

A NEW DAY

Today will be the conclusion of our series on the ‘end times.’ Our focus in this lesson will be on the **Millennium**.

WHAT IS THE MILLENNIUM?

‘Millennium’ is a word that means 1000 years. In this case, it represents that **thousand year period of time when Christ reigns upon the earth with His saints**. This thousand year period will take place AFTER the ‘Day of the Lord,’ but BEFORE the ‘second resurrection.’

[Revelation 20:5](#)

Now, there are several things that will take place during the Millennium...

#1 - THERE WILL BE A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

At the start of the Millennium, God will *restore* the heavens and the earth.

[Revelation 21:1](#)

Many assume that because the Millennium comes to a close by the end of chapter 20, chapter 21 represent events that take place *after* this. However, the events in chapter 21 actually *parallel* chapter 20! In other words, the heavens and the earth are actually remade *before* the Millennium, not *after* the Millennium.

[Revelation 21:3-5](#)

Notice that God makes “all things new” when He “wipes all tears from their eyes.” When is this?

[Revelation 7:14-17](#)

The words “and he...shall dwell among them” ([Revelation 7:15](#)) are basically the same words we read in [Revelation 21:3](#). Also, notice that in [Revelation 7:17](#) God wipes away “all tears from their eyes.” And this takes place *after* the Tribulation ([Revelation 7:14](#))!

#2 - THERE WILL BE A NEW KING

[Zechariah 14:16](#)

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Matthew 21:8, 9

(Although it does not say it directly, this was the Feast of Tabernacles that was being celebrated. We know this because of the palm branches that were used to celebrate Jesus!) Thus, it seems that requiring the nations to observe the Feast of Tabernacles (during the Millennium) is God’s way of requiring all men to acknowledge Christ as King! As the Bible says, “Every knee will bow...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord” (*Philippians 2:10, 11*).

#3 - THERE WILL BE A NEW LAW

The inhabitants of the earth will be required to live by a new law during in the Millennium—the law of God! Moreover, anyone who fails to observe God’s laws will be *judged*.

Zechariah 14:17

This ‘lack of rain’ will not be a coincidence. Instead, it will be the result of judgment. We must remember that during the Millennium there will be no curse in the earth.

Revelation 22:1-3

Notice, there will be NO CURSE during the Millennium. Now, this doesn’t mean there will be no famine or death. It simply means that any famine or any death that occurs during the Millennium will be the result of judgment, not misfortune!

Isaiah 65:17-20

Long life will be so much the norm in the Millennium that if someone dies at 100 they will be considered a CHILD. However, everyone will know that their death was not an accident but they were ‘accursed’ (i.e. punished)!

Today a person doesn’t have to do anything particularly sinful to die. This is because the ‘curse’ is in the world. Therefore, if

someone dies today it doesn't necessarily mean they're being punished. It could simply mean they've failed to 'escape' the curse!

Hebrews 2:1-3

We should also point out that any judgment takes place during the Millennium will come by the hands of the *saints*!

Revelation 2:26, 27

The phrase “And he shall rule with a *rod of iron*” reveals that the overcomers (*saints*) will rule with *swift* judgment during the Millennium. In other words, there will be no grace extended to lawbreakers! Anyone who does not comply will be judged immediately.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE MILLENNIUM?

Revelation 20:7-9

After the Millennium Satan, who will be bound throughout the entire Millennium, will be loosed. When he is loosed he will succeed in convincing the nations, all of whom will have ONLY known the peace and righteousness of God’s rule, to rise up against God!

The fact that Satan will have a relatively easy time convincing the nations to rebel against Christ will prove, once and for all, that mortal man is inherently evil and not worthy of God’s salvation. The Millennium will essentially be an experiment to show that the mortal man has a sinful heart. The problem is not that God hasn’t sufficiently revealed Himself to man. (Remember, during the Millennium Christ will be physically present on the earth.) The problem is that man, if given the opportunity, will choose to glorify himself rather than submit to the rule of God!

Romans 1:18-21

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