

Revelation 20:1-10 **The Millennium**

Introduction

The period of time known as the "Millennium" is the one thousand year reign of Christ on the earth. Scripture does not go into detail about this time, but it does give some general descriptions. It will be a time like never before! Jesus will be the ruler of the world. His capital will be in Jerusalem, those who are saved will be with Him, and there will be no Satan.

There are three major millennial views. This is a review, but necessary in order to avoid confusion.

1. The Amillennial view- This view teaches that there is no literal 1,000 year reign of Christ. Prophecy to to amillennialist is symbolic, it is not literal. The literal fulfillment of hundreds of prophecies discredits this view.
2. The Post millennial view- This view states that Christians will win the world to Christ, and that things will continue to get better and better. Once the world is right, then Christ will return. Scripture, however promises the opposite, 2 Tim. 3:1, 13.
3. The Premillennial view- This view states that Christ will return to earth, destroy his enemies, then set up his kingdom.

I. The Characteristics of the Millennium, v1-6

This passage does not give much detail about what this time will be like. Many other passages in the Old Testament give greater detail.

- A. Peace Isaiah 11, 6-9, Micah 4:2-4, Zeph. 3:14-17
- B. Change- Isa. 35, Zech. 14:6-11
- C. Holiness- Isa. 11:9, 25:9, 66:23, Hosea 2:14-23, Zech 13:2, 14:16-20
- D. Health-Isa 65:20
- E. Sanctification-Isa. 65:21-25
- F. Israel in the Land-Joel 3:18, Amos 9:14-15, Micah 4:1-7, Zech. 8:2-9
- G. Joy-Isa. 9:3-4, 12:1-6, 30:29

II. The Rebellion in the Millennium, v 7-10

The question most often asked about this passage is "Why is the Devil set free?" We are not told why this happens. The ones deceived are the ones who are born during the Millennium. They seemingly have never accepted the Lord and are rebellious by nature. Satan will deceive the nations, and lead a great multitude to rebel. Satan and his followers are ultimately defeated and will be cast into the Lake of Fire forever.

Conclusion

The Millennium will start great, and it will end with tragedy, because of sin. Man and Satan have completely proven that without the gospel they will continue in rebellion to Christ.