

'THE KINGDOM OF GOD HIM-NO-SCOPE
(A Messianic Trilogy of Jesus as Savior, Shepherd & Sovereign)
Psalms 22, 23, 24

Millennials

Today, the millennials (young adults born during the early 1980's to early 2000's) are generally seen as very intelligent, technologically astute and introverted; negatively they can seem overly self-confident, somewhat disrespectful of those who don't agree with them, and not particularly interested in spiritual things. Of course, these are just generalities and not true of many young adults, especially those who are Christians.

Someday when the Lord returns to restore the earth and set up His kingdom on earth, another generation of biblical millennials will inhabit earth for 1,000 years (***Revelation 20:1-6***). While most *millennials* today resemble the outrageous generation described in **Proverbs 30:11-18**, the coming *kingdom millennials* will be pretty close to perfect during Christ's 1000-year reign on earth (***Isaiah 35:10, 51:11, Revelation 21:4-8***).

Right now in this life, God is preparing all 'born again' Christians for that awesome period of time on earth when we, in our glorified resurrection minds and bodies, rule and reign with the Lord Jesus (***Revelation 1:5-6, 3:20-21, 20:4-6, etc.***). The devil, demons, and all lost souls who failed to turn to Christ before His return will be banished to hell, having no further influence on earth.

All the physical survivors who came to faith in Christ during the Tribulation will be physically restored and retain the capacity to have children during the millennium. The earth will be restored to a pristine Garden of Eden condition where people can live long periods of time as they did in the beginning before the great flood (***Genesis 5***). Christ will rule and reign from the New Jerusalem above the earth, with a throne in the earthly Jerusalem as well. Sin will be nipped in the bud and not permitted outwardly. What an awesome period of time is coming for the *kingdom age millennials* who will be born and born again during that time!

Psalm 24 is the third in the 'Messianic Trilogy' (***Psalms 22, 23 & 24***). The trilogy is the story of Jesus the Messiah in musical form:

Psalm 22

(the past) / Savior;

Psalm 23

(the present Church Age) / Shepherd; &

Psalm 24

(the future) / Sovereign King.

Psalm 24 looks prophetically to the future return of Christ and key features of His 2nd coming. David may have written this song to celebrate some military victory from which he was returning to Jerusalem, but much of what he wrote can only refer to a future *greater King*, a *greater David* (or Jesus, a descendant of David) Who will be King over the whole earth and have an army of totally holy followers with him when He comes. It is a wonderful Psalm that gives our desecrated earth a hopeful future, God's people blessed hope about the kind of people we finally will be eventually, and assures a better future for heaven and earth, when Jesus Christ is Lord of all! **PtL**

The Triumphal Entry (the sequel)
(National Anthem of The Kingdom of God on Earth)
Psalm 24

Renovation of Creation

*“The earth is the LORD’s and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.
For He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.” (24:1-2)*

That first line was true in the beginning, before Satan usurped man’s dominion and became the ‘*slum lord authority*’ over this world (**John 12:31, 2 Corinthians 4:4, 1 John 5:19**). But someday Jesus will take back that which really belongs to Him and evict the devil and his minions to hell, making ‘*the earth the LORD’s and ALL its fullness again!*’

The next line is *proleptic* (speaking of a future event with such certainty that it is worded in past tense). The foundation of Christ’s re-creation will be with restoration of things that were made after the organizing of waters (creation days #1 & #2 / no need to remake the basic essentials of the original creation). But fixing the flora and fauna that is destroyed in the great Tribulation, does need to be done (**Romans 8:19-22**).

- Talk about how awesome it will be to see **Isaiah 11:6-9, 35:1-2** someday!
- What are you looking forward to most about the millennium era? (Explain) What value is there in thinking ahead to that glorious coming age? (Is it like looking ahead to trip you are excited about taking? How then does *millennial thinking* help in trials now?)
- How does the coming restoration of the earth picture how God revives us spiritually?

Regeneration of Believers

*“Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart. Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,
nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness
from the God of his salvation. This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him,
who seek Your face.” Selah (24:3-6)*

The ‘*holy hill of the Lord*’ prophetically is ‘*Mt. Zion*’ in heaven (**Hebrews 12:22**). Thus, **Psalm 24** (like **Psalm 15**) is talking about those who have been transformed morally (*clean hands and heart*) and spiritually (*no idols of any kind – statues, material things, etc.*). This refers to the chosen few who will actually go to heaven someday as well as those in the millennial kingdom era who come up to Jerusalem for worship (**Revelation 21:24-27**).

- If personal holiness (*morally and spiritually*) is so important to worship in the millennial Kingdom to come, it must be now also (**John 4:23-24**). Talk about how we ought to get ready to worship whenever we come before God (*devotions, Bible study, church service*)

Reception of His Majesty

*“Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up you everlasting doors! And the King
of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the
LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts,
He is the King of glory.” Selah (24:7-10)*

This part of **Psalm 24** previews Jesus coming into Jerusalem after coming back to the Mount of Olives, splitting it and coming in victorious *triumphal entry* into Jerusalem (**Zechariah 14:4, Psalm 118:19-20, Haggai 2:7, etc.**). This is the true *triumphal entry*.

- Talk about how this is the way a believer ought to feel about Jesus coming into his or her heart and life as Savior and Lord (**Romans 12:1-2**).