

Section Three: Kingdom of God on Earth (Future)

Category C: Millennium – Kingdom Intelligence Report #2

Topic: Conditions

The conditions of our current world, which will be changed for the better in the millennial reign of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, will be many and awesome. But there is one that will stand out, over and above the rest, in stark contrast to the circumstances of life on earth as we presently know them. It will be the presence of **PEACE!** This is not to diminish the many other positive changes that will characterize the Millennium. But there is also little doubt that all the other benefits will be the by-product of restoring our world into an environment of peace, unlike anything we have ever known. There is a reason why the prophet Isaiah refers to Adam 2.0 as the “Prince of Peace,” in Isaiah 9:6. That reason is provided in Isaiah 9:7 –

“There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.”

On the other hand, it is necessary to integrate within the millennial plan of peace, the concept of the **“rod of iron”** which our Lord will be wielding during His reign (Revelation 12:5; 19:15). This is a description of the manner in which Jesus will rule, as mentioned above in Isaiah 9:7 and confirmed in Jeremiah 23:5-6. He will rule, not as a ruthless autocrat, but with an absolutely incorruptible **“justice and righteousness,”** which in turn, will produce the conditions for peace. With that in mind, we can best understand the priority for establishing peace, by revisiting the aftermath of the first Adam’s failure, as described in Genesis 6:11-13 –

“Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. Then God said to Noah, ‘The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.’”

In direct opposition to the world He created and describes as “very good,” in Genesis 1:31; God now depicts the created order as “corrupt.” It is the Hebrew word **“shachath”** and means “to go to ruin.” However, as it is used in the Old Testament, the primary rendering is “to destroy” or “destruction.” Ironically, God uses the very same word in telling Noah that He was about to “destroy” (6:13) those who had “corrupted” (6:11-12) the earth. How does this relate to the importance of millennial peace in the restoration of Plan A? This corruption manifested itself in violence. The expression which God uses to describe this ruinous condition is, **“the earth was filled with violence.”** It was that violence which made God regret “that He had made man on the earth,” (Genesis 6:6). Surely there were other sinful behaviors on display at this time, such as immorality and greed. But what stood out as the primary affront to God was “violence.” So, priority one, in the restoration of Plan A, will require an end to human violence, replacing it with a comprehensive peace, which only Adam 2.0 -- the Prince of Peace, can and will bring into being.

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