

## Thy Kingdom Came

### I. Slide1a,b Intro: Thy Kingdom Came

A. **Millennium** (Lt. mille/1000, annum/yr), the golden age. *A utopian age of, good government, great happiness, & prosperity.* Dictionary

B. Slide2,3 3 main views:

1. **Pre-Millennialist** - Takes the **literal interpretation**. Jesus returns & ushers in the 1000 yr. Reign.
2. **Post-Millennialist** - Believes **the church** will bring in this period during this present time, **between** the 1st & 2nd coming of Christ.
3. **A-Millennialist** - (A = no) [No Mill./no lit. kingdom] Jesus returns, but not in conjunction w/a set 1000 yr. Time period. (They see this **chaining** of Satan here is just a **symbol** of Christ's victory over Satan)
  - a) Roman Catholic View, Reformer view.

C. **1st problem** is about **Satan being bound**: The other views bel. Satan was already bound when he was defeated by Jesus on the cross, & continues to be bound thru the history of the church.

1. **Paul** didn't think he was bound: *Therefore we wanted to come to you; even I, Paul, time and again; but Satan hindered us.* 1 Thes. 2:18
2. **Peter** didn't think he was bound: *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.* 1Pt.5:8

D. **2nd Problem** is without a **literal** 1000 yr. Period: They will agree the angel is literal, heaven is literal, the pit is literal, the nations are literal, the Res's are literal...**but not the 1000yrs.???**

1. Slide4 Literal 1000 years - χίλιοι (khi-lee-oy) **an exact #** [all 6 x's here in 1st 7 vss]
  - a) Other Greek word **myriad** = myriad, or *many thousands*. [Rev.5:11 *10,000 x 10,000 or myriads of myriads*]
2. **John** doesn't give us much detail about the conditions of the **millennium** itself. **Isaiah** does though.

E. **Slide5 The millennium begins with:** people w/earthly bodies entering it (all saved to begin with). Soon babies are born, & in a 1000yrs. **Many children will be born, grow up, & live unusually long lives (plenty/food, no war, no disease, healing of handicaped Is. 29:17-21).** All of them will be obliged to give *outward-alligence to Christ*. Christ does not force *inward-allegiance*. **At the end** of the millennium, some will seize the opportunity to rebel. [Satan will lead them in *the last revolt...* which reminds me of what they'd say at the end, the cliff-hanger on *the 1960's Batman TV series...is this the last horaaa?*]

F. **But why this 1000 year reign?**

1. An answer to 2000 yrs of prayers of Christians for ***His kingdom to come***.
2. As a fulfillment of prophecy given to Israel (*i.e. they will beat their swords into plowshares, & nation will not take up sword against nation*)
3. The demonstration of **how man should live on earth** (the last Adam will overcome the 1st Adam's failure)
4. It is the period for **rewards** for God's servants, especially the **martyrs**.
5. It is a further revelation of the **glories** of the Messiah.
6. It reveals the deep-seated problem in the **human heart**. (*i.e. mans problem isn't primarily with Satan, or a sinful environment, but his own heart*)

## II. **Slide6 SATAN RESTRAINED (1-3)**

A. **Read *A Mighty Fortress*** 3rd Stanza. (101 hymn stories)

B. **One angel** is all it took (**not** Jesus, **not** even an arch-angel was needed)

C. **Antichrist & false prophet** are gone. Satan bound, life should be sweet.

1. But even in the best environments **choices** still need to be made. (**the garden**)
2. The forbidden fruit was in Eden not to **tempt** Adam & Eve, **but** to give them a **choice** of whether or not to follow God.

## III. **Slide7a CHRIST REIGNS (4-6)**

A. **Slide7b Explain the *brackets*** in vs.5 to understand this.

- B. Slide8a Explain the **2 resurrections** in vs.6. Dan.12:2, *And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.*
1. Slide8b Describe Timeline...
  2. Slide8c Res #1 - **AKA** res to life, 1st res, a better res, res of the saved.
    - a) 4 stages: **Jesus** (@ his res). **Church saints** (@ same time as rapture of living saints), **Tribulation saints/both Jew-Gentile** (@ 2nd coming), **OT saints** (also @ 2nd coming)
  3. Res #2 - **AKA** res to judgment, 2nd res, res to damnation, res of the unsaved.
    - a) 1 stage: **all unbelievers that ever lived** (@ end of 1000 yrs).

#### IV. Slide9 **SATAN REVOLTS (7-9)**

- A. (7) See vs.3, *he must be released for a little time.*
1. People continue with regular life during the millennium. They marry & have babies. Thus, Children are born into the millennium...**but** not all submit to Christ. *Satan will lead his final charge against the city of God.*
- B. Not a shot is fired. Not a Saint harmed.
1. This is *a fireball from heaven*...& God doesn't miss!
  2. Here, Satan is **unbound** to allow them a choice of whether or not to go along with what they had been told.
- C. As soon as Satan is loosed, it's right back to business for him. He has no trouble finding a following. He deceives & collects recruits from *the 4 corners of the earth* to oppose God's people.

#### V. Slide10a **SATAN RUIN (10)**

- A. Release & capture – I went on a Pheasant hunt once. 3 of us. Released 24 from cages, flew into a couple fields. We walked the fields with dogs until they were stirred up. We had 3 pointers: *Kasey & Roadey & Mud.*
1. The dogs would *honor* the dog that 1st spotted. They'd freeze. Tail wagging, having so much fun & then tail just **stop**.

2. I had another friend that was so desperate for a pheasant...he came upon the dog found. It wouldn't fly...had to kick it, then blasted it.
    - a) That's what I picture when *Satan is released* only to be dealt with. (kick him/blast him)
- B. (9,10) **Satan's henchmen** are consumed by the **fires of heaven**, while **Satan himself** is consumed by the **fires of hell**.
1. Our legends about Satan as *lord of the underworld* are not the least biblical.
  2. He's not shown as **ruler** of hell...just another **tormented inmate**.
- C. If God would & could do something about Evil...why hasn't He???
1. **Slide10b Argument:** If God is all-good, He **would** destroy evil. If God is all-powerful, He could destroy evil. **But** evil is not destroyed. **Hence**, there is no such God.
  2. **Slide10c Rebuttal:** If God is all-good, He **will** defeat evil. If God is all-powerful, **He can** defeat evil. **But** evil is **not yet** defeated. **Therefore**, God **can & will** one day defeat evil. [This is that day!]
- D. Since Lucifer's rebellion, God had permitted him to work on this earth, **but** he has always kept him as **a dog on a chain**.
- E. (10) **Satan's ultimate downfall is fulfilled in stages:** Ever since his original defiance of God & onward, his *retirement plan* was fixed.
1. **The prophecy** – crush his head.
  2. **The promise** – Jn.12:31-33 *Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself. This He said, signifying by what death He would die.* [**Now** meaning, because of the cross]
  3. **The Sentence** – the eternal fire was prepared for *the devil & his angels*. It would only be a matter of time.
  4. **The Decline** – **1st** kicked out of **abiding in heaven** (originally/Pride). **2nd** kicked out of even **visiting heaven** (12:9, mid-trib). **Then**, cast into the **pit** (20:2). **Now**, *The Devil gets fired literally*, thrown into the **Lake of Fire** (20:10).

- F. Who else shares in his fate? - *Then he will say to those on his left, Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.* Mt25:41

## VI. Slide11 **WHITE THRONE** (11-15)

- A. Different from the Bema Seat (explain, reward seat). [An evaluation of their stewardship].
- B. Different from the judgment of the Nations (Mt.25:31-26).
- C. This *white throne* judgment involves **ONLY** the lost, & follows the 2nd resurrection (all unbelievers ever) *aka the resurrection to condemnation.*
1. They were judged according to their **works**: **Not** to get *into* heaven **but** to determine the degree of their punishment.
  2. Their judgment was **meted out by God**...*not Satan.*
  3. This judgment is based on **the books** – *i.e.* it is objective.
    - a) Everything man has done is recorded [all of the secrets of the mind & heart are known]
    - b) **A Permanent record** – read Job 19:23.
- D. (13) **The sea, death & Hades** – It doesn't matter when or where a person died.
1. The bible is clearly against any teaching on *reincarnation or annihilation.*
- E. **Hades** – OT used *Sheol*, NT uses *Hades* for the **holding-cell** for souls awaiting judgment.
1. It is a place of conscious punishment, **but** not the eternal destination of those souls.
  2. When translated **Hell** in our english translations it is speaking of **Gehenna, the Lake of Fire.** Usually associated with fire, like *hell fire.*
  3. Separate from God's presence, **but** never from His wrath. (*some say no the worse part is you're not separated from Him*)
- F. **Hell is:** A witness to the *righteous character of God.* *He must judge sin.*  
**Hell is:** A witness to *man's responsibility.*  
**Hell is:** Also a witness to the *awfulness of sin.*
1. *If we once saw sin as God sees it, we would understand why a place such as Hell exists.* [God will not lower His standards, **or** altar His requirements]
- G. Because of **sin**, we incur **guilt**. Guilt is the liability (debt) to be punished.

1. Slide12a So our sin brings about **guilt** (culpability, fault); which results in **punishment** (sentence) & ultimately **condemnation**.
  2. Slide12b The Christian will **not** be **condemned** because Jesus bore the **guilt**, the **sin**, the **punishment** on the cross. Shepherd's Notes, pg.88
  3. We are exempt because...Jesus was *judged in our place* & *has taken our hell*.
- H. Sinners who reject Christ will **face** Him, *For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son*. Jn.5:22
- I. Sinners who reject Christ will **hear** Him say, *I never knew you, Depart from me*.
1. This ought to move us to pray for the lost, be a witness to them, & share our faith with them.