

IDENTIFYING THE PEOPLE OF THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Scripture: Revelation 20:4-9

- A. This Scripture speaks of two kinds of people, those ruling and reigning with Jesus and those being ruled over.
- B. The people who are ruling with Jesus Christ are identified as those who have part in the first resurrection. These are saved people dwelling in their new spiritual bodies, bodies just like the body of the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.
- C. The people being ruled over are not so clearly identified; but we are told some things about them.
 - 1. Verse 8 identifies them as nations or people scattered across the four quarters of the earth as numerous as the sands of the sea.
 - 2. These are people brought into the Millennial Kingdom in their flesh and bodies.
 - 3. Isaiah prophesied of these as marrying and giving in marriage; as bearing children; as carrying on life much as we do today. Isaiah 65:17-25
 - 4. Zechariah chapter 14 reveals that the people living at this time shall have the freedom to choose to follow the will of God or to rebel.
 - 5. Verse 8 also reveals that many shall follow Satan in his final rebellion against God.
 - 6. Verse 9 reveals that there are saints of God among the mortals living on the earth at this time; saved and lost people living together on the earth and being ruled over by the Lord Jesus Christ and those who have part in the first resurrection.
 - 7. I feel quite confident that Jesus answered this question near the end of His earthly ministry as recorded in Matthew 25:31-46. This is not a parable; it is a revelation of what will happen when Jesus sits upon the throne of His glory – His millennial throne.

I. LEARN THAT THE LORD WILL AT HIS COMING IN GLORY SEPARATE THE LIVING PEOPLE OF THE EARTH INTO TWO CLASSES.

- A. v. 32 “all nations” refers to all the mortal people yet living on the earth after the beast and the false prophet have been cast into the lake of fire and the devil has been bound and cast into the bottomless pit.
- B. Some of these are lost; but some are saved – saved some time after the rapture.
 - 1. The rapture of the saved came in the 14th chapter leaving only lost people on earth.
 - 2. Later scripture reveals the presence of saved people on earth, people still in their mortal bodies.
 - 3. Chapter 16:2 reveals the presence of some with the mark of the beast and some without the mark. Verse 15 pronounced a blessing on those who watched and kept their garments clean
 - 4. Chapter 18:4 reveals the Lord calling His people, people in their mortal bodies, to come out of the spiritual whore of chapter 17. This too is after the rapture
 - 5. Chapter 19:5 seems to refer to earthly servants. These could well be those “which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.” V. 9
- C. He shall set the sheep – the saved – on His right hand; and the goats – the lost – on His left.

II. LEARN THAT THE JUDGMENT SHALL BE ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

- A. The word “nations” is translated from the Greek word “ethnos.” It is translated three different ways – nations, Gentile, heathen, and people.**
- B. The word “nations” is neuter gender and “them” is masculine gender.**
- C. To harmonize with other Scripture – No person goes to heaven or to hell because of what nation he lives in – each person’s destination depends on his own person choice.**

III. LEARN THAT THE LORD HAS A PREPARED KINGDOM FOR HIS RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE.

- A. This must be the Millennial Kingdom.**
- B. These are people who have been saved following the rapture and have lived on earth in their mortal bodies.**
- C. These are identified in verses 35-40**
- D. These shall re-people the earth and shall be ruled over by those who have part in the first resurrection.**
- E. God shall begin re-peopling the earth with saved, righteous human beings in their mortal bodies.**

IV. LEARN THAT THE GOAT PEOPLE SHALL BE SENT AWAY INTO HELL. V. 41

- A. These shall have no part in the millennial kingdom.**
- B. These shall be identified as by their actions. Verses 42-45**
- C. These shall be cast away into hell to await the resurrection of the lost and their appearance before the Lord seated on the Great White Throne.**

CONCLUSION:

- A. This study now brings us to the Great White Throne Judgment.**
- B. Let each of us ask self, “Do I know that I am a sheep waiting for the Lord to take me unto Himself?”**