

"Understanding the Millennial Reign of Christ" -- Part One

# God will Soon Turn the World Rightside Up

Based on Revelation 20 : 1 - 6

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All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. Pastor Joe's personal commentary is in brackets modifying the biblical text underlined with dots. The abbreviation "NIV84" stands for the NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION of the Holy Bible published in 1984. You can find this passage in your HCSB Pew Bible on page 1140.

## REVIEW

- His Prophecy will be fulfilled.
- His Kingdom will be established
- His Son will be vindicated.
- His Enemies will be destroyed.

## Why is our World Upside Down?

### A. Satan is currently allowed to have his way.

1 John 5:19, NIV84 - <sup>19</sup> We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

### B. Jesus is not yet exercising direct authority over the earth.

Hebrews 10:12–13, NIV84 - <sup>12</sup> But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>13</sup> Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool...

### C. Unrighteous people are in the majority and in authority.

Proverbs 29:2, NIV84 - <sup>2</sup> When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.

## Turning the World Rightside Up:

"When this happens, we will see three things"

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ will be removed.

Revelation 20:1–3, NIV84 - <sup>1</sup> And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. <sup>2</sup> He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil [Gk: διάβολος, diabolos, meaning "to slander according to a devious plan"], OR Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. <sup>3</sup> He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

- He is the "Dragon"—wanting to devour you.
- He is the "Ancient Serpent"—wanting to deceive you.
- He is the "Devil" (meaning slander)—wanting to defame you.
- He is the "Satan" (meaning adversary)—wanting to defeat you.

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ will Reign.

Revelation 20:4, NIV84 - <sup>4</sup> I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given [they did not earn it!] authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ will Rule.

Revelation 20:5–6, NIV84 - <sup>5</sup> (The rest of the dead [these are the unbelieving dead of all the ages] did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) [cf., v. 4] This is the first resurrection [of the saints]. <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death [of the "Lost"] has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.



The Millennial Kingdom is when God's people will reign with Christ on earth for a thousand years—an earth just as God intended it to be.



**Answers to "God will Soon Turn the World Right-side Up" Sermon**

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1. Satan
2. Saints
3. Christ