

In Training Now for The Millennial Reign

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Revelation 20:6, “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.”

First we must iron out a few things: The first resurrection consists of many parts, and therefore many classes of peoples. 1 Corinthians 15:23-26, “But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.”

1. The Firstfruits:

- a. Old Testament Saints: 1 Corinthians 15:20, “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.” And Matthew 27:50-53, “Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.” These are the first of the firstfruits: Exodus 23:19, Exodus 34:26 & Ezekiel 44:30.
 - i. Of this group there are Old Testament Saints before the Flood...
 - ii. Old Testament Saints after the Flood and before the Promise...
 - iii. Old Testament Saints after the Promise and before the Law...
 - iv. Old Testament Saints after the Law and before Jesus Christ Death, Burial, and Resurrection...
- b. New Testament Saints in the Body of Christ at the resurrection (Rapture): Romans 8:23, “And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.” And James 1:18, “Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”

(James includes the Church age and Tribulation age.) This is the firstfruits of your harvest: Exodus 23:16, Exodus 34:22 & Leviticus 23:10.

- i. John 1:12-13, “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”
 - ii. John 3:3, “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
And John 3:5-7, “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”
 - iii.
 - iv. Matthew 18:3-4, “And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”
 - v. Matthew 19:14, “But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”
 - c. Tribulation Saints: James 1:18, “Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.” And Revelation 14:4, “These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.” (the 144 thousand) This are the gleanings of thy harvest: Leviticus 19:9, Leviticus 23:22 & Jeremiah 6:9 (see Leviticus 23:22).
2. The Harvest – At the Second Coming when the Lord sets up His Kingdom. (This will be for tribulation saints that are Jews and Gentiles not in the 144 thousand.)
- a. Matthew 5:19-20, “Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.”
 - b. Matthew 7:21-29, “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart

from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

- c. Matthew 13:24-30, “Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.” And Matthew 13:37-43, “He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.”
- d. Matthew 13:31-32, “Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.”
- e. Matthew 13:33-35, “Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be fulfilled

which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.”

- f. Matthew 13:44, “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.”
- g. Matthew 13:45-46, “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.”
- h. Matthew 13:47-52, “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.”
- i. Matthew 18:23-35, “Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.”
- j. Matthew 20:1-16, “For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his

vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.”

- k. Matthew 22:2-14, “The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.”

- l. Matthew 25:1-13, “Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.”
- m. Matthew 25:14-30, “For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken

away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

- n. Matthew 25:31-46, “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.”
3. The Gleanings – At the end of the Thousand Year Reign when the Lord will deliver His Kingdom to the Father. These Saints will be the ones in the kingdoms during the thousand year reign that did NOT surround Jerusalem and were NOT deceived by Satan.
 - a. These arrive at the Great White Throne Judgment ALIVE. And therefore these are IN the Book of Life. They are not raised up of the dead. They have eaten from the Tree of Life (Jew) or drank from the Water of Life (Gentile) and are still in the Book of Life.
 - b. Then there will be some that are raised up of the dead who were innocent; and though they were in the Second Resurrection they will pass through the judgment, because they never died spiritually. Romans 5:13, “For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.” And Romans 4:15, “Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.” These two verses are for the innocent.
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Now that we have set the stage for our study, let's begin:

Only ONE group above will show up at the Judgment Seat of Christ. All the rest show up at the Great White Throne Judgment. The ones that make it through that judgment have their names in the Book of Life. Unlike the Judgment Seat of Christ where everyone's name is written in the Book of Life written in the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 4:3;

Tribulation Saints are in the Book of Life: Revelation 3:5, but they can be blotted out! "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels." The issue is that they must endure to the end of the Tribulation or the end of their lives; and keep the commandments, having the testimony of Jesus Christ and the faith of Jesus: Revelation 12:17, "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." With Revelation 14:12, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." However if they take the mark of the Beast: Revelation 13:8, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." What happened to their names that were in the Book of Life? They got blotted out! Revelation 3:5. The Beast uses deception by a Calvinistic view that they were not in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world so you can take the mark and live, but that is the lie: Revelation 17:8, "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, **whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world**, **when they behold the beast** that was, and is not, and yet is." This doctrine is a lie which they will get from beholding the beast.

There is provision for this in the Thousand Year Reign as well because that Satan is only bound during this time, and at the end is loosed for a season and deceives the world. The Christians (at that time will be kings in the kingdom and should teach their people the truth about this or they will be deceived. Revelation 20:6, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." Notice that these will be priests of God and reign with Jesus for that Thousand Years. Ergo: Kings and Priests; and for the Church, the Body of Christ: we will be a race of immortals with glorified bodies like Jesus Christ's body. And so there will be a hierarchy in that Kingdom:

1. Lord Jesus Christ the King
2. The Body of Christ (the Church: Jesus Christ's bride) The Queen. Revelation 1:6, "And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." And Revelation 5:10, "And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." And 1 Peter 2:9-10, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew

forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”

- a. Then the individuals of the Body as Kings
 - b. Then the individuals of the Body as Priests
 - c. Then the individuals of the Body as Prophets
3. Old Testament Saints and Tribulation Saints raised up from the dead that come back with us in the armies of God as part of the first resurrection and obtain part of the reign: Revelation 20:6, “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.” However they will NOT be Prophets. This is reserved for the Body of Christ.
4. The Mortals born during the Thousand Year Reign from the Mortals that came through the Tribulation. Will be of two main groups of mortals: the Sheep & Goats: Matthew 25:31-33, “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.” And Matthew 25:46, “And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.”
- a. Sheep – Will pass through to the White Throne Judgment because their names are written in the Book of Life (who told them to eat or drink in their kingdom?): Matthew 25:21, “His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.” And Matthew 25:34, “Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:”
 - i. Jew – Will eat from the Tree of Life.
 - ii. Gentile – Will drink from the Water of Life.
 - b. Goats – Will be deceived by Satan at the end of the Thousand Year Reign and come against Jerusalem, and God will burn them so that they DIE: they will be raised in the second resurrection but their names will NOT be in the Book of Life. Matthew 25:30, “And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” And Matthew 25:41, “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:”
 - i. Jew – Will NOT eat from the Tree of Life.
 - ii. Gentile – Will NOT drink from the Water of Life.

Revelation 20:15, “And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” And whosoever was found written in the book of life entered in:

Psalms 69:27-28, “Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness. **Let them be blotted out of the book of the living,** and not be written with the righteous.” So they WERE in the Book of Life, but got blotted OUT. Then EVERYONE born in LIFE is IN the Book of Life, and when they come of age and sin revives and spiritually die: they are then blotted out of the Book of Life.

The issue here is how much YOU attain as a Christian in the Body of Christ, you will be given a Kingdom to rule over, to be a Priest over; and to be the Prophet over. By THESE we know that you will be entrusted to not only rule over the mortals; but to be a “priest” FOR them to bring them to the Tree of Life or the Water of Life; and the responsibility of a Prophet is to teach your people the Bible Truth about the age in which they are living:

1. Get Life at Jerusalem not by faith, but by eating from the Tree of Life if you are a Jew and drinking from the Water of Life if you are a Gentile.
2. Live your life in obedience to the laws of God and
3. Don't be deceived by Satan when he shows up at the end of the 1000 years.

What a sad time it will be during the Great White Throne Judgment for some Christians to see their whole kingdom tossed into the Lake of Fire; because they did not warn them of this Satanic Doom. Many Christians will lose hundreds of souls because they would not pay attention to Doctrine in their lives while in the Church age. If you cannot see this obvious glaring truth; it will be too late after you die, or after the Rapture.

What you got in this life will echo throughout eternity.

Only one life will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.

The more the Bible you know; the more you tend to grown.

The more Bible you live; the more you tend to give.

Galatians 6:7-8, “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”

The End