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Greetings to all and have a wonderful “Fourth of July” weekend with your love one’s.

The topic for this month **Bible Scripture Letter** will be “What is the purpose of the Thousand-Year reign of Christ?” (AKA the “Millennial Kingdom” or the “Millennium”). Most of you have heard of this time period but did you ever think “Why” there will be one? This occurred to me some years ago and decided to look for an answer. Thanks God for the Internet. It made things easier for me to get an answer and the source you’ll find it at the end of this document.

As you read the document, you’ll will see Red Italic texts in parenthesis. This indicates it’s my input for clarity to the subject and not on the original document. Also, I added the bible scripture where the document make references to scripture and is identified by a dot. On the last page of this document, I wrote an additional view “Why” the “Millennial Kingdom”. I did not get this answer from the internet but just reading Gods word that lead me to this conclusion. I applicate your feedback on this view. And I understand my conclusion needs more detail information but that would be another future **BLS.**

Next month **Bible Scripture Letter** will be on:

* “Will there be animals sacrifices during the Millennial Kingdom?”

So, let’s get started.

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**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,

**“What is the purpose of the thousand-year reign of Christ?”**

The Millennium (also known as the Millennial Kingdom) is the 1,000-year reign of Jesus after the Tribulation and before all the people of the world are sent to either heaven or hell *(not to be confused with the Lake of Fire)***.**Jesus will reign as king over Israel as well as all the nations of the world - **Isaiah 2:4; 42:1**.

**Isaiah 2:4**

* **4** He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples;

and they shall 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.

**Isaiah 42:1**

* Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

The world will live in peace - **Isaiah 11:6-9; 32:18**,

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* **6** The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,

and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

* **7** The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together;

and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

* **8** The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder’s den.
* **9** They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

**Isaiah 32:18**

* **18** My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

Satan will be bound - **Revelation 20:1-3**

* **1** Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain.
* **2** And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,
* **3** and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

and, at the beginning, everyone will worship God - **Isaiah 2:2-3**

* **2**  It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

* **3** and many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob,

that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

The purpose of the 1,000-year reign is to fulfill promises God made to the world that cannot be fulfilled while Satan is free and humans have political authority. Some of these promises, called covenants, were given specifically to Israel. Others were given to Jesus, the nations of the world, and creation. All of these will be fulfilled during Jesus’ 1,000-year reign.

The Palestinian Covenant, also called the Land Covenant (Deuteronomy 30:1-10)
God has already fulfilled the personal aspects of the Abrahamic Covenant; Abraham did go to the Promised Land, he did have many descendants, and he is the forefather of many nations. Several hundred years after Abraham, Joshua led the Israelites to claim ownership of the Promised Land. But Israel has never possessed the specific boundaries that God promised in **Genesis 15:18-20**

and **Numbers 34:1-12.**

**Genesis 15:18-20**

* **18** On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, *(notes the size of the Covenant. Israel will be very large land size during the Millennium)*
* **19**the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites,
* **20** the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,

**Numbers 34:1-12**

* **1** The Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
* **2**“Command the people of Israel, and say to them, When you enter the land of Canaan  (this is the land that shall fall to you for an inheritance, the land of Canaan as defined by its borders),
* **3** your south side shall be from the wilderness of Zin alongside Edom, and your southern border shall run from the end of the Salt Sea on the east.
* **4** And your border shall turn south of the ascent of Akrabbim, and cross to Zin, and its limit shall be south of Kadesh-barnea. Then it shall go on to Hazar-addar, and pass along to Azmon.
* **5** And the border shall turn from Azmon to the Brook of Egypt, and its limit shall be at the sea.
* **6** “For the western border, you shall have the Great Sea and its coast. This shall be your western border.
* **7** “This shall be your northern border: from the Great Sea you shall draw a line to Mount Hor.
* **8** From Mount Hor you shall draw a line to Lebo-hamath, and the limit of the border shall be at Zedad.
* **9** Then the border shall extend to Ziphron, and its limit shall be at Hazar-enan. This shall be your northern border.
* **10** “You shall draw a line for your eastern border from Hazar-enan to Shepham.
* **11** And the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah on the east side of Ain. And the border shall go down and reach to the shoulder of the Sea of Chinnereth on the east.
* **12** And the border shall go down to the Jordan, and its limit shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land as defined by its borders all around.”

Not even Solomon ruled over this particular area - **1 Kings 4:21,:24**.

* **21** Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the Euphrates to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt.  They brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.
* **24** For he had dominion over all the region west of the Euphrates from Tiphsah to Gaza, over all the kings west of the Euphrates. And he had peace on all sides around him.

Although he *(Solomon)* did reign from the River of Egypt to the Euphrates, he did not hold the area from Mount Hor to Hazarenan into present-day Lebanon and Syria. In addition, the covenant God made with Abraham was that he and his descendants would have the land forever - **Genesis 13:15; Genesis 17:8; Ezekiek 16:60**. The current Israeli state may be a step in this direction, but they still do not possess the boundaries God laid out.

**Genesis 13:15**

* **15** for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever.

**Genesis 17:8**

* **8** And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojourning’s, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”

**Ezekiek 16:60**

* **60** yet I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish for you an everlasting covenant.

**The Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7)**
 God’s covenant with David was that his line would never die out and that David’s heir would sit on the throne of Israel forever - **2 Samuel 7:16**.

* **16** And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.

Biblical scholars agree that Jesus is the fulfillment of this covenant—one of the reasons His genealogy is given for both His adoptive father **- Matthew 1:1-17** and His mother **-Luke 3:23-38**. The Jews understood this when they laid down palm branches and their cloaks as Jesus rode into Jerusalem **- Matthew 21:1-17**. They expected Him to be a military/political leader that would liberate them from the Romans and make Israel a great nation again. But they didn’t understand the nature of Jesus’ work at the time was for the New Covenant, not the Davidic Covenant. The 1,000-year reign will be the beginning of Jesus’ reign over Israel and the earth **Revelation 20:4, 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 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. *(These souls are those that went into the Millennium)*
* **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.

**The New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34)**
 The work of the New Covenant—Jesus’ death and resurrection to reconcile hearts to God—has been accomplished. But we have not yet seen the complete fulfillment. **Jeremiah 31:33** says, *“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people*.”  **Ezekiek 36:28** gives more specifics: *“You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”*

**Isaiah 59:20-21** explains that this covenant is possible because of the Redeemer, and the reconciliation He provides will last forever. This covenant does not mean that every Jew will be saved. But it does mean that Israel as a nation will worship their Messiah. The Old Testament prophets who spoke of this covenant, including Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, and Ezekiel, all wrote that it will be fulfilled in the future. From their time on, Israel has yet to be an independent nation that worshiped its Messiah **Romans 9-11.** They will be in the 1,000-year reign of Christ.

**Other Promises**
 Those are the covenants God made with Israel that are to be fulfilled in Jesus’ 1,000-year reign, but the Bible lists other promises that will be fulfilled, too. God promised Jesus He will make His enemies a footstool, and that Jesus’ followers will worship Him freely **-** **Psalm 110** .

God promised the nations of the world that they would live in peace with Jesus as their ruler **-** **Daniel 7:11-14**.

* **11**“I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire *(Lake of Fire)*.
* **12**As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

**The Son of Man Is Given Dominion**

* **13** “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven

there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days

and was presented before him.

* **14** And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,

that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;

his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away,

and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

And He promised creation that the curse would be lifted **- Romans 8:18-23**,

* **18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
* **19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.
* **20** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope
* **21** that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
* **22**For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.
* **23**And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

animals and the earth would be restored to peace and prosperity **- Isaiah 11:6-9; 32:13-15**,

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and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

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**Isaiah 32:13-15**

* **13** for the soil of my people growing up in thorns and briers,

yes, for all the joyous houses in the exultant city.

* **14** For the palace is forsaken, the populous city deserted;

the hill and the watchtower will become dens forever, a joy of wild donkeys,

a pasture of flocks;

* **15** until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.

and people would be freed from disease **-** **Ezekiel 34:16**.

* **16** I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

These, too, will be fulfilled during the 1,000-year reign.

The main purpose of Jesus’ 1,000-year reign is to fulfill the prophecies given to Israel and the promises made to Jesus, the nations, and the whole earth. God’s covenants were voluntary and one-sided. He promised He would bless Israel and restore the world in specific ways, and He will.

***Source***[www.gotquestions.org/thousand-year-reign-Christ.html](http://www.gotquestions.org/thousand-year-reign-Christ.html)

My thought to “Why” the “Millennial Kingdom”. There will be people who did not take the sign of the Antichrist during the Tribulation period therefore made it alive into the “Millennial Kingdom” in their moral bodies. At this time, I like to point out these people do not have glorified bodies like those that are coming with Christ at His Second Coming and they too will come into the “Millennial Kingdom”.

Prior to the “Millennial Kingdom”, Satan will be bound in chains into the bottomless pit for thousand years (**Rev 20:1-3**) till the very end of the “Millennial Kingdom” then he will be let loose to deceive the nations and gather them for battle against the saints but fire came down from heaven and consumed them (**Rev. 20:7-9**).

**Two Questions:**

(1) Who are these nations/people that Satan going to deceive and later be consumed by fire?

- These people are those with moral bodies who came into the “Millennial Kingdom” from the Tribulation and those who were born during this time. Yes, there will be babies. Remember, these people have moral bodies.

(2) Why then the “Millennial Kingdom”?

- My reasoning is to separate the last believers and non-believers who came with moral bodies into the “Millennial Kingdom”. The non-believers will receive their fate when they side with Satan hence, only Christians will enter the “New Heaven and New Earth” (**Rev. 21:1-7**) where we will spend eternity in the present of God where NO sin can be present. Christians people who die during the “Millennial Kingdom” will resurrect prior entering the “New Heaven and New Earth”.