

The Millennium

What will it be like? Is it now (amillennialism), or soon (premillennialism)?

If it is now, we know what it is like. What will the millennium be like if it is future?

Then I saw heaven opened and here came a white horse! The one riding it was called "Faithful" and "True," and with justice he judges and goes to war. . . The armies that are in heaven, dressed in white, clean, fine linen, were following him on white horses. Rev. 19:11, 14 NET



I saw an angel . . . and a huge chain. He seized the dragon – the ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan – and tied him up for a thousand years. Rev. 20:1-2 NET



The Wedding, War, & Reign

Revelation 19:6-20:6 (NET) Then I heard what sounded like the voice of a vast throng, like the roar of many waters and like loud crashes of thunder. They were shouting:

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the All-Powerful, reigns! Let us rejoice and exult and give him glory, because the wedding celebration of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. She was permitted to be dressed in bright, clean, fine linen" (for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints).

Then the angel said to me, "Write the following: Blessed are those who are invited to the banquet at the wedding celebration of the Lamb!" He also said to me, "These are the true words of God." So I threw myself down at his feet to worship him, but he said, "Do not do this! I am only a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony about Jesus. Worship God, for the testimony about Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Then I saw heaven opened and here came a white horse! The one riding it was called "Faithful" and "True," and with justice he judges and goes to war. His eyes are like a fiery flame and there are many diadem crowns on his head. He has a name written that no one knows except himself. He is dressed in clothing dipped in blood, and he is called the Word of God. The armies that are in heaven, dressed in white, clean, fine linen, were following him on white horses. From his mouth extends a sharp sword, so that with it he can strike the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod, and he stomps the winepress of the furious wrath of God, the All-Powerful. He has a name written on his clothing and on his thigh: "King of kings and Lord of lords."

Then I saw one angel standing in the sun, and he shouted in a loud voice to all the birds flying high in the sky: "Come, gather around for the great banquet of God, to eat your fill of the flesh of kings, the flesh of generals, the flesh of powerful people, the flesh of horses and those who ride them, and the flesh of all people, both free and slave, and small and great!"

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to do battle with the one who rode the horse and with his army. Now the beast was seized, and along with him the false prophet who had performed the signs on his behalf—signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. Both of them were thrown alive into the lake of fire burning with sulfur. The others were killed by the sword that extended from the mouth of the one who rode the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves with their flesh.

Then I saw an angel descending from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the abyss and a huge chain. He seized the dragon—the ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan—and tied him up for a thousand years. The angel then threw him into the abyss and locked and sealed it so that he could not deceive the nations until the one thousand years were finished. (After these things he must be released for a brief period of time.)

Then I saw thrones and seated on them were those who had been given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. These had not worshiped the beast or his image and had refused to receive his mark on their forehead or hand. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand

years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were finished.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who takes part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years (Millennium).

Premillennialism (The Millennial Kingdom Is Israel and the Church): Christ Reigns
The millennium will be in the future (Jews return to Israel)
The King will be on Earth in Jerusalem, and all his saints will be on Earth
The reign lasts 1000 years
+ The first resurrection is physical. The saints (Church and Israel) are on Earth.
+ Satan will be bound and locked away – he will be powerless.
+ The promises made to Israel are fulfilled to Israel.

Both: Christ is King now and forever!

Amillennialism (The Millennial Kingdom Is the Church): Christ Reigns
The millennium is now
The King is in Heaven and most of his saints are in Heaven
The reign lasts for a long time (2000 +/- years)
- The first resurrection is spiritual for saints in heaven.
- Satan is bound and locked away now – the gospel can be heard by all.
- The promises made to Israel are given to the church or are fulfilled to Israel in the new heavens and earth.

Is the millennial king in Heaven (amill) or on Earth (premill)?

Daniel 7

Matthew 6:9-13

Is Satan bound now (amill) or will he be bound in the future (premill)?

Revelation 20:1-2 and Revelation 12:7-9

1 Peter 5:8

Is the millennium important?

Revelation 11:15-19

Revelation 11:15-19 (NET) Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven saying: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."

Then the twenty-four elders who are seated on their thrones before God threw themselves down with their faces to the ground and worshiped God with these words:

"We give you thanks, Lord God, the All-Powerful, the one who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and begun to reign. The nations were enraged, but your wrath has come, and the time has come for the dead to be judged, and the time has come to give to your servants, the prophets, their reward, as well as to the saints and to those who revere your name, both small and great, and the time has come to destroy those who destroy the earth."

Then the temple of God in heaven was opened and the ark of his covenant was visible within his temple. And there were flashes of lightning, roaring, crashes of thunder, an earthquake, and a great hailstorm.

The Millennium: What will the perfect environment look like?

Total of military, medical, and crime in America is about 7.741trillion dollars a year.

US Population is about 335 million.

\$23,107 dollars per person per year in the US.

Costs of: Weeds??? Funerals??? . . .

Micah 4:1-8

Ezekiel 47:1-12

Zechariah 10:1

Isaiah 65:25

Isaiah 9:6-7

Luke 1:32-33

Isaiah 1:32-33

Isaiah 11:1-16

Zechariah 9:9-10

Isaiah 2:2-4

Zechariah 14:16-17

Isaiah 65:20

Matthew 25:31-46

Ezekiel 37:24-25

Isaiah 16:5

Isaiah 35:1-10

Jeremiah 23:5-6