

30 AMAZING BIBLE STORIES YOU MAY NOT KNOW

#29 The Coming Utopian Age | Dr. Randy White

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES DISPLAY A CONSISTENT LAST-DAYS PATTERN

- Return followed by Judgment followed by Utopia
- In every Old Testament passage, the return of the Jews to their homeland is shown as a last-days event.
- In every Old Testament passage, the “day of Jacob’s trouble” is a day of God’s wrath upon the sinful Jewish nation.
- In every Old Testament passage, that day of wrath is immediately followed by utopian days in which the Messiah reigns supremely in their midst.
- A few examples;
 - Amos 9:9-13
 - Jeremiah 30:4-11
- The Jewish people call the coming utopia the Messianic Age.

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MILLENNIUM

- The physical reign of Christ on earth is the most distinguishing fact of the Millennium.
 - Amos 9:11
 - Isaiah 16:5
 - Zechariah 2:10
- The Millennium will be a time in which Satan is not on the prowl.
 - Revelation 20:2-3
 - There will be no spiritual blindness or deception
 - It will be a day of walking by sight, not faith (because **faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen** -Heb 11:1).
- The Millennium will be a time in which there is no war.
 - Isaiah 2:4
 - The history of man outside the garden is the history of war, by necessity.
 - Every peace initiative has failed and will continue to fail.
- The millennium will be a time of economic prosperity, including a total lack of scarcity.

- Every economic theory today depends on the presence of scarcity: there is not enough for everyone.
- In the millennium, there is always plenty for everyone, in part because the curse on the earth (Genesis 3:17-19) will be removed.
- The removal of the curse will cause the earth to pour forth provisions.
 - Isaiah 35:1-2
 - Isaiah 30:23-24
 - Amos 9:13
- The millennium will be a time of perfect harmony in the created order, including the animal kingdom.
 - Beginning with Genesis 9:2, the animal kingdom had a fear and terror of mankind.
 - In the millennium, this age-old fear will be removed – Isaiah 11:6-9.
- The millennium will be the end of physical weakness.
 - Disease: Isaiah 33:24
 - Disability: Isaiah 29:18, 35:5-6
 - Early death: Isaiah 65:20

THERE IS NO BETTER WORD FOR THE MILLENNIUM THAN UTOPIA.

- Ezekiel 34:23-31
- What mankind has tried to do for 6,000 years, Jesus will do in a day!
- How will this take place?
 - Zechariah 4:6 – not by might
 - Isaiah 9:7 – the zeal of the Lord of hosts shall accomplish this
- Until that time, we pray, “thy Kingdom come!”

A THEOLOGICAL PROBLEM

- Modern theologians have made “the Christian life” or “the church” to be *the millennium*. In doing so, they were required to *spiritualize* very *literal* passages of Scripture.
- As soon as you begin to *spiritualize the literal*, then all foundations break down since our only “common ground” is the *meaning of words*.
- The church would be *revolutionized* if it would simply read the Bible literally, and thus look for a *future, physical, fraternal* Kingdom of God.