

Blessing #7 - Israel will have a Kingdom filled with literal physical blessings.

Everyone in Israel will enjoy health and a long life, with no sickness (Is. 33:24; 35:5-6). There will be no need of medical treatment, no need of surgeries or shots and no need of physical therapy. During the Millennium the “earth dweller,” one not in a glorified body, will experience natural things such as procreation, birth, maturation and development. The life span of people will be expanded like in the days of Adam to Noah before the flood (Is. 65:20-22).

A person will not experience death **unless** he turns against Jesus Christ and Christ slays him (Is. 11:4; 65:20; Jer. 31:27-30). We must realize that this will be a brand new kingdom on earth with a brand new system of government and God will have actually written and programmed His law into the hearts of His people (Jer. 31:31-34). To rebel against Jesus Christ during the Millennium is to sentence one’s self to instant execution.

Dr. Floyd Barackman does a good job of describing millennial blessings: “With the Edenic curse lifted, desolate areas will be reclaimed and inhabited (Isaiah 61:4), animals will be at peace with each other and man (Isaiah 11:6-8; Hosea 2:18; Ezekiel 34:25), the land will be more productive (Isaiah 32:13-15; 35:1-2; Ezekiel 34:29; 36:4-11, 29-30; Amos 9:13). There will be more rainfall and new water supplies in desert areas (Joel 2:23; Isaiah 35:6-7; 32:15). Natural light will also be increased (Isaiah 30:26; 60:19-20). The topography of Palestine (and possibly the whole earth) will be changed, with the Dead Sea being fed by a river flowing from Jerusalem and made to support life (Zechariah 14:10; Ezekiel 47:1,8-12; the “sea” of verse 8 is the Dead Sea and the “sea” of verse 10 is the Mediterranean)” (*Practical Christian Theology*, p. 464).

Blessing #8 - Israel will have a very unique and special worship.

In the Millennium, people will worship the Lord and the true God of the Bible everywhere (Malachi 1:11). There will be one and only one religion and it will be one focused on the worship of Jesus Christ.

There will be no idolatry anywhere. There will be no false religion anywhere. Formal worship will be held in Jerusalem, which is the place Jesus Christ will physically rein as King (Zechariah 6:12-13; 14:16-17; Jeremiah 15-18). In fact, the wealth of the nations will be brought to Jerusalem (Psalm 72:8-11; Jeremiah 3:17; 31:38; Isaiah 60:10-14). The Temple in Jerusalem will be rebuilt in all of its glory (Haggai 2:3, 6-9).

In the book of Ezekiel, specifically in chapters 40-48, there are specific details given concerning Millennial worship: 1) Worship will be in a specific Temple (Ez. 40-43); 2) Worship will be conducted in a specific format (Ez. 44-46); 3) Worship will be in a specific land (Ez. 47-48).

Israel will be known worldwide as the central place of the true worship of God. Apparently the worship services in Jerusalem will feature offerings and a feast which is similar to the way it was for Israel under the Mosaic system (Jeremiah 33:14-18; Ezekiel 43:18-27; 45:21; 46:4).

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It stands to reason that this type of worship would exist because this is the first time when Israel is actually functioning as the nation of God in conformity to the true, worshipful ways of God. These offerings and feasts will have a deep commemorative and symbolic significance. More than likely, they will call to remembrance every aspect of the Lord's sacrificial work, much like the Lord's Supper does in the church age.

Any sacrifice that will be offered in the Millennium is not designed to replace Christ's work, but to picture Christ's work and to remind all participants of Christ's work.

During this time there will be very serious Divine chastisement consequences for any who neglect worship (Zechariah 14:16-19).

Blessing #9 - Israel will be nationally happy in the Millennium.

Jewish people have never known a truly happy existence; but they will during this Kingdom. Everything for Israel will be joyous and happy at this time. We have been pointing out some of those things already.

(Happy National Blessing #1) - National Israel will be re-gathered from all over the world and brought to her own Promised Land. Is. 11:10-16; 27:13; 49:12; 22-23; Zech. 10:10; Zeph. 3:20

(Happy National Blessing #2) - National Israel will be honored by all nations of the world as God's special nation. Zech. 8:23; Jer. 3:17; Is. 25:8-9; 45:14-25; Micah 4:2

(Happy National Blessing #3) - National Israel will have a specific land inheritance for each Tribe as well as the Levites and the Priests. Ez. 47:13-48:29

The actual land boundaries are very close to those given in Moses day (Numbers 34:1-12).

This really gets at the heart of the one thousand year millennium, which is to fulfill all of the promises that God has made to National Israel.

These are the blessings Israel will experience during the Millennium.

QUESTION #9 – How will the Millennium end and what happens to Israel then?

The millennium will end with a final revolt of Satan (Rev. 20:7-10). At the end of the 1,000 year Kingdom reign over Israel, Satan will be released for a short time to gather any opposing force from all the ends of the earth. They will be led to Jerusalem to go against Jesus Christ and fire will destroy them all and Satan will be cast into the Eternal Lake of Fire.

QUESTION #10 – What will be the ultimate eternal outcome for Israel?

In the end, Israel will be the redeemed nation of God who will live in “the New Jerusalem” (Rev. 21:2, 9, 10). The adjective “new” is one that refers to something brand new that has never previously been in existence (G. Abbott-Smith, *Greek Lexicon*, pp. 225-226). Floyd Barackman writes: “Throughout human history God’s people have been anticipating this city, which will offer them a permanent, secure home (cp. Hebrews 11:10, 13-16; 13:14; Rev. 3:12; John 14:1-3)” (*Practical Christian Theology*, p. 468). By virtue of the title “New Jerusalem” we know this does have Israel in view and this city is given an amazing and precise description in Scripture:

- 1) It will be a city that is shaped like a cube—equal in height, length and width. Rev. 21:16
- 2) Each side of the cube will be approximately 1,500 miles long. Rev. 21:16
- 3) The city itself will be made of pure gold, like clear glass. Rev. 21:18
There is no known gold in existence at the present time that is like this.
- 4) The city itself will be surrounded by a wall 216 feet high. Rev. 21:17
- 5) The wall that surrounds the city will be made of jasper. Rev. 21:18
- 6) The wall rests upon twelve foundations which are colorfully arrayed with precious stones.
Rev. 21:14, 19, 20. Eight of the twelve stones were part of the breastplate of the high priest (Ez. 28:17-20; 39:10ff; Is. 54:11-12; Ez. 28:13).
- 7) The foundation stones of the wall contain the names of the twelve Apostles. Rev. 21:14
(Eph. 2:20 says the Apostles are the foundation of the grace age and church)
- 8) The wall contains twelve entrance gates—three on each side with a pearl gate.
Rev. 21:12, 13, 21
- 9) Each gate is attended by a visible angel. Rev. 21:12
- 10) Each gate contains the name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. Rev. 21:12
By virtue of the fact that there are the twelve Apostles and then the twelve tribes, it clearly shows there is a difference between the Church and Israel.
- 11) In the middle of the city is a wide street or square that is made of pure gold. Rev. 21:21
- 12) In the middle of the city the pure gold street is like transparent glass. Rev. 21:21
- 13) In the middle of the street of gold is a river that flows named the “water of life.” Rev. 22:1-2
- 14) The river is crystal clear. Rev. 22:1
- 15) The river flows from the Throne of God to the Tree of life that is on the river. Rev. 22:1-2
- 16) Because the tree is fed by the water of life, any who eat of the fruit of the tree will have Perpetual life and existence in this eternal place forever. Gen. 2:9; 3:22; Rev. 2:7
- 17) The New Jerusalem will have no Temple building. God the Father and Son will actually be there in Person so there will be no need of a Temple. Rev. 21:22
- 18) The New Jerusalem will have no external light system—either natural or artificial.
Rev. 21:23; 22:5
- 19) The New Jerusalem will feature the light and presence of God the Father and God the Son.
Rev. 21:22-23; 22:5
- 20) Nothing unholy or unclean will ever enter the New Jerusalem. Rev. 21:27a
- 21) Only those who have been redeemed will ever exist in this New Jerusalem. Rev. 21:27b
- 22) There will never be anything dark such as night or curse that will ever exist.
Rev. 21:25; 22:3