

XVI. THE DISPENSATION OF THE KINGDOM

A. The Contents of the Dispensation

1. The bookmark events
 - a. The beginning: the second coming of Christ and judgments that follow
 - b. The end: when Satan is loosed out of his prison and the subsequent gathering of his army
2. The passage covered
 - a. Begins at Revelation 20:1 and ends at Revelation 20:10
 - b. However, there are many other passages that speak of this period.
3. The time period spanned—1,000 years (Revelation 20:2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)

B. The Conditions of the Dispensation

1. The promises fulfilled
 - a. A promised King (Isaiah 9:6-7; Micah 4:7)
 - b. A promised kingdom (Daniel 2:44)
 - c. A promised covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34)
2. The settlers of the kingdom
 - a. Saints who return with Christ (Revelation 19:11-14)
 - (1) Their identification
 - a) Old Testament saints (Jude 1:14-15)
 - b) The church age saints (1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 1 John 3:1-3)
 - c) 144,000 witnesses (Revelation 14:4)
 - (2) Their nature—glorified bodies
 - b. Resurrected tribulation saints (Revelation 20:4-6); These saints will also possess glorified bodies.
 - c. Surviving tribulation saints (Matthew 24:13, 21-22); These saints will enter the kingdom in natural bodies.
 - d. Righteous nations (Matthew 25:31-40); These nations will enter the kingdom in natural bodies.
3. The setting of the kingdom
 - a. The Devil will be bound in the bottomless pit for the duration of the kingdom (Revelation 20:1-3).
 - b. Jesus Christ will reign on a throne in Jerusalem (Revelation 19:15).
 - c. All nature will be at peace with itself (Isaiah 11:6-9; Isaiah 65:25).
 - (1) Animal to animal (Isaiah 11:6-9; Isaiah 65:25)
 - (2) Animal to children (Isaiah 11:6, 8)
 - d. The world will be at peace (Isaiah 2:4; Isaiah 32:17-18; Ezekiel 34:28).
 - e. It will be a time of holiness (Isaiah 4:3-4; Isaiah 35:8-10; Zephaniah 3:11-13; Zechariah 14:20-21).
 - f. It will be a time of joy (Isaiah 65:18-20).
 - g. It will be a time of prosperity (Isaiah 35:1-2; Amos 9:13-14).

4. The setup of the kingdom
 - a. Jesus will reign as King (Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:31-33).
 - b. Jerusalem will be His capital (Isaiah 2:2-4; Jeremiah 3:17; Zechariah 8:1-8).
 - c. The saints will rule with Christ (2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 5:9-10).
 - d. The apostles will sit on thrones judging Israel (Matthew 19:28; Luke 22:30).
 - e. Christ will rule with a rod of iron (Psalm 2:8-12; Zechariah 14:16-19; Matthew 25:21-26; Revelation 19:15).
 - f. Among those with natural bodies, there will be births and deaths (Ezekiel 47:22; Isaiah 65:20) and sin and judgment (Zechariah 14:16-19).

C. The **Crisis** of the Dispensation

1. Children will be born to those who pass from the tribulation to the kingdom in natural bodies (Zechariah 8:5; Isaiah 65:20).
2. The children will have a sin nature though in a perfect environment (Revelation 20:7-9).
3. At the end of this dispensation, Satan shall be loosed for a little season.
 - a. He will be loosed long enough to gather an army of earthly people to war against the saints and the beloved city (Revelation 20:7-9).
 - b. Fire will come down from God to destroy the armies of Satan (Revelation 20:9).

XVII. THE DISPENSATION OF THE FULNESS OF TIMES

A. The Consummation of the Present World

1. The judgments
 - a. Of Satan (Revelation 20:10)
 - b. Of the lost (Revelation 20:11-15)
2. The destruction of the heavens and earth (2 Peter 3:10-12; Revelation 20:11)
3. The new heavens and earth (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1)
4. The removal of the curse (Revelation 22:3)
5. The continuation of service (Revelation 22:3)

B. The Consummation of the Age

1. The kingdom will be delivered to God (1 Corinthians 15:24).
2. Death will be destroyed (1 Corinthians 15:25-26; Hebrews 2:14; Revelation 20:14).
3. All things will be subdued by the Son (1 Corinthians 15:27; Ephesians 1:10).
4. The Father and Son will be rejoined (1 Corinthians 15:28; John 17:5).