

## THE MIRACLE OF THE MILLENNIUM

Mr. Steele:--During the last three weeks, Dr. Mac Rae, you have been speaking of miracles that God has performed in the past. Are you going today to take something different, one that you expect Him to perform in the future?

Dr. MacRae:--That is exactly right. First we looked at the wonderful miracle of life. Then we observed the many evidences of God's goodness in this miracle nation that He has given us. Next we examined the greatest miracle of all, the miracle of the God-man. Today we are going to look into the future and see what miraculous work God is yet going to do.

The word millennium, which means "a thousand years," has come to be used in English as a common term to indicate a time of peace and happiness when war will come to a complete end. This usage is based upon the fact that it occurs in the book of Revelation six times to describe a time when Satan will be bound so that he can deceive nations no more. Certainly the world has never seen anything like that up to the present. It must of course be a future time.

Mr. Steele:--What reason do you have to think that there is ever going to be a millennium, Dr. MacRae?

Dr. MacRae:--Well, Mr. Steele, I am afraid I would become a pessimist on that point if I had only my own observations to go on. A few years ago people were talking about the establishment of universal peace throughout the world, but today we find a third of the world under a dictatorship as cruel and as brutal as the world has ever seen, and this dictatorship has sworn to conquer all the rest of the world. Its leader has repeatedly declared that he is going to bury us, that our grandchildren will live under the control of men of his type. Things look pretty dark if one is expecting by human means to bring any sort of millennium. However, I have found that human efforts to predict the future are not very good. There are too many factors that we cannot evaluate. The only One who can correctly predict the future is the God who controls the future. I have a book here which was written under the direct supervision of the Spirit of God. It is made up of 66 parts written at many different periods by many different men. They were men of every conceivable type, and yet all of them wrote under the direct supervision of the Holy Spirit of God. Christians have always believed that this book is the very Word of God--that its statements are free from error and are absolutely dependable. Therefore when I find a clear statement somewhere in the Bible I am ready to stand upon it. I know that it is true; otherwise God would not have allowed it to stand in the book that He has given us.

In this Bible I find, not merely in one place, but in many places, the promise that a time is coming when righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. God assures us that there will be a time when peace will be universal. In Isaiah 2:2-4, He says that men will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and nation will not lift up sword against nation any more. In Isaiah 11 He predicts a time when even the destructive aspects of the forces of nature will be changed, so that the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and a little child will lead them. There are many wonderful pictures in the Bible of a grand time of happiness and joy and universal peace that is ahead. The Scripture gives us absolute certainty that we can depend upon the coming of such a period. We don't have to depend upon human guesses, or human speculation, or upon human effort, God has promised to bring it in. Therefore,

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