

## THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM: BACKGROUND

- I. The NECESSITY of the Kingdom (Rev. 11:15-17)
  - A. To preserve God's INTEGRITY by demonstrating that His involvement in the affairs of humanity is not a FAILURE (Isa. 55:10-11)
  - B. To accomplish God's purpose of demonstrating His PERFECT GOVERNMENT over the earth (Isa. 9:1-7)
  - C. To RESTORE the original HARMONY between God and His creation
  - D. To fulfill all of God's eternal COVENANTS made with ISRAEL (Pss. 105:8; 111:5, 9)
  - E. To provide a FINAL TEST for fallen humanity (Rev. 20:7-9)
    - 1. Mankind placed under IDEAL conditions
      - a. No OUTWARD source of TEMPTATION
      - b. No influence from SATAN, his being BOUND
      - c. Every want SUPPLIED
    - 2. Mankind will STILL FAIL
      - a. Those born during the Millennium still have a FALLEN NATURE and are personally CORRUPT
      - b. Those born during the Millennium are still worthy of JUDGMENT
  - G. To fully manifest the GLORY of CHRIST in the Kingdom over which He RULES

II. The SPIRITUAL Character of the Kingdom

- A. Characterized by RIGHTEOUSNESS (Isa. 60:21)
- B. Characterized by OBEDIENCE (Jer. 31:33-34)
- C. Characterized by HOLINESS (Isa. 4:3-4; 35:8-10)
- D. Characterized by TRUTH (Zech. 8:8)
- E. Characterized by the FULLNESS of the HOLY SPIRIT (Ezek. 36:27; Joel 2:28-29)