

The End of Time: How Will it Unfold?
“The Millennium”
Revelation 20
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Introduction: Only in the Millennium, which comes after the second advent of Christ, will the words of the song “Joy to the World” be fulfilled.

*** Our topic tonight is The Millennium.**

- It is very rarely preached or taught on
- Why? It is misunderstood! In spite of the fact that the Bible has more to say about it than any other prophetic subject.
- It's also controversial. Its 1000 years of peace on earth, yet Christians like to fight over it.

*** Remember the three main views:**

- 1) Pre-Millennial (the oldest view)
- 2) Post-Millennial
- 3) A-Millennial (190 A.D.-300 A.D.; Alexandria, Egypt)

*** Its all about how you interpret scripture.**

- The danger of the Bible losing its authority.
- Liberalism
- If you believe the Bible is the Word of God, and believe it should be interpreted literally, it leads to a Pre-Millennial view of Christ's Second Coming.

*** Some say the word “millennium” is not in the Bible, however the subject is.**

- The word “millennium” is Latin—two words *mille*= a thousand and *annum*= years
- It's found in Revelation 20 six times. (Revelation 20:1-7)

I. What Happens When Christ Returns?

- 1) He will put an end to the Antichrist, the false prophet and the war.
 - a. Revelation 19:17-21
 - b. Isaiah 2:4- “...they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into...”
 - c. He will judge the nations (Matthew 25- “sheep and goats”)
 - d. Only the living Tribulation saints enter the Millennium
- 2) He will bind Satan for 1000 years

- a. Revelation 20:1-3
 - b. No more Satan
 - c. Its after the Second Coming (Chapter 19-20)
 - d. The word “and” (v. 1, v. 2, v. 4, v. 7, v. 9, v. 10, v. 11, v. 12, v. 13, v. 14)
- 3) He will resurrect the Tribulation saints
 - a. Revelation 20:4-6
 - b. We will come back to the characteristics of the Millennium during the 1000 years
- 4) He will loose Satan out of his prison
 - a. Revelation 20:7-10
- 5) He will resurrect and judge the unsaved
 - a. Revelation 20:11-15

II. What Will Characterize The Millennium?

- 1) Jesus, the King will sit on the throne of David and reign over the whole earth
 - a. God’s:
 - i. universal kingdom
 - ii. Spiritual kingdom
 - iii. Davidic Kingdom
 - iv. All will come together
 - b. We pray “thy kingdom come”
 - c. It’s a literal kingdom
 - d. Herman A. Hoyt, in his book The End Times- *“In this kingdom, the Father’s eternal purpose in the divine Son comes to certain and complete fulfillment. Thee dominion that was divinely bestowed and humanly forfeited in the first Adam, will eventually be realized on earth in the final stage of human history. In this kingdom “the throne of God and of the Lamb” (Rev. 22:3) will be established as sovereign and eternal.”*
- 2) Israel is restored and posses the land God promised
 - a. Old Testament- Jeremiah 31:31-34; Genesis 28:13-14; Amos 9:14-15
 - b. The twelve apostles reign with Christ and David
- 3) A millennial temple will be built
 - a. Ezekiel 40-48
- 4) Thee church will reign with Christ
 - a. The Tribulation saints (Revelation 20:4)
 - b. 2 Timothy 2:12- “If we suffer we shall also reign with Him...”
- 5) Jesus, our King will reverse the curse, restore nature, and bring physical blessings.
 - a. Romans 8:22-23- “Creation is groaning...”
 - b. Illustration- Blessings in the Millennium
 - i. People will live in a blessed and enhanced environment. “The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the

rose; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God (Isaiah 35:1-2).”

- ii. Rain and food will be plentiful. “And he will give rain for the seed with which you sow the ground, and bread, the produce of the ground, which will be rich and plenteous. In that day your livestock will graze in large pastures, and the oxen and the donkeys that work the ground will eat seasoned fodder, which has been winnowed with shovel and fork (Isaiah 30:23-24).”
- iii. Animals will live in harmony with each other and with humans. “The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox (Isaiah 11:6-7).”
- iv. Christ’s government will be perfect and effective. “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this (Isaiah 9:6-7).”
- v. Christ’s government will bring lasting global peace. “He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken (Micah 4:3-4).”
 - 1. So, peace and prosperity
 - 2. Joy and glory
 - 3. Justice and holiness
 - 4. No sickness is removed
 - 5. Man’s longevity is increased (Isaiah 65:20, 22)
- vi. All the world’s residents will worship the Messiah. “From the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts (Malachi 1:11).” “At that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a

pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the LORD and serve him with one accord (Zephaniah 3:9).”

- vii. God’s presence will be made manifest. “My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore (Ezekiel 37:27, 28).” “Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the LORD. And many nations shall join themselves to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you (Zechariah 2:10-13).”

CONCLUSION

*** Christ’s return to reign on a renewed earth for 1000 years. 1000 years of new management!**