**LIFE DURING THE MILLENNIAL**

**THE COMING KINGDOM #5**

Today we will be examining some aspects of what life may be like during the MR. We have already seen that the Church and OT saints will return with Christ at His 2nd Coming. We have also seen that people who trusted Christ during the Tribulation and survive up to the 2nd Coming will go alive into the MR. It is from here that we will examine life during the MR. We begin with:

1. **The Lord creates a New Earth – Isa. 65:17 -.** One wonderful aspect of this New Earth is that any remembrance of the former earth will not be remembered. Everything negative that defined this current earth will be wiped from our memories. Praise the Lord that we won’t have the unpleasant memories of this life with us in the next. All that we will know will be the bliss and joy of a world where Christ will rule - vs. 18 -. Life during the MR will be abundantly joyful. Christ will rule and righteousness will be exalted. Both are a far cry from where we are in this present world.
2. **Children will be born – vs. 20 -.** The Scriptures teach that the Redeemed who possess glorified bodies will not procreate; Jesus taught that in Matt. 22:30. Here we see the inclusion of “infants” into the text. It is believed that those who go alive into the MR will still have the capacity to produce children. These children will only know the reign and righteousness of Christ; there will be no devil to deceive. There will however still be sin and death – vs. 20 -. During the MR, life will be extended. The infant will not die in infancy. As a matter of fact, 100 years old will be considered as young as a baby. Even the “sinner” who is still under the curse of death will live at least to the age of 100. We are also told in this verse that the “old man” will “fill his days”. In other-words, the older people will attain to patriarchal age (Methuselah for example). This of course only applies to those with mortal bodies; we will be exempt from any age limitations. During the MR, Jesus will execute judgment over the world; this implies the existence of sin – **Jer. 23:5 -.**
3. **All will enjoy the work of their hands – vs. 21-22 -.** Here we find that the curse for disobedience as spelled out in Deut. 28 will be lifted – **Deut. 28:30** -. All that a person works and builds will be his to enjoy. The “days of a tree” refers to the life of some of the longest living trees. In our day, in places like Brazil and California, we know of trees that live well past 1000 years.

During the MR, people will live very long and get to enjoy the work of their hands the whole time – **vs. 22** - **“mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands”.**

1. **Parents will not bury children – vs. 23 -.** The phrase “nor bring forth for trouble” means bringing forth children for trouble. This verse teaches us that no child will die prematurely; not by disease or accident or malicious act. We are told in this verse that their “seed shall be blessed” and be “with them”. In this life, far too many a parent has been and is familiar with the premature loss of a child; that will not be the case during the MR. People will enjoy their houses, lands, vineyards and children for the entirety of the MR.
2. **Prayers will be answered before they are asked – vs. 24 -.** Imagine having a prayer answered before or during the time you are asking it. It is believed that for most people their prayers will already be in line with the will of God and therefore can be answered immediately. In our day, we do not enjoy this benefit. While God answers all prayers in some manner, the end result of the desire of that prayer may not be fulfilled for many years, if at all. During the MR, prayers will be answered immediately.
3. **There** **will be peace in the animal kingdom** – **vs. 25 -.** From this verse, we see that there will be peace among all animals. We see this repeated and elaborated on in Isa. **11:6-9 -.** Here we find that this peace extends to humans as well. We see that toddlers and babies can play peacefully at the “hole of the asp” or cobra. Older children will be able to play with snakes “cockatrice”. Imagine the pets that kids could bring home! Going to need more than a litter box for a pet lion. Every animal will be peaceful and can be enjoyed by child and adult alike. Don’t get frustrated by this life; there’s a far better world coming!