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Isaiah 66:20

20 And they shall bring all your brethren out of all the nations for an oblation unto Jehovah, upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith Jehovah, as the children of Israel bring their oblation in a clean vessel into the house of Jehovah (ASV, 1901).

Gentiles will be used to conduct the Jews back into the Land of Israel, and they will be brought to the Mountain of Jehovah's House using every conceivable means of transportation in order to worship. Here the Gentiles are called the *brethren* of the converted Jews, as all the Lord's people are brethren one of another, regardless of what nation they come from. All people are all in a spiritual sense the seed and Children of Abraham, who is the father of all that believe, and so all believers are brethren, Jews and Gentiles are all the children of God as in the Church Age. (Ephesians 1:10) As the Gentiles bring the Jews to Israel from around the world it will be viewed as an acceptable offering to the Lord in a vessel that is pure. In the Mosaic Law the utmost attention was paid to the cleanliness of their vessels in their public worship. They will be viewed by the Lord as an acceptable and holy offering, just as the Old Testament high priest was, when he brought an acceptable offering unto the Lord once a year on Yom Kippor.

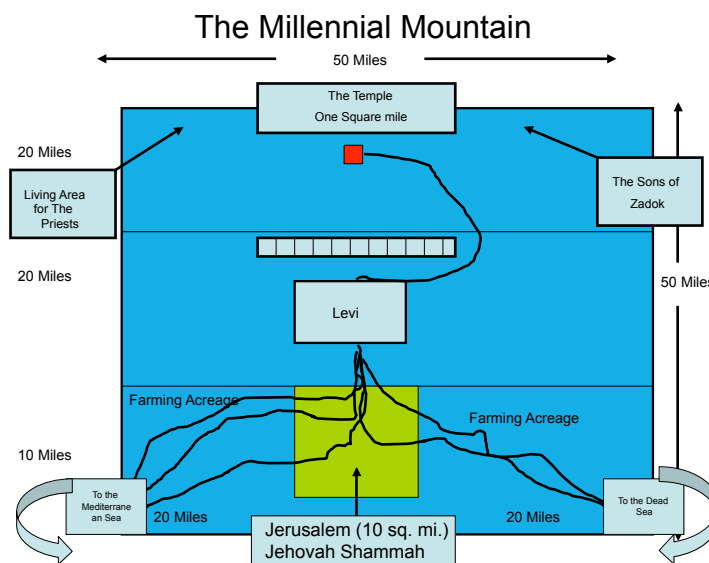


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THE POPULATION OF THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

Who will live in the Messianic Kingdom (Millennium) at the end of the Tribulation? What will they look like? How many will there be? These are good questions, and Scripture supplies a lot of the answers.

During the Millennium there will be two people groups on earth: the Jewish people, and the Gentiles. Additionally, there will be two different types of bodies for the Millennial population, resurrected bodies and natural bodies.

Those going into the Messianic Kingdom in resurrected bodies will be:

- The people who are in the Church from the first Pentecost until the Rapture (I Thessalonians 4:14-17; I Corinthians 15:54; Jude 1:14; Revelation 19:14).
- Old Testament Saints (Isaiah 26:19).
- Great Tribulation Saints (Revelation 20:4).
- Possibly the 144,000 Jewish evangelists (to be described later).

Those going into the Messianic Kingdom in natural bodies will be:

- The Jews who made it through the Tribulation.
- The Gentiles who survived the Tribulation and the Lord's judgment in the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

It is impossible to determine the population numbers of the Messianic Kingdom for these reasons:

- Unknown number of the members of the Church for its entire length of time.
- Unknown number of the Old Testament saints.
- Unknown number of Tribulation Saints.
- Unknown number of the Gentiles who enter the Kingdom.

THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

The present worldwide Jewish Population stands at 13,900,000.¹ During the Tribulation two thirds (2/3), or 9,174,000, will die (Zechariah 13:8). That leaves 4,726,000 who will remain. This remaining 4,726,000 is known as "*the remnant*" because they made it alive through the Great Tribulation. Within this group, 144,000 will be "sealed" (Revelation 7:4). "Sealed" in the Greek is the word is sphragízō, from Strong's G4973, which means "to stamp (with a signet or private mark) for security" or "preservation from Satan (literally or figuratively, or possibly resurrected)" for the purpose of evangelizing the world for Christ during the last half of the Tribulation. The protection they have could have come from a resurrected body. 4,582,000 Jews with natural bodies remain. This is a minimum number of Jewish people going into the Messianic Kingdom.

¹ www.worldometers.info/world-population. Accessed February 10, 2022

THE NEW COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: ³²not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them, saith Jehovah. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith Jehovah: I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Jehovah: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more (ASV, 1901).

All the Jews going into the Messianic Kingdom will be converted and become connected to God. As Jeremiah said, God will place His law in their hearts and they all will know Him.

THE REMNANT WILL BE SINLESS

Zephaniah 3:13

¹³The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid (ASV, 1901).

This verse clearly states that “*the remnant*” of Israel will be sinless in the Messianic Kingdom. They will do *no* iniquity, nor speak *any* lies, or utter *any* deceit.

Ezekiel 36:25

²⁵And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. ²⁶A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep mine ordinances, and do them. ²⁸And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹And I will save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the grain, and will multiply it, and lay no famine upon you (ASV, 1901).

God says to the Nation Israel, “*And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.*” He also says that He will give them “*A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you*”. He says He “*will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes*” which will create a sinless state in each Jew. None of this will be resisted by “the remnant”, who now clearly believe in the Messiah.

ISRAEL'S POPULATION WILL INCREASE IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

Ezekiel 36:37-38

³⁷Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: For this, moreover, will I be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them: I will increase them with men like a flock. ³⁸As the flock for sacrifice, as the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I am Jehovah (ASV, 1901).

This text explains that the national salvation of the Nation Israel will result in a population increase of Jews, all knowing the Lord. This increase must come from the remnant of 4.7 million who made it through the Tribulation because they will have the natural bodies.

Ezekiel 37:23

²³neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will save them out of all their dwelling-places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God (ASV, 1901).

This is another affirmation that the Jews in the Messianic Kingdom will be sinless as the Lord will “*cleanse them*” and they will no longer defile themselves with idols, detestable things, or any other sins. As a result, they will not participate in the Gog and Magog uprising led by Satan at the end of the Messianic Kingdom (Revelation 20:7-9).

THE GENTILE PEOPLE IN THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

There will be three groups of Gentile people in the Messianic Kingdom:

- Those who were part of the Church.
- Those who were saved during the Great Tribulation.
- Those who survived the Great Tribulation and the Lord's judgment in the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

The Bible does tell us something of the number of Gentiles who will perish during the Tribulation. The present world population is approximately 7,926,145,000. ²Combining the different verses of the book of Revelation, we learn that about 58% of the world's population will die in the Great Tribulation:

Revelation 6:8

⁸ And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth (KJV).

² ibid

This verse in Revelation describes what happens as the Lord Jesus opens the fourth seal of the scroll. It releases a figure that is named “*Death and Hell*” (in the Greek “Hades”) who rides the pale horse, and he kills 25% of the earth’s population, that is, about 1,981,536,000 people. Some of these will be Jews and are accounted for in the two-third reduction.

Revelation 9:15, 18

¹⁵ And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.... ¹⁸ By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths (KJV).

Here the “*four angels*” that are released to kill “*by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths*”, and an additional 33% die.

Note that these “angels” are specifically prepared for this job to be done at a certain predetermined time. This happens during the sounding of the sixth trumpet judgment. This amounts to another 2,615,627,000 dead of the world’s population. Many more Gentiles will be killed at the Campaign of Armageddon, which are unquantifiable. Some of these will be Jews and are accounted for in the two-third reduction.

To summarize these figures so far:

Approximate World Population Reduction

7,926,145,000 people in the world as of 2022

9,174,000 Jews who die during the Tribulation

1,981,536,000 25% who die in the fourth seal judgment

2,615,627,000 33% who die in the sixth trumpet judgment

3,319,808,000 Remaining, minus the unknown Campaign of Armageddon deaths

THE NATURE OF THE TWO BODIES IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

The Bible speaks of two types of human bodies that will be in the Messianic Kingdom, natural and resurrected, and Jews and Gentile will be present in both types of bodies.

Natural bodies do not need further explanation, but resurrected bodies do.

RESURRECTED BODIES

The very act of resurrection implies immortality in which we are raised to live forever.

The Doctrine of the Resurrection states that at death the human spirit is separated from the body (Genesis 3:19; Ecclesiastes 12:7; 2 Corinthians 5:8). A “resurrection” is an event where a dead body is raised to immortal life for an explicit purpose. This is different from somebody “coming

back to life". This doctrine is two-fold and pertains to (A) the resurrection of Christ and (B) the resurrection of humanity, including both saved and unsaved. In other words, death does not end life it *starts* it!

In the Old Testament, the Doctrine of Resurrection is taught in Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:2-3; Hosea 12:14. It was believed by the patriarchs, and revealed through the prophets (Genesis 22:5; with Hebrews 11:19; Job 19:25-27). The word "resurrection" itself does not appear in the Old Testament. It is usually described as dead men rising from the earth to life.

In the New Testament it is taught in John 5:25-29, I Corinthians 15:20-23; I Thessalonians 4:14-17; and Revelation 20:4-6, 11-15. This doctrine contains the implication of immortality, which means that they are raised to live forever. Christ was the first one to be raised from the dead with a *resurrected* body. Others were raised from the dead, such as Lazarus, had a normal body and physically died again later.

The Resurrection of the dead Believers occurs in five stages, beginning with 1 Corinthians 15:20-23:

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

²⁰But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. ²¹For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming (KJV).

The rest of the stages of resurrection are described in other books of the Scripture:

1. First, Christ rose from the dead (I Corinthians 15:2-23).
2. Next will be the resurrection of the Church age believers at the Rapture. (I Thessalonians 4:16).
3. Next will be the resurrection of the two witnesses in the middle of the Great Tribulation. (Revelation 11:11-12)
4. Next will be the resurrection of Old Testament Saints (Isaiah 26:19).
5. Last will be the resurrection of the Tribulation Saints (Revelation 20:4)

There is one more resurrection, and it is for unbelievers only. It happens after the one-thousand-year Millennial Kingdom on earth is completed, and none of these unsaved people will be in the Eternal Kingdom (Revelation 20:13).

OUR BODIES CHANGE

These verses in I Corinthians 15:54-58 describe that the body changes from corruption to incorruption, and is the final victory over death:

I Corinthians 15:50-58

⁵⁰Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at

the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. ⁵⁴So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory? ⁵⁶The sting of death [is] sin; and the strength of sin [is] the law ⁵⁷But thanks [be] to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. (KJV)

THE NATURE OF THE GLORIFIED BODY IS DESCRIBED HERE:

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

³⁵But some [man] will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? ³⁶[Thou] fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: ³⁷And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other [grain]: ³⁸But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. ³⁹All flesh [is] not the same flesh: but [there is] one [kind of] flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, [and] another of birds. ⁴⁰[There are] also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial [is] one, and the [glory] of the terrestrial [is] another. ⁴¹[There is] one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for [one] star differeth from [another] star in glory. ⁴²So also [is] the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: ⁴³It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: ⁴⁴It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. ⁴⁵And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit. ⁴⁶Howbeit that [was] not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man [is] of the earth, earthy: the second man [is] the Lord from heaven. ⁴⁸As [is] the earthy, such [are] they also that are earthy: and as [is] the heavenly, such [are] they also that are heavenly. ⁴⁹And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. (KJV)

BELIEVERS HAVE A GLORIFIED, INCORRUPTIBLE BODY. WE HAVE CHRIST'S RISEN BODY AS AN EXAMPLE:

Philippians 3:21

²¹Who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. (KJV)

Some further information may be seen from the resurrected Jesus' body, but we do not know what attributes are from the resurrection and which are attributed to His deity:

- His voice was recognized as being the same one He had before His death. (John 20:16)
- His physical features were recognized although not always immediately. (John 20:26-29)
- It was a real body of flesh and bone since it was embraceable. (John 20:17; 27)
- He was able to suddenly disappear. (Luke 24:31)
- He could go through walls. (John 20:19)
- His body could eat food. (Luke 24:41-43)

To summarize, a resurrected body will be:

- A body of resurrection power.
- A spiritual body.
- A heavenly body.
- An immortal body.

Conclusion

The population of the Messianic Kingdom will be made up of both Jews and Gentiles who will have either a resurrected body or a natural body. All will acknowledge Jesus as their King and Messiah. The Jews with resurrected bodies will consist of those who were in the Church, The Old Testament Saints, and those who were martyred because they will be believers in Jesus. The other Jews going into the Messianic Kingdom will be those who converted during the Tribulation and survived it. They will not have resurrected bodies but will be sinless.

Next message: THE GENTILES IN THE KINGDOM PART II

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