

The Millennium

What is the Millennium?

It is the 1000 year period of time. After that there is a short period of time called the little season, and after that the new heaven and new earth will be created.

Why is the Millennium important to us?

We rule and reign with Christ. Isn't it important to know something about what it will like and what we will be doing? God wants to give us a vision of hope for the future. He has a plan that he wants us to be a part of. With a goal we have something to aim for. If you get a vision in your heart for this it will affect the way you live for God and in turn other lives will also be touched. God wants to stir the desire in your heart for the return of Jesus Christ.

Rev 20:4-6 They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 **(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.)** This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy are those who have part 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.** NIV

There is a first and second resurrection. The resurrection occurs at the rapture. For those who go into the great tribulation they will be raised at the second coming of Jesus. Both of these groups are part of the first resurrection. The second resurrection happens after the 1000 years and all of the rest of the dead are raised to live in eternal glorified bodies.

Satan and the Millennium

Satan is bound for 1000 years. It is a time that God prevents his influence.

Re 20:1-3 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. **2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3 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. NIV

Re 12:9 The great dragon was hurled down — that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. NIV

Here are the key events.

1. The rapture happens and the bride of Christ is caught up to heaven. Satan cast out of heaven to earth and he has a short time
2. There is seven years of tribulation and the antichrist rules for those years
3. Jesus comes back to earth to rule for 1000 Years. It is called the second coming and the Anti Christ and false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire at 2nd coming
4. Satan and his demons are bound for 1000 years

Demons bound also with Satan

Zech 13:2 **"On that day, I will banish the names of the idols from the land, and they will be remembered no more," declares the Lord Almighty. "I will remove both the prophets and the spirit of impurity from the land.**

Matt 13:41 The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, NASU

Scriptures indicate they are bound

Jas 4:7 resist the devil and he will flee from you

Satan isn't likely to come to us directly; he uses the agency of his demons. When we rebuke the devil we rebuke him and his forces. If the devil is bound it is certain that the demons are bound with him.

It doesn't make sense for the devil to be bound and the demons to be free.

Mt 8:29 Have you come to torment us before our time.

The demons know they have a time allotted for them to be tormented. When their time is up that's it. It ends at the second coming. All they have left is the little season and after that the Lake of Fire.

What will it be like with the devil gone?

The Millennium will be characterized by the absence of Satan and the presence of Christ

Wars will cease

Isa 2:4 Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. NIV

Racial problems, Government corruption, church corruption, crime will cease, war ceases. Lying, cheating, continual sinning will no longer be done. Many temptations go away. People will not have demonic input. False prophecies, witchcraft and the occult will vanish. No more evil political rulers. See how big the occult is today. They won't even know what it is. Socially, economically and religious people won't have demons operating in between them.

The Spirit of the Lord will be upon him to do the same things he did on earth

Jer 30:17'For I will restore you to health NASU

Jer 31:8-9 "Behold, I am bringing them from the north country, And I will gather them from the remote parts of the earth, Among them the blind and the lame, The woman with child and she who is in labor with child, together; A great company, they will return here. 9 "With weeping they will come, And by supplication I will lead them; I will make them walk by streams of waters, On a straight path in which they will not stumble; For I am a father to Israel, And Ephraim is My firstborn." NASU

Ezek 34:16 **"I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with judgment. NASU**

Micah 4:6-7 "In that day," declares the Lord, "I will assemble the lame And gather the outcasts, Even those whom I have afflicted. 7 "I will make the lame a remnant And the outcasts a strong nation, And the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on and forever. NASU

Zeph 3:19 "Behold, I am going to deal at that time With all your oppressors, I will save the lame And gather the outcast, And I will turn their shame into praise and renown In all the earth. NASU

The removal of the curse

Gen 3:16-19 The Curse is the result of mans sin. Multiplication of sorrow. Pain in child birth. Husband rule, domination will be gone. To man today, the ground is cursed. Thorns and thistles will be done away with in the Millennium. Even roses will not have thorns. Fruit trees often produce without us tending to them. They do the work and we enjoy the benefit. This is an example to us of how it should be.

Isa 11:6-9 And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And **the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them.** 7 Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And **the lion will eat straw like the ox.** 8 The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. 9 **They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea.** NASU

These animals would be pets to this little boy. The natures of the beasts are changed in the Millennium. Lions don't eat straw, but they will then. Bears don't graze. They swipe at their food and grab it to eat. If you have seen them in the wild hunting for fish then you know. Children were breast fed till 5 years old in Israel society. The weaned child would be past the age of 5. The viper is very dangerous. Children put their hand in the hole. If a child sees a hole then what does he do? They look down the hole then they will talk into the hole. They put their hand in the hole then put a stick into the hole. They will scream into the hole. Throw dirt into it. Almost any child will do that. This is a snake's hole. Any second the snake could pop up and kill the child. In the Millennium the snake won't be how it is today. It won't be poisonous. The curse we have today will be removed then.

Isa 35:9 No lion will be there, Nor will any vicious beast go up on it; These will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk there, NASU

Isa 65:25 “The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain,” says the Lord. NASU

Ro 8:21-22 that **the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.** For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. NASU

Isa 42:4-8 **“He will not be disheartened or crushed Until He has established justice in the earth;** And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law.” 5 Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it And spirit to those who walk in it, 6 “I am the Lord, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations, 7 **To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who dwell in darkness from the prison.** 8 **“I am the Lord, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to graven images.** NASU

The Millennium is characterized by God, Christ and the angelic working instead of demonic working

Israel in the Millennium

Israel enters the Millennium as God’s people. They repent at the second coming and accept Christ.

Zech 13:9

1/3 brought through the fire. The Lord has not heard from Israel for years and years and years so when they finally call out to the lord he hears them and says “It is my people”

Ez 39:22 From that day forward the people of Israel will know that I am the LORD their God.

Ro 11:26 and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: “The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.

Joel 2:16-32 Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

Israel is gathered by God and return to the Promised Land

It includes the lost 10 tribes. Three tribes are in Israel (Judah, Levi, Benjamin) and the rest are gathered by God at the beginning of the Millennium to Israel

Jer 3:18 In those days the people of Judah will join the people of Israel, and together they will come from a northern land to the land I gave your ancestors as an inheritance.

Jer 23:8 but they will say, 'As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the descendants of Israel up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them.' Then they will live in their own land."

Jer 31:8 See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return.

City of Jerusalem

4500 by 4500 measures 9 miles by 9 miles and it has 12 gates. It is organized. Each tribe has their own gate.

Ezek 48:30, These will be the exits of the city: Beginning on the north side, which is 4,500 cubits long,

Ezek 48:35 The distance all around will be 18,000 cubits.
...and the name of the city from that day shall be, 'The Lord is there.'" NASU

It is renamed YHWH-Shammah. The Lord is there
Christ's throne will probably be there in Jerusalem unless it is the temple itself. Jerusalem will be the center of government in the Millennium.

Jer 3:17 At that time they will call Jerusalem The Throne of the LORD, and all nations will gather in Jerusalem to honor the name of the LORD. No longer will they follow the stubbornness of their evil hearts.

Micah 4:7 I will make the lame my remnant, those driven away a strong nation. The LORD will rule over them in Mount Zion from that day and forever.

Zech 8:22 And many peoples and powerful nations will come to Jerusalem to seek the LORD Almighty and to entreat him."

The Government in the Millennium

1. Christ is king over the whole world

Zech 14:9 The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name.

Dan 7:14,27 ¹⁴He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

²⁷Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.'

2. The saints rule and reign with Christ

The people that came back at the second coming rule with Christ

This includes those who were raptured and the tribulation saints who are resurrected at the second coming. This is the first resurrection

Re 20:4-6 ⁴I 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^[a] 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. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed 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.

Re 2:26-27 ²⁶To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— ²⁷that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery'—just as I have received authority from my Father.

1 Cor 6:2-3 ²Or do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? ³Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!

2 Tim 2:12 if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us;

The Little Season

This occurs after the Millennium. Earth is not instantly annihilated at the moment the millennium ends. The earth will exist after the 1000 years is up but only for a short time. The duration of the little season is not specified though. All it says is Then he(Satan) must be loosed a little season

Rev 20:3 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.

Rev 20:7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison

2 Pet 2:12 But these people blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like unreasoning animals, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like animals they too will perish.

Isaiah 34:4: All the stars in the sky will be dissolved and the heavens rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig tree.

Mat: 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

The judgments of God

The lord judges people in many ways in the bible. I found 10 ways.

1. **Physical death for sin.**

Gen 3:19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

2. **Spiritual death for sin.**

Gen 2:17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

1 Tim 5:6 But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.

3. **God Judged Christ for our sins**

2 Cor 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin^[b] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

4. **Present judgment for believers**

1 Pet 4:17 For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

5. **Present Judgment for unbelievers**

Rom 1:27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

The church government judges men and matters

Rom 16:17 I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.

6. **The future judgment of believers**

There are scriptures that say believers will be judged. When Christians are judged it is not talking about God punishing you. This eternal judgment is one which will determine what kind of and how many rewards you will get in heaven. This judgment is a blessed thing

Rom 14:10-12 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God." ¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

1 Cor 4:4-5 At this judgment you are praised by God.

1 John 4:16-17 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

Rev 11:18 The nations were angry, and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small— and for destroying those who destroy the earth."

7. **Judgments on the world system**

8. **The Post Millennial Judgment**

Rev 20:9-10 ⁹They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

9. **The judgment of Satan and demons**

Matt 8:29 "What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?"

2 Peter 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell,^[a] putting them in chains of darkness^[b] to be held for judgment;

Matt 25:41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

10. **The Great White Throne judgment**

Rev 20:11-15 ¹¹Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. ¹⁴Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

When it says that death gave up the dead that were in them that means nobody remained dead. Everybody came alive again. Hades (Hell) gave up those there. Hades means the place of departed spirits. It means that nobody in the place of departed spirits stays there. They all came up. The disembodied souls and spirits leave Hades. Everyone will stand before god and every man will be judged according to his works.

Dan 12:2-4 ²Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise^[a] will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. ⁴But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.”

Matt 25:46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”