

**Sermon Title:** Foundation Project week 6

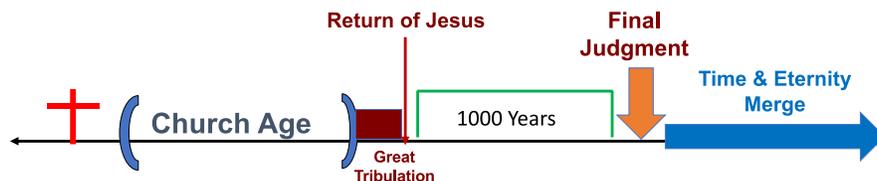
**Sermon Title:** The End is the Beginning

**Date:** 11/20/2022

**Big Idea:** Get Ready!... Because the end is the beginning!

This is marked by several great events displayed in the following timeline

### The End Is The Beginning



#### Event #1. The 1,000 Years

#### Revelation 20:1–6

We typically refer to this time period as "the Millennium" (1,000 years"). Earth will be restored to environmental perfection, like the Garden of Eden. During that time, there will be several primary groups of people who will live on earth.

- Resurrected martyrs from the Tribulation period
- Raptured believers who return WITH glorified bodies
- Mortal Believers who survived the Tribulation
- Children who will be born during the Millennium

During this time, Satan will be imprisoned, unable to deceive anyone for 1,000 years.

People will live in a perfect environment under the benevolent reign of Jesus Christ himself. There will be people with glorified bodies living alongside mortal human survivors of the Trib. Those mortals will reproduce and repopulate the planet. But their children will be born with sinful human natures. The pristine planet will be repopulated with sinful

people. The Millennium demonstrates that sinful behavior isn't a product of our environment - It's the result of the sinful nature.

God will briefly release Satan. But will deal finally & decisively with the forces of evil. **Revelation 20:7-10**

### **Event #2. The Final Judgment**

Also known as the "Great White Throne Judgment." That judgment will include only the unsaved. They will meet their eternal fate in what the Bible describes as the "lake of fire." **Revelation 20:11-15**

This judgment deals with those who have not put their trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. Thus, they are not destined to live in fellowship with God; rather, they will live eternally apart from Him. The Bible warns us that TODAY is the Day of Salvation (2 Cor 6:2). Hebrews 9:27 indicates no 2<sup>nd</sup> chances.

### **Event #3. The Great "Merge" of Time & Eternity** **Revelation 21:1-6**

Revelation 21 describes the heavenly capital city as ablaze with God's presence. It will be absolutely HUGE. **Revelation 21:16**  
It'll be shaped like a cube, one massive Holy of Holies.

There are several key features.

- The Tree of Life **Revelation 22:2**  
The same tree from which God barred man from eating after his rebellion. We will eat and live forever. **Revelation 2:7**
- The Canceled Curse **Revelation 22:3**  
Fruit-bearing plants will grow spontaneously. There will be no aging or diseases. No sorrow or death. It will be perfect.
- God, Himself will be there **Revelation 22:4**
- We will reign with Christ. In Revelation 11:15, we read, "**and He will reign forever and ever.**" In Rev 22:5, we read, "**And they will reign forever and ever.**"

To "reign" refers to governance with real responsibilities that make a difference. When you read to the end of the Bible, don't somehow think to yourself, "The End." Instead... Get Ready!... Because the end is the beginning! **Revelation 22:17, 20-21**

## **Discussion Questions:**

- What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?
- Why will God set Satan free after 1000 years?
- In Matthew 24:37-39 Jesus said: *As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.* Describe the similarities between our world today and the days of Noah. Do you see signs that Jesus is returning soon? Explain
- Scripture says people who reject Jesus will spend eternity in the lake of fire. How should that motivate us to share Jesus?
- Do you get nervous or excited when you think about the end times? Explain
- When you think about Heaven, what excites you?