One Nation Under God – The 2nd Coming & Millennium (Rev. 19:1-20:10)

***Acts 1:6*** – Jesus’ disciples asked Him if He was going to set up the Kingdom soon.

1. Step #1 – Celebrate your victory. Jesus will celebrate with His Bride (Rev. 19:1-10).

***1 Kings 20:11*** – It is not wise to celebrate victory before you go into battle.

***1 Sam. 17*** – Goliath celebrated victory before battle. His cockiness helped lead to his defeat.

***Matt. 4*** – Jesus defeated Satan at Jesus’ temptation.

***1 Cor. 15:54-56*** – Jesus defeated death.

1. Step #2 – Secure your enemies. Jesus will defeat those who oppose Him (Rev. 19:11-20:3).
2. Physical enemies – *“the kings of the earth…were killed with the sword”* (Rev. 19:19-21)

***Rev. 19:19; Rev. 16:12-16*** – The Antichrist and demonic spirits cooperate together to prompt earth’s rulers to battle the coming King.

***Rev. 19:20*** – The battle is quickly over, and Jesus casts both the Antichrist and the False Prophet into the Lake of Fire.

***Matt. 26:52*** – Those who live by the sword will die by it.

***Ezek. 33:11*** – God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked.

***Rev. 19:13*** – When Jesus arrives, He is wearing a robe dipped in blood, probably symbolizing the blood He shed on the cross.

***Rev. 1:16*** – When John first sees a vision of Jesus, Jesus has a sword coming out of His mouth. Jesus will use this sword to vanquish His enemies.

***Eph. 6:17*** – The sword in Jesus’ mouth is His words.

***Gen. 1; John 1:1-2*** – Jesus used words to create the world.

***Rom. 1:16*** – He used words to create life in us.

***Heb. 4:12*** – Jesus’ sword can be a sharp scalpel to eradicate cancerous sin.

***Rev. 2:16*** – Jesus’ sword can be used to discipline and ultimately destroy.

***Rev. 2:11*** – If you refuse to listen, He will use His words to execute judgment.

1. Spiritual enemies – *“he laid hold of the dragon…and threw him into the abyss”* (Rev. 20:2-3)

***2 Cor. 11:14*** – Satan presents himself as an angel of light.

1. Step #3 – Establish your leadership team. Jesus will invite His brothers and sisters to rule with Him (Rev. 20:4-6).
2. Give them authority – *“judgment was given to them” (v. 4)*

***Gen. 1:28-29*** – God told Adam and Eve to “subdue” earth and “rule” it.

***Gen. 2:15*** – God told Adam and Eve to “cultivate it and keep it.”

***Matt. 24:31*** – Some Christians will survive the Tribulation and will still be able to reproduce and sin.

***Matt. 22:30*** – Those in their glorified bodies will not be able to reproduce.

***Isaiah 66:19*** – The offspring of the Tribulation survivors will need to hear the Gospel message. God will send out missionaries.

1. Choose them wisely – *“beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus” (v. 4)*

***Heb. 11:35-38*** *–* People of faith accept persecution without desertion. They are loyal.

***Rev. 12:11*** – During the Tribulation, Christians will overcome all the threats through their devotion to Jesus.

1. Reward them handsomely – *“reign with Him for a thousand years” (v. 5)*

***2 Cor. 4:8-10*** – Paul uses harsh terms to describe the troubles he’s faced but calls them “light” and “momentary.”

***2 Cor. 4:17*** – Paul saw his troubles in light of his reward.

***Heb. 11:9-10, 24-25; 12:2*** *–* People of faith always have a long view.

1. Protect them completely – *“over these the second death has no power” (v. 6)*

***Rev. 17:6*** – The Antichrist uses the one world religion to establish his control over the world.

***Rev. 17:16-17*** – Once he is finished with the one world religion, he destroys it.

Frederick Nietzsche - “I might believe in the Redeemer if his followers looked more redeemed.”

***Matt. 3:17*** – The Father publicly expressed His pride in Jesus.

***Heb. 11:16*** – God also expresses pride in those who remain faithful to Him under pressure.

***Rom. 8:32*** – God will not discard you. He paid the ultimate price to get you.

1. Step #4 – Prove yourself to your subjects. Jesus will provide for His people (Rev. 20:6).

***Eph. 2:2*** – Satan is the “prince of the power of the air.” He currently rules the world.

***Eph. 6:12*** – Our battle is against spiritual forces.

1. Jesus’ kingdom will be a time of restoration (Ezek. 39:7-16).

***Ezek. 39:9-15*** – After the Tribulation, searchers will discover and bury all the bodies. It will take seven months.

***John 2*** – Jesus required work from the servants before He turned the water into wine.

***John 9:7-11*** – Jesus required the blind man to go wash in the Pool of Siloam.

***Ex. 14:21*** – God took all night to prepare the pathway for Israel to cross the Red Sea. He wanted them to remember it. It worked (Acts 7:36).

***Ezek. 39:7*** – God will restore respect for His name.

***Rev. 13:5; 17:3; 16:11, 21*** – God allowed different groups to mock His name.

***Phil. 2:9-11*** – The day is coming when all will reverence Jesus’ name.

1. Jesus’ kingdom will be a time of resurrection (Isaiah 65:17-25; Ezek. 47:7-12).

***Ezek. 47:8-12*** – God will produce fruit trees, clean water, and life.

***Gen. 1:2, 20, 24*** – God brought order out of chaos, and life out of lifelessness before; He will do it again.

***Isaiah 65:20*** – Life-spans will dramatically increase.

***Isaiah 65:21-23*** – Life will be productive. We will leave a legacy for our children.

***Ezek. 39:25-29*** – God will give new life to Israel too.

1. Jesus’ kingdom will be a time of righteousness (Isaiah 9:6-7; Rev. 19:11).

***Psalm 2; Rev. 12:5; 19:15*** – Jesus will rule with a “rod of iron.”

***Ex. 4:17; Ps. 23:4; 125:3*** – A rod was a symbol of authority.

***Rev. 11:1*** – A rod was a standard of measurement.

***Isaiah 64:6*** – Our good works look like filthy rags to God.

***2 Cor. 10:12*** – Measuring ourselves in comparison to one another is foolish.

***Prov. 10:3;22:15*** – The rod could also be a means of punishment.

***Psalm 85:10*** – Jesus is just and merciful.

***Hab. 3:2*** – God remembers to show mercy even in His justice.

1. Jesus’ kingdom will be a time of rest (Is. 19:18-25).

***Isaiah 2:4*** *–* All wars will come to an end.

***Psalm 122:6*** – Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

***Isaiah 19:21-25*** – Israel and her Arab neighbors will be allies one day.

***Psalm 23*** – Jesus takes away our fear and provides internal peace even in the midst of conflict.

1. Step #5 – Give people a choice. Jesus will release Satan (Rev. 20:7-8).

***Josh. 24:14-18*** – Joshua challenged the Israelites to make their own choice for the object of their worship

***Josh. 24:33; Judges 2:10-11*** – Sadly, the Jews’ allegiance to Joshua’s God did not long endure after his death.

***Rev. 2:4*** – Just two generations after Jesus, He wrote to the church at Ephesus and complained that they had left their first love.

1. Step #6 – Deal with lingering threats. Jesus will banish Satan and those who follow him (Rev. 20:9-10).

***Josh. 9:21-27*** – The Israelites did not totally deal with the bad influences around them but used some of them as servants.

***1 Cor. 15:33*** *–* Bad company corrupts good morals.

***Psalm 120:7*** – Some would rather engage in war than bring peace.

***Matt. 12:30*** – Jesus said if you are not with Him, then you are against Him.