

Section Three: The Kingdom of God on Earth (Future)

Category C: Millennium – Kingdom Intelligence Report #5

Topic: Completion

Existence in the Millennial reign of Christ will truly be wonderful. However, the restoration of Plan A will not be complete until sin is dealt with, once and for all and forever. Every indication points toward the sin nature existing in the citizenry populating the Kingdom (Matthew 25:31-46). Life will be longer but people will die (Isaiah 65:20). As much as Satan's confinement will contribute to a more positive spiritual and social environment, his release, as described in Revelation 20:7-10, will validate the obvious. Sin will exist within the people of the Kingdom, with the devil having been the chief instigator of violence in our world throughout human history. Promptly upon his release from imprisonment, he successfully deceives a significant portion of the Millennial population, in order to foment a rebellion, for the purpose of waging a war; revealing the devil's propensity toward violence and war. So, if Satan is a "hawk," and the Holy Spirit is a "dove," then which end of the spectrum should Christians be trending toward?

However, God's tolerance for the devil and his evil ways finally reaches its own point of termination. The rebellion is quashed. The participants in this insurrection are devoured and Satan is cast into the lake of fire. In the chronology of the book of Revelation, this is followed by the most fearsome event in all of Scripture: The Great White Throne Judgement of God (Revelation 20:11-15). Every human being who did not personally experience God's plan of salvation, will encounter this time of judgment. Instead of receiving the blessing of forgiveness for their sins, they will now undergo the judgment of their sin, by means of an eternal punishment and imprisonment in the lake of fire. As much as the justice of God will be satisfied by this eternal punishment of sin, it will serve an additional purpose; in isolating all the evil of the created order within that unique and terrifying place (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9; Revelation 21:8). In this progressive sequence of events, the stage is now set for the long-awaited restoration of Plan A, in its entirety. The Apostle Peter first predicted it in 2 Peter 3:13 –

“But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.”

But now, it is the Apostle John's privilege to be given a vision of the completion of God's redemptive plan for our tragic human history: the restoration of Plan A, in its totality, which he describes for all of us in Revelation 21:1-4 –

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.’”

There will be a bonus post in our various platforms on Saturday, May 21.

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