

THE TRUTH

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Lesson 10 - The Truth About the Millennium

How long can a man live? Most are fortunate to make it to 70 or 80. Dr. Edward L. Bortz, President of the American Medical Association in the late 1940s, declared that the human body should be able to survive to the age of 150. Other researchers agree with him. But the time is coming when people will live a thousand years and continue living after that.

1. What chapter in the Bible would I find the concept of the “Millennium”? Ans.

Before proceeding, let us read the entire chapter of Revelation 20.

This is the only place in the Bible where the thousand-year period is specifically named, and it is here mentioned _____. The word millennium is not found in the Bible. It comes from two Latin words, _____, meaning “a thousand,” and _____, meaning “a year.” Thus we have **millennium**, a thousand years.

WHAT THE MILLENIUM IS NOT

The millennium will not be a thousand years of glory and peace here on earth. It will not be an age of technological progress or a “second chance” for the wicked. All mankind will not be converted before it, during it, or after it. Neither Christ nor His redeemed ones will be on the earth during the thousand years. Here is the truth about the millennium and the events that mark its beginning and end:

2. What are the two defining bookends marking the beginning and the end of the “Millennium.” [Revelation 20:4-6; John 5:29; Acts 24:15] Ans. a. The _____ resurrection b. The _____ resurrection.

NOTE: We noticed that the millennium is bound by two resurrections, that of the righteous at the beginning, and that of the wicked at the end. We also learned that the resurrection of the righteous takes place at the second coming of Christ. Therefore, the millennium will begin at _____ and consists of the thousand years immediately following it.

EVENTS BEFORE THE MILLENNIUM

3. Prior to the Millennium, which one of five categories will the created beings, which are bound to earth, be in?

- _____ living
- _____ living
- _____ and his _____
- _____ dead
- _____ dead

4. What are the five events that mark the beginning of the Millennium?

- i. Christ's _____ coming [John 14:3]
- ii. The righteous dead are _____ (the first resurrection) [1 Thess. 4:16; Rev. 14:13]
- iii. The righteous living will be _____ and given _____. [1 Corin. 15:51-53]
- iv. The wicked living will be _____ by the brightness of Christ's coming. [2 Thess. 1:7-8; Jeremiah 25:33]
- v. _____ the righteous will be taken to heaven for 1,000 years. [1 Thess. 4:17; Rev. 20:6]

5. What will happen to all the wicked dead who are currently resting in their graves, when the Lord descends from the sky? [Revelation 20:5] Ans. They are resurrected at the end of the _____ years. (Millennium)

EVENTS DURING THE MILLENNIUM

6. What are the two events that take place during the Millennium?

- i. Satan and his fallen angels are _____ on earth. [Revelation 20:1-3]
 - What is this chain? [Mark 5:1-4] A chain of _____
 - What is this bottomless pit? [Jeremiah 4:23-27; Genesis 1:1-2] It means abussos or abyss; a place of _____, _____, or _____

NOTE: The expression "bottomless pit" means a place of chaos, darkness, or desolation, and is translated from the Greek word from which we get "abyss." The same Greek word is used in the Septuagint Version of the Old Testament in both Genesis 1:2 and in Jeremiah 4:23-25, where the earth is pictured as being "without form, and void."

Apparently Satan will have nothing to do for a thousand years but to wander to and fro on this desolate earth. For six thousand years he has followed folk around trying to enlist them on his side. Now he is left with only his own thoughts. Surely that will be a miserable time for Satan. Forced to live with himself for a thousand years just thinking, nothing to do but wander around contemplating the part in which he has acted since he first rebelled against heaven's government, and looking forward with trembling and terror to the dreadful future when he must suffer for all the evil that he has done.

- ii. The righteous along with Jesus, are engaged in a work of _____ in heaven. "The Sentencing Judgment" [Revelation 20:4; Daniel 7:22; 1 Corinthians 6:1-4]

NOTE: It is necessary to determine how much punishment in the lake of fire each wicked person and angel (including Satan) will receive in the final punishment for sin. So God has decided that the redeemed will conduct this work of sentencing judgment.

"They are to sit with Christ in the judgment, but not to determine who shall be saved or who is lost. God the Father has already pronounced the decision of who shall have immortality and the Son has executed the decision by immortalizing his saints. "But rather to determine (judge) the degrees or length of

punishment the lost shall receive." [The Judgment, 117: John Nevis Andrews]

Second, by examining the records, all of the redeemed will have an opportunity to understand exactly why the wicked have been lost. If this examination had not been made, a question might remain in some minds through all eternity, as to why certain ones who on earth had made such a high profession of godliness were not saved.

7. Will all the lost, including Satan and his fallen angels receive the same sentence? [Gal. 6:7; Romans 2:6; Luke 20:45-4; Luke 12:47-48; Psalms 87:5-6] Ans. _____, the wicked will be sentenced based on the _____, _____ and _____ they have had.

EVENTS AT THE CLOSE OF THE MILLENNIUM

8. What are the seven events that mark the end of the "Millennium?"

- i. The wicked _____ are _____. [Revelation 20:3,5]
The mighty host of all those who have ever lived on our planet, who were not saved, are raised from the dead and stand upon the earth once more.
- ii. Satan is _____ out of his prison. [Revelation 20:7]
The raising of the wicked dead from their graves gives him opportunity to deceive once more.
- iii. Satan shall go forth to _____ the nations. [Revelation 20:8]
How can he deceive them when they are already lost? As usual, the devil has a scheme in mind. Rejoicing that the wicked are once again alive, Satan goes among them, and convinces them that they are well able to conquer the city and gain control of its riches.
- iv. The Holy City, New Jerusalem, _____ from Heaven. [Rev. 21:2; 18]
That this takes place in close connection with the loosing of Satan is obvious from what follows.
- v. Satan _____ the vast host of the wicked and they surround the holy city [Rev. 20:8-9]

NOTE: With the resurrection of the wicked, Satan is "loosed." Once again he has someone to deceive. In the meantime the Holy City descends from heaven. What a spectacular sight- a city the size of Oregon slowly coming down through the vaults of heaven. [Revelation 21:16] One of the Old Testament prophets was given a glimpse of this fantastic event. [Zechariah 14:3-5, 10] Apparently Jesus Himself precedes the city, and as His feet touch the Mount of Olives-the very spot from which He ascended 20 centuries before-the mountain splits down the middle, spreading out into one vast plain to form a special landing strip for the Holy City. When Jesus comes the second time. He comes for the saints, and meets them "in the air." [1 Thessalonians 4:17] This time, however, Zechariah declares that all the saints will be with Him-their spaceship, doubtless being the New Jerusalem itself. Is it any wonder that after John had seen all this in vision that God took special pains to reassure him that he was not hallucinating, that every word was "true and faithful?" [Revelation 21:5]

A PAUSE

The _____ Throne Judgment [Revelation 15:3-4; 20:11-13;

Romans 14:11; Phil. 2:10-11]

NOTE: God is careful to show all of lost humanity the facts of their lives and His many attempts to save them, which they spurned. In order to be just and fair, God must hold the unsaved accountable for their sins, but he does not want them to die cursing and complaining against Him as though He were a tyrant taking advantage of them. The Bible says someday, "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" [Philippians 2:10-11]. The **Great White Throne** will convince the wicked of their own personal responsibility for their lost state and the punishment now to descend upon them.

"Far above the city, upon a foundation of burnished gold, is a throne, high and lifted up. Upon this throne sits the Son of God, and around Him are the subjects of His kingdom. The power and majesty of Christ no language can describe, no pen portray. The glory of the Eternal Father is enshrouding His Son. The brightness of His presence fills the City of God, and flows out beyond the gates, flooding the whole earth with its radiance. In the presence of the assembled inhabitants of earth and heaven the final coronation of the Son of God takes place. And now, invested with supreme majesty and power, the King of kings pronounces sentence upon the rebels against His government and executes justice upon those who have transgressed His law and oppressed His people." [Rev. 20:11, 12], [The Great Controversy, 665, 666]

- vi. Fire came _____ from God out of _____ and devoured them. [Revelation 20:8-9]

This is the last act in the great struggle between Christ and Satan. Here before the Holy City the whole human race is gathered together for the last and only time-the righteous sheltered within those beautiful jasper walls; the wicked, countless "as the sand of the sea," spread out in battle formation as far as the eye can see- around its glorious heights. Here the eternal separation of the righteous from the wicked takes place, for when God rains down fire from heaven, all who have rebelled against His ways, including Satan and the evil angels, experience what the Bible calls the "second death."

- vii. Then the righteous will _____ the _____.
[Revelation 21:4; Matthew 5:5; Nahum 1:9]

NOTE: One day soon, when Christ returns for His people, the space trip of all ages will become a reality. Gravity will be powerless when the Son of God lifts His people into the skies. Moving effortlessly through the atmosphere, into the nothingness of space, on across the vast void, they finally arrive at their destination, The City of God itself. Today you have learned that this will actually be a "round trip," for eventually God will move His capitol city down to the earth where He Himself shall be with His people. [Revelation 21:3] Then will come true Christ's promise that the "meek shall inherit the earth." [Matthew 5:5]

A REFUSED PARDON

We are saved through simple faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ upon the cross. We need to pray. Yes, we should ask God to forgive all our sin, but you don't need to pray to make God willing to save you. He is at this very moment beseeching you to take salvation. Salvation is a gift from the pierced hand of the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 6:23 says, "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." "Whosoever will," let him come "and take the water of life freely." The gift of God is for you, will you accept it?

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