

## Christ's Kingdom of 1,000 Years

- Jesus is coming back to set up His glorious Kingdom on the earth for 1,000 years (Is. 24:23; Matt. 19:28; Lk. 19:11-12, 15; Rev. 11:15; 20:4-6). After this 1,000 years, Christ will deliver the Kingdom to God the Father for its eternal phase in the new earth and heavens (1 Cor. 15:24-26; Rev. 21:1-2).
- The Old Testament prophets wrote much of this time of the Messiah's rule. It is called "the age to come" (Mk. 10:30; Lk. 18:30; Heb. 6:5). This Kingdom is a blessing for the obedient (Dan. 12:2-3; Matt. 19:16, 27-29; Mk. 10:17, 29-30; Lk. 10:25, 28; 18:18, 28-30).
- Blessings of this Kingdom: The lifting of the curse (Is. 11:6-9; Rom. 8:21). Satan will be bound (Rev. 20:1-3). Health (Is. 33:24; 35:5-6). Peace (Is. 2:4). Righteousness and justice (Is. 11:4; 32:1). Joy (Is. 14:7; 51:11). Truth will prevail (Jer. 33:6; Zech. 8:3). Material prosperity (Jer. 31:12). Holiness (Is. 11:9). Fullness of the Holy Spirit (Is. 44:3).
- Certain verses refer to this time of Christ's rule as "the kingdom": Matt. 5:20; 7:21; 16:28; 19:23-24; 22:2; Lk. 9:62; 13:28-30; 18:24-25, 29; 19:12,15; 22:29,30; Acts 14:22; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 15:50; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5; 1 Thess. 2:12; 2 Thess. 1:5; 2 Tim. 4:1,18; Jas. 2:5; 2 Pet. 1:10-11; Rev. 12:10.
- Victorious Christians will reign with Christ in this 1,000 year Kingdom (Matt. 19:28; Lk. 19:11-19; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21; 20:4-6). Various crowns are awarded for faithfulness (1 Cor. 9:24-27; 1 Thess. 2:19; 2 Tim. 4:8; Jas. 1:12 and Rev. 2:10; 1 Pet. 5:2-4). A great Kingdom blessing will be a magnified experience of God's eternal life (Lk. 18:30; Jn. 17:3; Rev. 2:7, 17). Christians who are not victorious will be excluded from this Kingdom (Matt. 7:21-23; 10:33; 22:13; 25:30; 1 Cor. 6:8-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:3-5).
- The reward of the Kingdom prize is the goal of the Christian race (1 Cor. 9:24-27; Heb. 10:35-36; 11:24-26). We are preparing now to be ready to rule in this Kingdom.