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The word millennium is defined as a period of one thousand years. Did you know that the Bible speaks of a special period that will take place on the earth for exactly one thousand years? Seeing that the world has been in existence for about six thousand years, the seventh thousand year could very well be this millennium spoken of in the Bible! Satan, of course, has confused many on what will actually take place during the millennium. Complete this lesson with the KJV Bible and find out what you need to know about the millennium!

- 1) When Jesus comes the second time, what will happen to the righteous dead and living? What will happen to the wicked? -1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; 2 Thessalonians 2:8.
- 1 The "de d in Chri t will rise fi st" and go to heaven.
- 2 The righteous "who are a live and re ain shall be caught u toge her with him in the cl uds" and are taken to heaven.
- 3 The living "wicked" will be "cons med with the spi it" of Jesus' "mouth and dest oved with the bri htness of His coming."



The resurrection of the righteous at the second coming of Jesus

*Note: According to these texts, Jesus will take the righteous to heaven at His coming and the wicked will be slain by the brightness of His glory. This would mean that the second coming of Jesus will leave earth empty of all human life.

- 2) How does Isaiah and Jeremiah describe the earth after Jesus comes? -Isaiah 24:1, 3, Jeremiah 4:23-25.
- 1 After Jesus comes, the Lord will make the "earth emp v" and make it "was e." The earth will be "utterly em tied."
- 2 Jeremiah saw the earth "without f rm and v id" and "there was no m n" on the earth.



The earth will be emptied at Jesus' coming.

*Note: If all the righteous are taken to heaven when Jesus comes and the wicked are slain, that would ONLY leave SATAN and his DEMONS on the earth!





- 3) What does the Bible say will happen to Satan for a thousand years? -Revelation 20:1-3.
- 1 Satan will be "bou_d" a "thou and ye rs."
- 2 He will also be "c_st into the bottom_ess p_t" so that he can no longer "decei_e the n_tions, till the thous nd years should be fulf lled."

*Note: The word for "bottomless pit" in the Greek is "abussos," which is where we get the word "abyss." This will be the condition of the earth during the 1000 years. The righteous will be in heaven, while the wicked will be dead on the desolated earth. The earth will be a lifeless planet as it was before creation. The Bible says that "the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep." - Genesis 1:2 The "chains" that bind Satan are symbolic chains of circumstance that describe his inability to tempt souls. This will be the Devil's "Time Out" before he gets his whipping in the lake of fire. He will have 1000 years to see the results of his rebellion, misery and destruction that he caused and will be in constant fear of his upcoming punishment.

- 4) What will the righteous be doing in heaven during the 1000 year period? -Revelation 20:4, 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3
- 1 The saints "will rei_n with Chr_st for a th_usand ye_rs" and "jugdm_nt" will be "given unto th_m."
- 2 The "sa_nts will j_dge the w_rld [wicked]" during the thousand years.

*Note: The saints will participate in the judgment! Who will they judge? They will judge the fallen angels and the world -- the lost souls who missed out on the heavenly gift of salvation. They will be able to examine the books and find out why each lost soul was not permitted to enter heaven. They will also help determine the degree of punishment for each soul. We will work as jurors during the thousand years. What a fair and just God we serve!



- 5) Who will live again after the 1000 years are finished? Who will the Second Death have no power over? -Revelation 20:5, 6.
- 1 After the 1000 years, the "rest of the d_ad" [wicked dead] will live again.
- 2 The second death will have "no po_er" over those who have "pa_t in the f rst res rrection."

*Note: The ones that are "blessed and holy" are the ones that are a part of the "first resurrection." They are resurrected before the 1000 years at the second coming of Christ. "The rest of the dead" that live again after "the thousand years were finished" must be speaking of the second resurrection of the wicked dead mentioned in John 5:28, 29.

Let's review:



The first resurrection takes place before the 1000 years when Jesus comes.



During the 1000 years, the earth is desolate at the exception of Satan and his angels, while the saints are in heaven.



The second resurrection of the wicked takes place after the 1000 years.

- 6) What did John see come down from heaven to the earth? What will Satan deceive the wicked to do after they are resurrected and they see this massive structure land on earth? -Revelation 21:2; 20:7-9.
- 1 "John saw the ho_y ci_y, N_w Jer_sal_m, co_ing d_wn from God" to the earth.
- 2 Satan will "deceive the na_ions" and "gather them t_gether to ba_tle" against the "camp of the sa_nts" and the "bel_ved ci_y", New Jerusalem, in an attempt to destroy it.



The holy city will descend to the earth.

*Note: Satan's loosening from prison is symbolic of his freedom to tempt souls once again after the wicked are resurrected. "Gog and Magog" are symbolic of a people that are gathered together against God. (See Ezekiel 38:1-8). His temptations will be for the purpose of deceiving the wicked to attempt to destroy the holy city, New Jerusalem. This futile attempt will lead to the destruction of the wicked by hellfire.



The wicked will attempt to destroy the holy city.

7) What 2 things must happen before the wicked are destroyed in hellfire? -Revelation 20:12, Romans 14:11.

- 1 The wicked must be "j_dged out of those things which were wr_tten in the b_ _ks, according to their w_rks."
- 2 Every "kn_e" must "b_w" and every "t_ngue" must "conf_ss to G d" before they can be destroyed in hellfire.

*Note: At some point, before the wicked are destroyed in the fire, they "must appear before the judgment seat of Christ" (2 Cor. 5:10) and be made fully aware of why they are lost. After all the wicked understand the reason of their condemnation, they will fulfill Romans 14:11 and will all bow before Christ in acknowledgment of His justice and authority.

*Warning: Satan has devised a counterfeit teaching about the millennium that you need to know about! The counterfeit prophetic timeline looks like this:





ERROR #1: This timeline teaches the false rapture doctrine where the saints will be secretly taken to heaven before the tribulation. (See lesson 7 for more info on the rapture.)

ERROR #2: It teaches that those unprepared for the rapture will have a 2nd chance to make it to heaven, but will have to go through the tribulation. The Bible teaches all the living saints will go through the tribulation and we only have one chance to be ready. (See Matt. 24:44-51)



ERROR #3: It teaches that Satan will be literally cast into some dark pit for 1000 years where he will NOT be able to tempt people. This will supposedly result in the conversion of the world. This would be unfair, since all that lived before them were tried and tempted by the Devil.



ERROR #4: It teaches that Jesus will reign on earth BEFORE it is cleansed by fire and the wicked are destroyed. This is the same false teaching that the Jews believed -- that Jesus will set up an earthly kingdom and will rule over the wicked.

*Note: Here is the real timeline of what will happen according to the Bible:

Second Coming of Jesus (righteous resurrected)

Resurrection of Wicked

Wicked attempt to take Holy City

Satan & Wicked Destroyed Creation of New Earth

1000 Year Period

Satan bound / righteous judging in heaven

Appeal: Will you continue to study Bible prophecy so that you can know what will happen before and after Jesus comes again?

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