

## REVELATION Lesson 176

### Chapter 20:4, Introduction to the Millennial Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ

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- Rev 20:4** “...and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.” Christian writers and commentators don’t have much to say about this one thousand year period of peace and righteousness on the Earth. We will endeavor to study all that the bible has to say on the subject.
- Hos 6:1-3** The term “**latter and former rain**” (vs 3) reveals that this is a millennial passage. This rule holds true wherever you find the term in the bible.
- The other term that indicates a millennial passage is “sunrise in the morning.”
- “**Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn...us**” (vs 1). The “**us**” in this verse refers to the nation of Israel. It cannot refer to the Church. Born-again saints cannot ever leave the Lord (Heb 13:5, Jn 10:29, Mt 28:20), and therefore have no need to “**return.**”
- “**After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up...**” (vs 2).
- One day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years (2 Pet 3:8).
  - There are two days from the resurrection of Jesus Christ to His Second Coming. The third day is a day of rest (millennium). That is when Israel will be revived.
- Rom 11:25-27** Israel is partly blinded to the truths of God in this Church Age. God is currently bringing in the fullness of the Gentiles (vs 25). After that, all Israel shall be saved (vs 26) when Jesus Christ takes away their sins (vs 27).
- 2 Cor 3:12-15** Because the Jews have rejected the Lord Jesus Christ as their Messiah, their minds are blinded and they cannot see Christ in the Old Testament.
- After the Jews’ conversion (Hos 6), they will begin to understand the scriptures, and the millennial day will begin.
- SUNRISE**
- Isa 60:1-3** After the conversion of Israel (Isa 59:20-21), after Great Tribulation, the Lord will return to His people, Israel.
- Mat 13:40-43** This is one of many parables in Matthew 13 about the Kingdom of Heaven, God’s physical kingdom on Earth.
- Mal 4:1-2** This is a description of the Second Coming and Armageddon followed by the Sun of righteousness (Jesus Christ) arising with healing in his wings.
- Psa 19:1-5** When the sun comes up in the morning, it represents a Bridegroom coming out of His chamber, rejoicing as a strong man (Mt 12:29) to run a race. After Jesus Christ Marries His bride, he is going to come to Earth and spoil the devil.
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## **EARLY AND LATTER RAIN**

- Joel 2:23** One month after the Lord's return to the Earth, he will send a refreshing rain to bring life to the land of Palestine. Note that the former and latter rain is in the same month.
- Rev 11:6** Elijah will stop the rain from falling in Palestine for 3 ½ years. The former and latter rain will be greatly needed when the Lord Jesus returns.
- 1 Ki 17:1** Elijah stopped the rain once before (**James 5:17**).
- James 5:7** Following the slaughter of the just (vs 6), the Husbandman will return to Earth, bringing rain with Him.
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## **RAVENOUS BIRDS**

- Mt 24:27-28** At the coming of the Son of man, the eagles will gather at the carcasses.
- Lk 17:37** Eagles will gather where there are bodies.
- Job 39:27-30** Eagles can be found where the slain are.
- Job 39:19-26** This describes the Lord Jesus Christ charging into a valley on a horse against armed men. The eagles wait in the rocks, ready to feed on the bodies when the Lord is done.
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