

THE BIBLE ONLINE STUDY COURSE - LESSON 3

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The Coming Utopia ... Wonderful World Tomorrow!

For ages men have dreamed of a utopian paradise on earth.

Nations have struggled and millions have died in its quest. But utopia has eluded all the efforts of men. Why? Is utopia really possible? Are world peace and prosperity coming soon? Here are the surprising answers from your Bible! Five years after the close of World War II, Winston Churchill declared in a speech in Copenhagen, "Unless some effective world super-government can be brought quickly into action, the proposals for peace and human progress are dark and doubtful."

In the early 1960s, noted nuclear physicist Edward Teller, who helped develop the hydrogen bomb, warned that "We must work for the establishment of a world authority sustained by moral and physical force - a world government capable of enforcing worldwide law."

In 1970, U Thant, then Secretary-General of the United Nations, called for the establishment of a global authority with broad powers to deal with worldwide environmental problems. He remarked, "We need something new - and we need it speedily - a global authority with the support and agreement of governments and of other power interests, which can pull together all the piecemeal efforts now being made."

Many voices have been raised calling for a world government to be established. Serious-minded scientists and world leaders know that world peace is possible only if all the nations are brought together in a supreme world government!

Is World Government Possible?

Yet declares A. F. K. Organski in the book *World Politics*, "World government is still a long way off..... The creation of a world government through the voluntary agreement of existing nations is so unlikely that we can say flatly that it will never happen" (emphasis ours throughout lesson). And Hans J. Morgenthau in his book *Politics Among Nations*, asserted: "There is no shirking the conclusion that international peace cannot, be permanent without a world state, and that a world state cannot be established under the present moral, social, and political conditions of the world."

What a paradox! World leaders admit the most urgently needed fact today is **WORLD GOVERNMENT**. Yet others admit that such a government is still a long way off- that it is a **TOTAL IMPOSSIBILITY** under present world conditions!

Viewing the history of mankind, anyone can plainly see that men have utterly failed to bring about world peace and prosperity. Fears, diseases, poverty, hate, oppression and injustice have been rampant throughout history.

What about it? Is world government impossible - an idle pipe dream of unrealistic optimists? Is the idea of a soon-coming UTOPIA on earth a hallucinatory fantasy - an absurd myth?

If our only hope lies in the efforts of men, then a utopia is NOT possible and there is no hope for the human race!

God's World Government

People today fail to recognize there is any power other than their own that can bring about a literal utopia on earth. What great power can, and will, do this?

GOD ALMIGHTY! He has the power and the wisdom to make utopia reality! This is the very message God sent Jesus Christ to proclaim to the world. It is the "Gospel" - the GOOD NEWS - that Christ will return with the power of God to give us universal peace and prosperity at last ! Few today understand that God has allotted mankind six thousand years in which to rule himself. During this time, He has kept hands off the affairs of men. He has allowed man to pursue the course that seems right to him (Proverbs 16:25). God has given man the opportunity to prove, by experience, the basic inadequacies of any form of human government - be it communism, fascism, socialism, or even democracy.

God is allowing the human race to prove to itself that NO human form of government can bring us world peace!

When Jesus Christ returns, He will establish the government of God on earth. Obedience to the laws of God will be taught throughout the world. And Christ's government will possess the power and the wisdom to enforce His laws. It will prevent the strong from enslaving the weak - true justice will be received by all.

Your Bible shows a literal UTOPIA is ahead! It will be a time of spiritual and physical rejuvenation - one thousand years of boundless peace and prosperity! And with the help of this lesson, God has made it possible for you to peer into the future through His prophecies so you can know what that wonderful world tomorrow will be like!

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The World Ahead at Last

The Bible tells us that under the leadership of Jesus Christ, God's government will produce a UTOPIAN PARADISE on earth. Beginning with the descendants of the children of Jacob, and using them as a model and example, God will rebuild and bless ALL nations! Let's study this exciting truth.

1. In the Bible, what does God specifically say regarding the descendants of Jacob? Isaiah 27:6; Ezekiel 36:8-11; Zechariah 8:7-8. Also read Amos 9:7-12.

COMMENT: After His return, Jesus Christ will lead the descendants of ancient Israel out of great tribulation and into the Holy Land where they will be resettled.

2. Will the devastated cities be rebuilt? Amos 9:14-15; Ezekiel 36:33-35. (Be sure to read all of chapter 36. Notice that when this regathering and rebuilding occurs, Israel will

never again practice heathen ways, or be removed or be in trouble or captivity again.)
Will there be happiness in these cities? Jeremiah 33:10-14; Zechariah 8:4-5.

COMMENT: Today's vast pollution-laden, overpopulated metropolises are rampant, with racial tensions and every kind of evil. These conditions will not exist in tomorrow's cities. Cities in the Millennium will be decentralized. They will be small enough to promote healthy, happy family life, yet large enough for a proper balance between industry and those essentials which promote joyous living.

3. Will Christ make Jerusalem the capital of the earth - the world head-quarters of His government? Zechariah 8:3; Jeremiah 3:17. Will it be an example to the entire world? Isaiah 62:1-2, 7.

COMMENT: Being near the geographical center of the land surface of the earth, Jerusalem is the ideal focal point for world control. It will be rebuilt to absolute perfection. It will become the future **MODEL CITY**- the pattern for cities throughout the world tomorrow.

4. Will the descendants of ancient Israel dwell in safety in their own land? Ezekiel 28:25-26. Will there be world peace? Isaiah 2:1-4; Micah 4:1-4.

5. Will God cause the laws of nature to function for the benefit of His people? Deuteronomy 28:12; Isaiah 41:18.

COMMENT: God originally promised to bestow great blessings upon ancient Israel if they would only obey Him (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28). The Bible shows they disobeyed and were **PUNISHED**. In the Millennium, the descendants of ancient Israel will obey God and therefore will receive these tremendous blessings!

6. The Middle East is now a relatively barren region. Prophecies show, however, that after Christ returns it will see the most dramatic change of any land. Will the waste places become fertile, and will beautiful forests spread in the Millennium? Isaiah 41:14-20; 35:1-2, 7.

COMMENT: Can you imagine such a fabulous scene? Deserts becoming green, fertile gardens of trees, shrubs, bubbling springs and brooks; mountains brought low and made inhabitable.

Forests interspersed with cultivated fields will also cause the climate to become more healthful and invigorating. Lumber, becoming scarce today due to man's exploitation, will again increase as the population increases, making it possible for all to have beautiful homes and furniture.

7. Will God transform "Zion" and the surrounding area into a place resembling the Garden of Eden? Isaiah 51:3.

COMMENT: Zion is a hill within the city of Jerusalem. It is the original area of the city - called the "city of David". Since it will be the location of the capital city, "Zion" here represents the entire land of all the tribes of Israel.

WILL All Nations to Be Blessed?

Prophecies show that the rest of the earth will share in the great prosperity Christ will

bring to Jerusalem and the descendants of Jacob. The whole earth will undergo remarkable changes.

1. Will all nations become submissive - obedient - to Christ? Isaiah 2:1-3.
2. Since the Gentiles will obey Christ in the Millennium, will they belong to Him - be His subjects and servants? Romans 6:16.
3. Will the Gentiles therefore become Abraham's "children," spiritually speaking? Galatians 3:29. And what was promised to Abraham's physical descendants? Read both Leviticus 26:1-13 and Deuteronomy 28:1-14.

COMMENT: Ancient Israel was never able to claim all the blessings of Deuteronomy 28 and Leviticus 26 over long periods of time because the people were not faithful in their obedience to God. But with Christ ruling in the Millennium, all nations will be obedient and therefore will also partake of the tremendous blessings originally promised to the tribes of Israel.

Language, Liberty and Superabundance

One of the major barriers to mutual understanding and cooperation between peoples has been the language barrier. When men cannot understand one another, they can't freely exchange ideas, philosophies, concepts or opinions. Misunderstandings often lead to conflict.

Can you imagine what a world of ONE LANGUAGE would be like? Think what a huge step forward it would be if people everywhere were liberated from the language barrier - spoke and read and wrote the same language - were bound together in common understanding for the first time since the tower of Babel!

1. Will God give all the world ONE pure language so all can serve and worship **Him** with one accord? Zephaniah 3:9.

COMMENT: Man was once bound together by a common tongue. But he used his knowledge for EVIL - for an attempt to begin the very civilization that would have ended by DESTROYING ITSELF! (see Genesis 11). When God divided the languages at the tower of Babel, He was merely forestalling that eventual time of world chaos which even now threatens the annihilation of humanity!

In the Millennium, with Christ as the supreme, all-powerful ruler, this danger will be eliminated. And so Jesus Christ will usher in an era of total literacy and total education by giving the world one pure language!

2. There will be a tremendous amount of reconstruction to be done in the Millennium. But how hard will this work seem after people are delivered from the suffering, sorrow and hard bondage of today's evil world? Isaiah 11:10; 14:3. Will submission to Christ and His laws bring the blessing of liberty and rest to the minds and bodies of mankind? Matthew 11:28-30.

COMMENT: God will make life enjoyable, comfortable and satisfying for people in the Millennium - as long as they continue to obey His laws. God's way of life truly is the

way of LIBERTY - the way of FREEDOM from the drudgery and toil of the ways of this world. But mankind today is not convinced that it is. God is now letting man find out, by experience, how difficult his own ways really are!

3. Much is said today against private ownership of property.

Communists and socialists are particularly against it, partly because men have abused it. Does God think private ownership of property is wrong? Micah 4:4; Isaiah 62:8-9.

COMMENT: People will own their property in the Millennium. They will be liberated from governments which deprive them of the righteous rewards of their own toil! And God will not allow private ownership to be abused.

4. What about health in tomorrow's world? Will God also liberate man from sickness and disease? Isaiah 33:21-24; Jeremiah 30:17; Isaiah 35:3-6; 58:8.

COMMENT:The combined force of right education about true health and instant HEALING of all sickness will mean PERFECT HEALTH for everyone!

5. The agricultural wealth of a nation is generally the greatest physical asset it can possess. Today, most of the earth is unproductive - only about ten percent of the land surface is actually tillable. There are many deserts, mountainous regions and wildernesses. The exact opposite will be true in the utopia of tomorrow as God begins to bless the entire world! Will He cause the rains to fall at the right time? Ezekiel 34:26; Isaiah 30:23.

COMMENT: Farmers have had to gamble with the weather throughout the centuries. About the most thrilling news they could hear is that their work would always be successful - as long as they obey God.

6. Will there be great rejoicing over the abundance of crops God will bestow in the wonderful world tomorrow? Jeremiah 31:12. Will there actually be a superabundance of food? Amos 9:13.

The Great River

1. What will happen when the feet of the returning Christ touch the Mount of Olives? Zechariah 14:4.

2. Will the great valley thus formed become the channel of a mighty river which will arise in Jerusalem? Verse 8. Will one half of this mighty river flow eastward toward the Dead Sea, and the other half flow westward toward the Mediterranean Sea? Same verse.

3. Is the eastern channel of this river - in which "living waters" flow into the Dead Sea - the same as the river described in Ezekiel 47:1-12? Does verse 8 show that when the fresh or "healing" water from this life-giving river begins to flow through the desert into the Dead Sea, the Dead Sea will then be able to support LIFE, thus being "healed"? Will it contain a great multitude of fish? Verse 9. Will this river also give life to the barren places through which it flows? Verse 12.

COMMENT: The Dead Sea, 1286 feet below sea level, is the lowest spot on earth. Look at any map of the Holy Land and notice that the Jordan River constantly empties into the

northern extremity of the Dead Sea. Even though the Dead Sea has no outlet, the water level remains fairly constant. This is because hot weather causes the waters to evaporate at about the same rate water flows into the Dead Sea.

The water in this sea is so salty that no plant or marine life can survive in it. But when this new river - the river of "living waters" - begins to empty into the Dead Sea, its waters will rise until they overflow southward through the desert. The overflow will probably carry into the Gulf of Aqaba. Everywhere along the overflow area (except for certain salt swamps and marshes which shall be formed - verse 11) plant and fish life will multiply.

4. Does this river of "living waters" proceed from the spot where God's Temple will stand - from Christ's very throne? Ezekiel 47:1 and latter part of verse 12; Joel 3:18, last part. Is the Holy Spirit compared to "living waters"? John 4:10; 7:37-39. Then isn't this river clearly a physical counterpart of God's Holy Spirit?

COMMENT: The Holy Spirit, like the physical river, will go forth from Jerusalem and will "heal" the mental and spiritual problems of mankind!

Clearly, the world tomorrow will be a utopian-paradise of peace, prosperity, and beauty! All nations will share in the great blessings of God. The whole world will be at peace. During that Millennial age, most of the earth's land surface will be cultivable. Beautiful forests, agricultural areas, fish-filled lakes and streams will be found all over the world - with no more barren tundras, polluted rivers, ravaged landscapes, hostile deserts or waste places.

But how will such a world be ushered in? Exactly how will such vast changes come about?

Let's see what the Bible has to say about the way utopia will come, and who will be involved. Believe it or not, you can have a part in bringing about that wonderful world tomorrow!

The Coronation of THE KING IN THE WORLD AHEAD

Consider for a moment what the angelic messenger said to Mary, the mother of Jesus: "Thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great ... and the Lord God shall give unto him the THRONE Of his father David: and he shall REIGN over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:31-33).

Notice also the account in John 18:37: "Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world "

Jesus was born to rule and reign as King over all nations of the earth. Nearly 2000 years ago, Jesus qualified to become this world's ruler by conquering Satan the devil (Matthew 4:1-11). But He did not remove and replace Satan at that time. He was not crowned King while a human being (John 18:36). He was CRUCIFIED! Jesus was not to assume the responsibilities of His new office as world ruler at that time.

When Jesus' disciples assumed the Kingdom of God would be set up in their day, He gave them a parable to explain when He would begin ruling the world.

1. According to this parable in Luke 19:12-17, where did Jesus go after His death to obtain the office of King and to receive the Kingdom? Did He go to Caesar at Rome? Did He go to the people to have them induct Him into office? Verse 12. Who only has the authority to make Jesus the "King of kings"? Romans 13:1.

COMMENT: Jesus was showing His disciples He would have to ascend to His Father in heaven (the "far country" in the parable of Luke 19) to receive authority to rule the nations.

2. After Jesus ascended to heaven and had been there for approximately sixty years, He revealed Himself to the Apostle John. Was there a crown on Jesus' head when John saw Him? Revelation 1:12-18. Doesn't this indicate Jesus may not yet have been crowned after His arrival in heaven? What has Jesus been "crowned" with thus far? Hebrews 2:9

3. But will Jesus have been crowned by the time He returns? Revelation 14:14. What scripture describes Jesus' actual receiving of the Kingdom which He went to heaven to obtain? Daniel 7:13-14.

COMMENT: Here is depicted the actual coronation of Jesus Christ. The "Ancient of Days" is the heavenly Father. The title "Father" was not used because Jesus had not yet been begotten as a human being when Daniel saw this vision.

Notice also that "one like the Son" appeared before the "Ancient of days" to receive the Kingdom. The Logos or "Word" (John 1:1) was like the Son of man. He was not yet born as a son, but since He would later become a son of man, He was, in Daniel's day, "like the Son of man" - the Jesus who was to be born of a human mother.

Crowned "KING of Kings"

1. How many great crowns will Jesus have? Revelation 14:14. But what about the "many crowns" mentioned in Revelation 19:12?

COMMENT: Jesus will have only one great golden crown. That crown will designate Him as Supreme King over all nations - over all the world. The proper translation of Revelation 19:12 is: "And on his head are many diadems." A diadem is a small crown or headband signifying royal office. The smaller crowns or diadems symbolize the lesser royal offices Jesus will hold.

2. What will Christ's official title be when He returns? Revelation 19:16. But who are these other "kings"? Let's understand.

3. Are Christians also to receive everlasting crowns - if they overcome? 1 Corinthians 9:25. Will those who qualify in this life rule over the nations as KINGS with Christ? Revelation 2:26-27; 3:21; 5:10; 20:4; Daniel 7:22, 27.

4. When do the "saints" - Christians - receive the reward of crowns and offices of rulership? 2 Timothy 4:8. Compare also Revelation 11:15, 18; 22:12 with Isaiah 40:10.

COMMENT: Jesus went to heaven to be crowned by the Father. But one of the reasons Jesus will return to earth is to bring rewards of rulership to His resurrected saints!

5. What did Christ say would be the reward of those who manage wisely the abilities God has given them now? Luke 19:16-19.

6. Will the resurrected saints also be priests? Revelation 5:10; 20:6. And judges? Verse 4.

COMMENT: Resurrected Christians will be kings and priests, and will judge among the peoples of the earth during the Millennium.

Perfect, Powerful Government

Christ's government will begin at Jerusalem, where His headquarters will be located (Jeremiah 3:17). As His rule spreads over the whole earth, all rebellious nations will be brought into line.

1. How will Christ deal with those nations which refuse to come to Jerusalem to worship God the way he commands? Zechariah 14:16-19.

2. What will be Christ's general policy for governing the nations? Revelation 12:5; 19:15. Note the words "rod of iron."

COMMENT: When God set His hand to save mankind, He will use a "rod of iron," symbolizing absolute authority. He will rule with power, and He will not hesitate to use it when necessary! Man, influenced by his old habits and attitudes fanned in this present evil world, must be held under control until he learns his lesson and comes to see that God's way of living is best for all.

Jesus Christ will be in absolute control of the earth, but He will rule with perfect justice and mercy, having once been human Himself (Hebrews 2:9-10; 4:15). He will at first literally have to FORCE men to be happy! He will impose His merciful rule on rebellious stiff-necked mankind, and bring the world COMPULSORY JOY!

Although God will rule with power and authority, He does not intend to "cram His religion" down the throats of people. He will not force anyone to accept His truth in the sense of spiritual conversion - repentance, baptism, etc.

God is not a stern, cruel monster as some agnostics have falsely implied. God wants man at all times to be really happy! But God knows the only way to lasting happiness is obedience to His laws!

Gradually, as men obey God's laws they will wake up to the wisdom and justice of God's rule and will submit gladly to His authority, and a "rod of iron" will no longer be necessary.

Re-education in the Millennium

Speaking of the Millennial rule of Christ, the Bible declares: "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

During the Millennium God will TEACH mankind the laws that produce happiness. He will give each individual the CHOICE, after learning His laws and seeing the happiness they produce, of whether to obey God's laws or not. The vast majority of mankind will see God's way is truly best and will voluntarily choose to OBEY Him.

But before men can really choose they must clearly see the alternatives. They must be RE-EDUCATED so they can see through old prejudices and discern true values.

Education will play a vitally important role in the Millennium. A Gallup Poll once revealed that only two percent of Americans thought education is their most vital concern. But in the world tomorrow it will receive TOP PRIORITY! Exactly why is education so important? Let's understand.

1. Is faulty education, which has befogged the world's understanding, like a veil that hides the mind from truth? Isaiah 25:7.
2. Who is fundamentally responsible for deceiving the whole world? Revelation 12:9. Doesn't that make him the real author of wrong education? John 8:44. Will the devil be allowed to deceive the nations when Christ commences to re-educate the world? Revelation 20:1-3.
3. Has the devil deceived the nations largely by means of false religion - including false religions that PROFESS Christ, but DENY Him by their works? 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; Titus 1:16.
4. What kind of knowledge is most lacking in the world today? Is it spiritual knowledge? Hosea 4:6. What is the tragic result of this dearth of spiritual knowledge? Same verse.

What Is True Education?

1. What does God think of the wisdom of the world? 1 Corinthians 3:19. Where does this world's wisdom lead? Proverbs 14:12.
2. But what is truth? John 17:17. What will truth do for people in the world tomorrow? John 8:31-32.

COMMENT: A common, but false, concept in the world today is that education should have nothing to do with a "way of life." Many believe education should teach you only how to earn a living, but NOT how to live! Not so at Ambassador College. Here students are also taught to "recapture true values" from the FOUNDATION of knowledge - the Bible!

3. Do we have a written record that the true apostolic church preached God's "way" of life? Acts 19:9, 23. Does the world approve of God's "way"? Acts 24:14.

COMMENT: God's way of life is the result of right education. It is based upon the bedrock of TRUTH. But God's truth has been totally rejected by this world. The Bible has been completely disregarded by modern education!

4. The world is fast approaching a smashing climax which will shock people into a realization that something is radically wrong with our modern way of life. What will

people then acknowledge? Jeremiah 16:19. Would they desire to learn another way if their present way were better?

COMMENT: The people of this world have inherited lies from birth - profitless ideas that have been funneled into their unquestioning minds. As adults they continue accepting fallacies learned in childhood, and build their lives around biases and prejudices.

When Christ rescues the world from annihilation, people will acknowledge their ignorance - their lack of sound education. This confession of error is actually the first step toward "repentance"!

5. What does repentance really involve? Isaiah 55:6-9. Isn't it clearly turning from the wrong way one has been living? Verse 7.

COMMENT: Repentance clearly involves the forsaking of all wrong concepts about life we have always taken for granted without proof, and turning to God's truth!

6. Will re-education in the Millennium necessarily remold man's methods of doing business? 2 Corinthians 8:21. Will it remold the social order? 1 Peter 4:3-4. And all other phases of life in general? 1 Corinthians 10:31.

God's System for Re-education

The evils in the world today can be laid at the doorstep of false education. Many educators are finally waking up to the fact that our great universities have FAILED! They have been hotbeds of discontent, strife, revolt and sedition. This system of education obviously needs to be changed! What kind of system will replace it?

1. In addition to ruling as supreme King over all the nations, will Christ also be the supreme teacher? Isaiah 2:3; Psalm 25:8-10.

COMMENT: Christ will unite these two functions in Himself. How plain that in God's pattern for world rule, religion and government are not separate!

2. Under Christ, who will rule over the modern descendants of Jacob? Jeremiah 30:7-9. What did Jeremiah mean by "raise up"? 1 Corinthians 6:14. Will David be a prince over Israel? Ezekiel 34:23-24.

COMMENT : David will be resurrected to rule over the physical descendants of ancient Israel. His office will include the responsibility of TEACHING the people the laws of God.

3. Will the twelve apostles be placed over each of the twelve tribes of Israel? Matthew 19:28. Will each apostle have a throne? Luke 22:29-30. Will they then TEACH the individual tribes of Israel God's TRUTH? Matthew 28:19-20.

COMMENT: The apostles preached the gospel to the nations 1900 years ago, and God's Church is preaching it to the nations today. But think how much more all the nations and the whole earth will hear God's truth proclaimed during the Millennium!

4. Who else will rule and teach in the world tomorrow? Revelation 2:26; 5:10.

COMMENT: The resurrected Christians mentioned in Revelation 5:1 are to be "priests" as well as kings. And the true function of a priest is to teach (Malachi 2:7).

When God intervenes in human affairs, it will not be left up to the people to vote in their own rulers or choose their own teachers. In the world tomorrow GOD will appoint His resurrected saints as the rulers and educators, and not lobbyists or other pressure groups will be able to corrupt them. They will teach the people all His laws and His statutes which are the way to peace, prosperity and happiness!

5. Will the resurrected saints be able to appear in a material body at will? Isaiah 30:20-21. What will they do? Verse 21.

COMMENT: In the world tomorrow, those now qualifying to rule under Christ will be ever-present and ever-ready to speak or act, both to teach and to nip in the bud any attempted act of disobedience.

Because they will be composed of spirit, they will be able to come and go as necessary, to pass through walls, or simply disappear, just as Christ was able to after His resurrection (John 20:17, 19, 25-27; Luke 24:31).

Results of sweeping Education

1. Will people come to see eye to eye as they learn of God and His way? Isaiah 52:7-8. Will the whole world come to know His truth? Habakkuk 2:14; Isaiah 11:9; Jeremiah 31:34. Will even those who grumbled against God learn His truth? Isaiah 29:24.

2. Will the Egyptians "know the Lord" in that day? Isaiah 19:21. How will the Egyptians, as well as all other people, really come to know God? Isaiah 55:6-7; 1 John 2:3-4. Will Ethiopia also seek to gain the benefits of an obedient relationship with Christ? Psalms 68:31.

COMMENT: The nations near Israel spoken of in the Bible are types of all nations in the world tomorrow. All the nations of the world will learn that true Christianity really pays!

3. Will Gentile rulers bring presents to Christ in acknowledgment of His educational and material benefits? Psalms 68:29. Upon what conditions has God always promised to shower great material prosperity? Malachi 3:10-12.

COMMENT: Obedience to God's laws is what will produce universal prosperity, peace and happiness in the world tomorrow! Isn't it plain that the basis of right education is the knowledge of God and His laws?

Will there be New Natures?

1. Will God change the natures of animals in the Millennium? Isaiah 11:6-8; Hosea 2:18. Will all creatures be peaceful? Ezekiel 34:25.

2. In the Bible God speaks of the heart of man as being symbolic of his mind. What is man's heart - his mind - really like today? Jeremiah 17:9. Is man's mind naturally submissive to God and His law? Romans 8:7.

3. What does God say He will add to the minds of people in the Millennium to CHANGE the basic attitude of man? Ezekiel 36:26-27; Jeremiah 31:33.

COMMENT: As God is going to change the lion's inborn desire for flesh food to an appetite for vegetation and is going to give peaceful natures to all other creatures, so He will make a truly marvelous and miraculous CHANGE in man's hostile mind. This change in the mind will be brought about by repentance and the receiving of God's HOLY Spirit! This is what will actually make the wonderful world tomorrow a literal UTOPIA! By a miracle, God will place His very own nature of outgoing love within mankind (Romans 5:5). True love will thus be manifested in human beings through the Holy Spirit of God. People will then love their fellowmen and strive to make them happy!

It would require a thick book to begin to describe the wonderful conditions which could prevail on this earth - and which will finally prevail when the human heart is HUMBLED, CONVERTED by the Holy Spirit - given the very nature of God! (2 Peter 1:4.)

God's Way BEST After All!

Do you grasp the significance of what you have studied in your Bible with this lesson? God prophesied long ago of a time when He would cause this earth's inhabitants to possess magnificent abundance. It is then that the world will wake up to a great truth - that GOD'S WAY IS BEST AFTER ALL!

The time is almost here when "The LORD of hosts [shall] make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations" - their spiritual blindness (Isaiah 25:6-7).

God will soon halt this world's mad plunge toward nuclear cosmocide. He will send Jesus Christ to intervene in world affairs and put down all rebellion. Then He and His saints will begin teaching the nations God's truth and His laws, His ways that bring blessings, prosperity, peace and happiness.

The utopian paradise which mankind has always longed for will finally be ushered in. Men will at long last WAKE UP! He will finally see through the veil of prejudices which have prevented him from following the WAY which would bring them all of their true desires.

No one in that wonderful world tomorrow will be deceived as the vast majority of mankind today! There will be no devil around to lead people astray. ALL will know the TRUTH! There will be no more religious confusion. Eyes will be Opened to God's revealed truth. Humans will become TEACHABLE. People will start living God's WAY - the way of outgoing concern for others - the way of TRUE VALUES - the way of PEACE, of HAPPINESS OF WELL-BEING, of JOY!

Crime, sickness, disease, and suffering will be GONE! Poverty and ignorance will be banished. SMILES will enlighten human faces - countenances will radiate with sparkling JOY! Wild animals will be tame. Air pollution, water pollution, soil pollution

will be no more! There will be crystal-pure water to drink; clean, crisp, pure air to breathe; rich fertile soil producing full-flavored foods where deserts once existed, producing full-flavored foods; and fantastic BEAUTY in flowers, shrubs, trees.

The millennial world will be filled with **HAPPY** people guided, helped, protected and ruled by Christ and the saints - and all human beings will learn that they, too, are called by God to inherit EVERLASTING LIFE in supreme happiness and thrilling Joy!

WHAT A FABULOUS WORLD THAT WILL BE!

Although a utopian paradise is indeed impossible by the hands of men - although none of this world's governments can bring us true peace, prosperity and abundance - your Bible shows THE GREAT GOD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH CAN AND WILL PRODUCE UTOPIA ON EARTH... SOON! May God speed that glorious day!

MINIQUIZ - TEST YOUR MEMORY

This quiz is designed to help you remember the important facts you learned in the lesson. You simply circle, or underline each correct answer. After you've finished, check your choices with the correct answers listed at the end of the test, and then rate yourself.

1. How will a "utopia" of world peace and prosperity finally become reality? A. By a worldwide revival in all churches. B. Through a strengthened NATO and UN. C. Only by the rule of a divine world government. D. By men learning to control the weather and the population explosion.
2. The wonderful world tomorrow will A. have no cities. B. become reforested on a grand scale. C. not be very prosperous, except in God's model nation. D. lack rainfall in desert areas.
3. The life-giving stream which will flow east and west from Jerusalem A. symbolizes the tears Jesus shed over Jerusalem. B. will not literally exist. C. will quickly be swallowed up and lost in the southern desert. D. symbolizes the "healing" of the nations by God's Holy Spirit.
4. Jesus' actual coronation A. took place when He ascended to heaven. B. will take place before His second coming. C. takes place after He conquers all nations. D. took place when He conquered the devil.
5. As "King of kings," how many great crowns will Jesus have? A. Three: for heaven, hell and earth. B. Seven. C. One. D. Many.
6. When will the "saints" receive their crowns? A. After they prove their ability to rule the nations. B. At the "rapture." C. After Jesus has conquered, completely reorganized and rebuilt this world, and solved its problems. D. At Christ's return.
7. David will A. remain dead in his grave during the Millennium B. rule as king over the descendants of Jacob in the Millennium. C. rule over the Gentiles. D. have less authority over Israel than the twelve apostles.

8. In the Millennium, Christ will A. govern gently at all times. B. never deal severely with the rebellious C. not be concerned about education. D. teach mankind God's way of life.

9. The goal of Christ's re-education program will primarily be to A. reform the economic system. B. teach man how to fulfill his democratic responsibility. C. remold the social life of the community. D. develop the whole character of man - perfect his physical, mental, emotional and spiritual life.

10. The most important change destined to occur in tomorrow's world will be in A. man's hostile attitude. B. the nature of animals. C. the weather. D. the languages.

TRUE OR FALSE

11. The one problem today that will continue on over into the world tomorrow will be the multiplicity and corruption of languages and dialects. **T F**

12. In the Millennium, work will seem like rest compared to the suffering, sorrow and hard bondage of this world's ways. **T F**

13. Resurrected "saints" - Christians - will be "priests," as well as "kings" under Christ. **T F**

14. False education is an unfortunate curse, but thankfully it does not enslave mankind. **T F**

15. The Millennium will become a literal utopia because man's efforts will finally make it so. **T F**

MATCHING

Draw a line from each numbered phrase to the correctly related lettered phrase.

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| 16. Utopia | A. Myth |
| | B. An impossibility |
| 17. God's law | C. Changes man's attitude |
| | D. Never rebuilt |
| 18. Great river | E. Future world capital |
| | F. Way to blessings |
| 19. Jerusalem | G. The Nile |
| | H. "Heals" the Dead Sea |
| 20. The Holy Spirit | I. Coming soon on earth |
| | J. Produced by science |

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

Rate Yourself

1 - C 5 - C 9- D 13 - T 17 - F

2 - B 6 -D 10 -A 14 - F 18 - H

3 - D 7-B 11 - F 15 - F 19 - E

4-B 8 -D 12 -T 16 - I 20-C

13- 15 Correct Fair

16- 18 Correct Good

19- 20 Correct Excellent

THE COMING UTOPIA WONDERFUL WORLD TOMORROW!

Test for Lesson 3

1. World peace is possible

- A. only if all the nations are brought together under a supreme world government.
- B. if Christ could be preached to all the nations.
- C. if the arms race were stopped.
- D. only through the United Nations.

2. World government

- A. will never become a reality.
- B. is a total impossibility under present world conditions.
- C. is very possible under the present moral, social and political climate.
- D. is merely an absurd myth-an idle pipe dream of overly optimistic men.

3. How will a utopia of world peace and prosperity finally become reality?

- A. By a worldwide revival in the churches.
- B. Through a greatly strengthened NATO and UN.
- C. By men deciding to cooperate with each other in all areas of life.
- D. Only through the coming divine, all-powerful government of God administered by Jesus Christ.

4. What is the "Millennium"?

- A. The period of time the saints will spend in heaven after being resurrected.
- B. The period of church rule in Europe during the Middle Ages.
- C. The 1000-year period of God's rule on earth beginning when Jesus Christ returns.
- D. A spiritual condition in the hearts of men.

5. Cities in the Millennium

- A. will be rebuilt to God's specifications.
- B. have absolutely no industry.

- C. be centralized and large as today.
 - D. be so decentralized they will seem like small villages.
6. Cities in the world tomorrow will
- A. be much more spacious and liveable.
 - B. be built with family life in mind.
 - C. be safe to walk in at night.
 - D. All of the above.
7. Which of the following will NOT be true in the wonderful world tomorrow?
- A. The whole earth will undergo remarkable changes.
 - B. The earth will remain as it is today.
 - C. Waste places and deserts will become fertile.
 - D. The nations will become reforested on a grand scale.
- 8.** After Christ returns to rule the world
- A. He will establish one pure language.
 - B. material abundance will become commonplace because of widespread obedience to God's law.
 - C. the former territory of ancient Israel will resemble the Garden of Eden.
 - D. All of the above.
- 9.** Christ's government will
- A. deny private ownership of property during the Millennium.
 - B. enforce harsh laws on earth's inhabitants.
 - C. provide true justice for all.
 - D. practice communism in its purest form.
- 10.** How will mankind be liberated from sickness and disease in the utopia of tomorrow?
- A. Through miraculous healing and obedience to God's health laws.
 - B. Through a highly trained medical profession equipped with totally new methods of treatment.
 - C. Christ will suspend the laws governing good health.
 - D. Through "miraculous" drugs that will prevent illness.
- 11.** The river which will flow east and west from the Temple in Jerusalem will
- A. be symbolic of the tears Jesus shed over this city.
 - B. not be a physical counterpart of God's Holy Spirit.
 - C. be symbolic of the Spirit of God which will "heal" the mental and spiritual problems of mankind.
 - D. quickly be swallowed up and lost in the parched sands of the southern desert.
- 12.** Jesus Christ is now
- A. "King of kings."
 - B. our High Priest in heaven.

C. the God of this world.

D. powerless to dethrone Satan.

13. Christ's coronation as "King of kings" will have

A. taken place before His second coming.

B. took place when He conquered Satan the devil.

C. is not really necessary for Him to rule the earth.

D. will take place after He returns to rule the earth.

14. As "King of kings," how many great crowns will Christ have?

A. Three, representing rulership over heaven, hell and earth.

B. One

C. Seven

D. Many

15. The coming world government will

A. finally become reality through the efforts of great statesmen.

B. be a coalition of man's and God's governments.

C. be established by Christ upon His return.

D. be the last of a long succession of human governments.

16. At the beginning of the Millennium, Christ will

A. hesitate to assert His authority to rule.

B. not deal severely with the rebellious.

C. take away free moral agency from mankind.

D. grant resurrected Christians co-rulership with Him over the world.

17. Which one of the following is NOT a reason why the world will have to be reeducated at the beginning of the Millennium?

A. Because modern education is based on the Bible.

B. Because modern education has totally rejected the foundation of all knowledge.

C. Because men lack the spiritual knowledge of God.

D. Because Satan has deceived the world.

18. The goal of Christ's reeducation program will primarily be to

A. reform the world's economic system.

B. teach man how to fulfill his democratic responsibility.

C. develop the whole man-physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

D. remold the social life of the community.

19. The resurrected saints will

A. have little to do with education in tomorrow's world.

B. educate as well as rule over people.

C. rule, but not educate in the Millennium.

D. seldom be able to appear in a material body at will to conduct their duties.

- 20.** What are the results of true education?
- A. True repentance - turning to God's truth and way of life.
 - B. Happiness and joy.
 - C. Material blessings.
 - D. All of the above.
- 21.** How successful will Christ's reeducation program prove to be?
- A. Only the descendants of Israel will come to know the way of God.
 - B. The Egyptians and Ethiopians will be the only Gentiles to be reeducated to God's way of life.
 - C. The whole world will come to know God's truth.
 - D. It will be a total failure!
- 22.** Universal obedience to God's law in the world tomorrow will
- A. result only in material blessings.
 - B. produce temporary world peace.
 - C. last for a short while.
 - D. result in universal peace, prosperity and happiness for 1,000 years.
- 23.** The most important change destined to occur in tomorrow's world will
- A. be in man's hostile attitude toward God.
 - B. the nature of animals.
 - C. the weather.
 - D. the languages.
- 24.** How will the change in man's basic attitude become possible?
- A. Through human reason.
 - B. By people receiving God's Holy Spirit.
 - C. Through self-righteous effort.
 - D. Certainly through no conscious personal effort.
- 25.** What will actually make the world tomorrow a literal utopia?
- A. Great material abundance.
 - B. Beautiful cities.
 - C. A verdant earth.
 - D. The love of God's Holy Spirit manifested in repentant, obedient individuals toward others.

ANSWERS TO LESSON 3 TEST

Rate Yourself

- 1-A 2-B 3 - D 4-C 5 -A
 6-D 7-B 8 - D 9-C 10 -A

11 - C 12 - B 13 - A 14 - B 15 - C
16 - D 17 - A 18 - C 19 - B 20 - D
21 - C 22 - D 23 - A 24 - B 25 - D