



THE LAST DAYS

Part 8 – The Millennial Reign of Christ

REVELATION 20:1-6 - And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ²He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. ⁴I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.

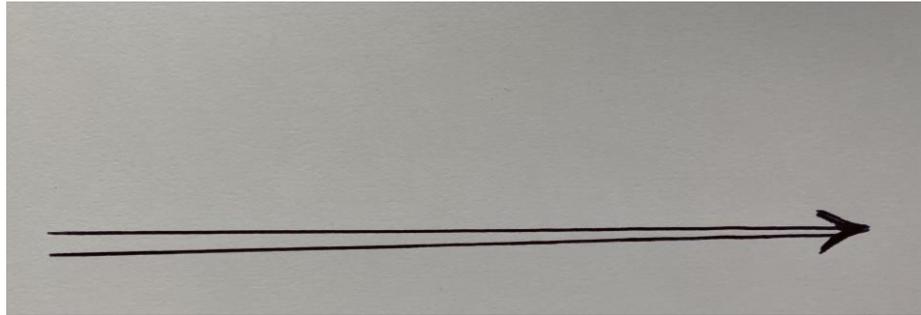
⁶Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Three Views of the Millennium

Postmillennialism – Postmillennialists believe Christ returns *after* the millennium. This 1,000 years is seen as a golden age when the majority of the world has converted to Christianity. This view believes the world will get better and better in order to usher in the return of Jesus.

Amillennialism - Amillennialists believe we are *presently* living in the millennial kingdom, which is characterized by the simultaneous experiences of gospel victory and suffering for the gospel. This obviously indicates amillennialists interpret “one thousand” figuratively. The gospel is victorious because Satan is bound, rendering him incapable of preventing the spread of the gospel; yet he is not utterly powerless from persecuting the Church.

Premillennialism - After the Second Coming of Christ (Revelation 19), Jesus will reign for a thousand years over the earth before the final consummation of God's redemptive purpose in the new heavens and the new earth.



The Purpose of the Millennium

- 1) **God's people must be** _____.
Isaiah 40:10 Matthew 25:34 Colossians 3:23-24 Rev. 22:12
- 2) **The prophets predictions must be** _____.
Psalm 72:11 Isaiah 9:7 Zechariah 9:14 Luke 1:32-33
- 3) **The millennium will be the last chance for people to**
_____.

What Will Happen During The Millennium?

- 1) **There will be total** _____.
Isaiah 11:6-9 Micah 4:2-3
- 2) **There will be great** _____.
Amos 9:13 Zechariah 8:12 Isaiah 35:1, 7
- 3) **People will** _____.
Isaiah 65:20
- 4) **The focus of everything will be** _____.
Philippians 2:9-11 - Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.