to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

**"Who will occupy the Millennial Kingdom?"**

Bible Scripture Letter #10

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 Saints**,receiving glorified bodies **at the rapture** -

[**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Thessalonians%204.13-18)

* **13** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
* **14** For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
* **15** For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord,that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.
* **16** For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. **And the dead in Christ will rise first.**
* **17  Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up** together with them in the clouds **to meet the Lord in the air**, and so we will always be with the Lord.
* **18** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

[**1 Corinthians 15:21-23**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Corinthians%2015.21-23)

* **21** For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the **resurrection of the dead**.
* **22** For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
* **23** But each in his own order: **Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.**

**1 Corinthians 15:**[**51-53**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Corinthians%2015.51-53)

* **51** Behold! I tell you a mystery.  We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
* **52** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, **and we shall be changed**.
* **53** For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

**and those who are resurrected after Christ returns to Earth** **–**

[**Revelation 20:4-6**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Revelation%2020.4-6).

* **4** Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also, I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded ***(in the last 3 ½ yrs of the Great Tribulation)*** for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and **those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**
* **5** The **rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended**. This is the first resurrection. ***(to be judge at the “Great White Throne Judgment)***
* **6** Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

Those who have earthly bodies can be subdivided into two groups: believing **Gentiles** and believing **Jews** -Israel. ***(earthly bodies are those who have lived through the Tribulation and go into the Millennial Kingdom).***

*(Future Events: Tribulation, Great Tribulation, Millennial Kingdom and the Kingdom of God)*

**Tribulation-7 Years**

3 ½ yrs

3 ½ yrs yrs

**Kingdom**

**Of God**

**Millennial**

**Kingdom**

“Great Tribulation”

“The Warth of God”

“Second Coming”

In [**Revelation 19:11-16**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Revelation%2019.11-16), we find the return of Jesus Christ to Earth, known as **His second coming**.

* **11** Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.
* **12**His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head, are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.
* **13** He is clothed in a robe dipped inblood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.
* **14** And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, we’re following him on white horses. ***(Saints)***
* **15** From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread **the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God** the Almighty. ***(Wine Press and “Wrath of God” in the time of the Great Tribulation)***
* **16** On his robe and on his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

The Rapture is an appearing of Christ in the air, **not His second coming**

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I mention this to make a distinction between the rapture and the second coming of Christ. There is no mention in[**Revelation 19-20**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Revelation%2019-20) 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**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Revelation%2019)**.** But no such reference is to be found. The only event that results in **believers receiving glorified bodies is found i**n [**Revelation 20:4-6**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Revelation%2020.4-6)**.**

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where those who **became believers** during the **Great 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.

**Daniel 12:2**

* ***2***  And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth **shall awake**, **some to everlasting life**, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ***(Daniel referring to “Old Testaments Saints”. Only place in scripture where it mentions O.T Saints resurrected)***

**Matthew 25:31-34** is another passage that should be considered.

* **31**“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.
* **32** Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate **people** one from another as a shepherd **separates the sheep from the goats. *(Matthew*** ***referring to people who have lived through the Tribulation period)***
* **33** And he will place **the sheep on his right**, but the goats on the left.
* **34** Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘**Come,**you who are blessed by my Father, **inherit the kingdom**prepared for you from the foundation of

the world.

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**

* **46** And these will go away into **eternal punishment,**but the righteous into **eternal**

**life.”**

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, Israel ***(referring to Jews)*** will trust in Him**.**

**Zechariah 12 : 10**

* **10**“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

They ***(Jews)***, 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**

* **30** For in the resurrection they **neither marry nor are given in marriage**, but are like angels in heaven.

**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**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Genesis%2015.2-6)

* **2** But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”
* **3** And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.”
* **4** And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; **your very own son shall be your heir.” *(Faith)***
* **5** And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, **“So shall your offspring be.” *(Faith)***
* **6** And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

**Romans 3:20**

* **20**For by **works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight**, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

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. ***(It is my opinion that Children Born during the Millennial Kingdom who will be deceive by Satan are from parents who came into the Millennial Kingdom without Glorified Bodies. With that said, the children, Jew or Gentile, will not have glorified bodies and led astray).***

[**Revelation 20:7-10**](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Revelation%2020.7-10)**.**

* **7** And when the thousand years are ended, **Satan will be released**from his prison
* **8** and will come out to **deceive the nations** that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.
* **9** And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them,
* **10** and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.