

**Series: "HEAVEN, HELL & THE END OF THE WORLD"**  
**Part 2: "THE MILLENNIUM"**  
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**What is the Millennium?**

- The millennium refers to the period of time that \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_

*<sup>1</sup>And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. <sup>2</sup>He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. <sup>3</sup>He 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.*

*<sup>4</sup>I 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. <sup>5</sup>(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed 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.*

Revelation 20:1-6 (NIV)

- The Bible clearly talks about the millennium, but it is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that are the subject of debate

**Three Views of the Millennium**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ View**

- **Timing of the Millennium:** Jesus will return \_\_\_\_\_ the millennial age on earth

- **Nature of the Millennium:**

- Evil is not eliminated, but drastically \_\_\_\_\_
  - Binding of Satan will take place during the millennium
  - Much of his influence completely removed during the millennial period; much greater restriction than today

- Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ present, and will reign with \_\_\_\_\_ on earth
  - Interpret Revelation 20:4-6 as two bodily resurrections separated by the millennium
  - Believers are resurrected at the return of Jesus, receive glorified bodies, and reign with Jesus during the millennium
  - Unbelievers are resurrected after the millennium
- During this time, there will be \_\_\_\_\_ on earth
  - Nature will share in the prosperity
  - The millennial age will be better than the current age, but not as good as the eternal state

*<sup>6</sup>The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. <sup>9</sup>They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

Isaiah 11:6-11 (NIV)

- See also Isaiah 65:17-25, Psalm 72:8-14, Zechariah 14-17, Revelation 2:26-27

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ View**

- **Timing of the Millennium:** Jesus will return \_\_\_\_\_ the millennial age on earth

- **Nature of the Millennium:**

- An age transformed by the \_\_\_\_\_ spread of the Gospel

*<sup>14</sup>And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

Matthew 24:14 (NIV)

- The result will be a society dominated by Christian morals and principles
- The kingdom of God will fill the entire earth (See also Daniel 2:34-35 and Matthew 13:31-33)
- A large number of people will be saved (See also Psalm 22:27-28, Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 7.9, and Luke 2.13)

- Jesus is not \_\_\_\_\_ present on earth; reigns from \_\_\_\_\_
  - Believers who have died are reigning with Jesus in heaven until they return with him

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ View

- **Timing of the Millennium:** The \_\_\_\_\_ age is the millennium
- **Nature of the Millennium:**
  - No \_\_\_\_\_ reign of Jesus or millennial kingdom
    - The millennium is the period of time between the first and second coming of Jesus

<sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

<sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.  
1 Corinthians 15:22-25 (NIV)

- Continuous growth of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - Satan is already bound, but only from preventing the spread of the gospel
  - Jesus has already had victory over Satan
  - See also Matthew 12:29, Luke 10:18, John 12:31
- A \_\_\_\_\_ resurrection and judgment when Jesus returns
  - Believers who have died are reigning with Jesus in heaven until they return with him
  - Believers and unbelievers will be resurrected at one time when Jesus returns for final judgment

<sup>28</sup> “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.

John 5:28-29 (NIV)

- See also Acts 24:15, John 6:39-40,44,54, Revelation 22:12, Matthew 16:27, 25:31-32, 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

### What about the Tribulation?

- **Tribulation:** a time of intense \_\_\_\_\_ prior to the second coming of Jesus

<sup>21</sup> For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.

Matthew 24:21 (NIV)

### What about the Rapture?

- **Rapture:** the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church from the world

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 (NIV)

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Rapture (Dispensational Premillennial)

- View of the Tribulation = God’s \_\_\_\_\_ intended to purify the \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>10</sup> Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

Revelation 3:10 (NIV)

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Rapture (Historic Premillennial)

- View of the Tribulation = Current \_\_\_\_\_ that may be \_\_\_\_\_ before Jesus returns

### Our Response to the Millennium

1. We don’t \_\_\_\_\_
2. We need to \_\_\_\_\_