

**Palmetto Baptist Church – June 3, 2018**  
**Anticipating the Reign of King Jesus – Revelation 20:1-6**

## **Inside the Text:**

### **I. The Definition of the Kingdom of God.**

- A. The Lexical definition: A country, state, or territory ruled by a king or queen.
- B. The Biblical definition: (<https://www.gotquestions.org/kingdom-of-God.html>)
  - Broadly speaking, the kingdom of God is the rule of an eternal, sovereign God over all the universe. (Psalm 103:19; Daniel 4:3; Romans 13:1)
  - More narrowly, the kingdom of God is a spiritual rule over the hearts and lives of those who willingly submit to God's authority. (John 18:36; Matthew 4:17; John 3:5-7; I Corinthians 6:9)
  - The literal rule of Christ on the earth during the millennium. (Daniel 2:44; 7:13-14; Obadiah 1:21; Habakkuk 2:14; Micah 4:2; Zechariah 14:9)

### **II. The Description of the Millennial Kingdom.**

- A. The kingdom will be free from the domination of Satan's presence, deception, and power. (1-3)
  - 1. Satan will be bound for 1,000 into the pit. (9:1)
  - 2. Satan will be released for the great and final rebellion of all nations. (3b)
- B. The kingdom will be free from the bulk of sin's curse. (Isaiah 65:17-25)
  - 1. The reversal of the curse found in Genesis 3:13-19 (17-18)
    - a. For humans
      - (1. No more pain in child bearing (19-20) - Woman
      - (2. No more labor without reward (21-23) – Man
      - (3. No more separation between God and man (24)
    - b. For animals – No more division between the hunter and the hunted (25)
  - 2. The residue of the curse found in Genesis 3
    - a. Death will continue. (20)
    - b. The serpent remains on his belly, eating dust (25)
- C. The kingdom will last 1,000 years. (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)
  - 1. Normal (connection to the angels in Rev 19)
  - 2. Literal (1,000 years)
  - 3. Grammatical ("and...")
  - 4. Historical (fulfilling biblical prophecy)

- D. The kingdom will include the reign of King Jesus. (4 & 6; Psalm 2, 24, 72, & 96)
- E. The kingdom will include the reign of those given authority by King Jesus. (4-6)
  - 1. 4a...The 12 apostles (Matthew 19:28)
  - 2. 4a...The raptured saints (I Cor. 6)
  - 3. 4b...The martyred saints (Daniel 7:18 & 22)
  - 4. 4c...OT saints (Daniel 12:2; Jeremiah 30:9 & Ezekiel 37:24 [King David or a reference to Jesus]; Matthew 27:52-53)
  - 5. 5-6... All unbelievers of all time will not be resurrected until the end of the millennial kingdom and the Great White Throne Judgment (11-15)
- F. The subjects will include angels and all saints who survived the Tribulation period. (I Cor. 6:1-11)

## **Apply the Text:**

- **Embrace your present connection to the Kingdom of God.**
  - At salvation, you have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness and translated into the kingdom of His dear Son. (Col. 1:13-14)
  - Through salvation, you became an official citizen of the heavenly kingdom. (Phil. 3:20)
  - Because of salvation, your citizenship should be manifested by the way you interact with other believers. (Romans 14:17; Eph. 2:19; Rev. 1:9)
- **Prepare for your future participation in the Kingdom of God.**
  - Be mindful of the promise of His return. (Matt. 25:1-13)
  - Be faithful with the talents you have received. (Matt. 25:14-30)
  - Be careful to address sin in the church. (I Cor. 6:1-11)