



# **THE FUTURE TODAY!**

**Prophecy Meetings**

## **The Millennium - Perfect Peace on Earth!**

**Revelation 20:1-4**

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**Sunday Afternoon Service**

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### Opening Comments

- Welcome to the **FUTURE TODAY** prophecy meeting
- Turn to **Revelation 20**
- With war raging in Ukraine with the Russians and the threat of war in Taiwan by the Chinese – Jesus’ words ring loudly in our ears

### **Matthew 24:6**

**And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.**

- We might wonder, ‘Will there ever be peace?’
- The simple answer is ‘no’, not until the Prince of Peace, Jesus comes to establish His kingdom on the earth
- The Second Coming is described for us in Revelation 19
- And then Revelation 20 begins telling us what must happen before there is peace

### • **Revelation 20:1-3**

- Satan has been free to deceive the world and take away peace since the Garden of Eden **1 Peter 5:8**

**Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.**

- The devil will be cast into the pit for 1,000 years – first time in human history without the evil influence of Satan
- After the devil is bound in the pit, the earth is free from all the external influences on wickedness, sin, and evil

### • **Revelation 20:4**

- The Old Testament has a lot to say about the earthly reign of Jesus Christ – this is first occurrence of the duration of that kingdom
- Jesus is going to rule for 1,000 years on this earth
- This takes place after the seven-year tribulation period which comes after the Rapture of the church
- There are two groups still on the earth at the end of the Tribulation who will go into the Millennial kingdom
- First, a remnant of the Jews including the 144,000 Jews from chapter 7 **Zechariah 12:10**

I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

- Right now, Israel has rejected her Messiah, and is mostly a godless, secular society, much like our own
- One of the purposes of the Tribulation is to prepare a remnant of the Jews to receive their Messiah **Isaiah 11:11**

It shall come to pass in that day *that* the LORD shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, from Assyria and Egypt, from Pathros and Cush, from Elam and Shinar, from Hamath and the islands of the sea.

- The second group are non-Jews who trusted in Jesus during the Tribulation who escaped the persecution of the Antichrist
- Turn in your Bible to **Isaiah 11**
- John tells us very little about the Millennium here in Revelation
- Isaiah gives us some fascinating details regarding this time
- **Isaiah 11:1-5**
- This is the glorified Christ Jesus in His Second Coming
- Then a description of the time that follows
- **Isaiah 11:6-9a**
- All of creation will be changed to live at peace with humans and each other
- **Isaiah 11:9b**
- Everyone will know God – at the beginning everyone are true believers
- Isaiah 66 teaches us that human lifespan will be as long as trees – some who are alive at the beginning of the 1,000-year reign of Christ will still be alive at the end of it – strong and healthy
- There cannot be peace on earth until the Prince of Peace comes again
- Until then, trust in Jesus - And if you start getting freaked out about what you see going on in the world, do as Paul suggests **Philippians 4:6-7**

**Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

- The world may not be at peace, but we can be when we put our trust in Christ
- Amen?!
- Pastor Randy will now share some of the things we need to know