

## The Millennium

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

*<sup>4</sup>I 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 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. <sup>5</sup>(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed 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.*

*<sup>7</sup>When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison <sup>8</sup>and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. <sup>9</sup>They 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. <sup>10</sup>And 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.” Rev. 20:1-10*

The Millennium: Who will be there?

- Resurrected Saints
- Survivors of the tribulation
- Those born during the tribulation
- Satan cast into the abyss and rendered powerless
- The wicked dead will not rise until the Great White Throne judgment

What will the Millennium be like?

- Christ reigns physically in Jerusalem

*“I am very jealous for Zion; I am burning with jealousy for her...I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called The City of Truth, and the mountain of the Lord Almighty will be called The Holy Mountain.” Zech. 8:2-3*

*“The name of the city from that time on will be: “The Lord is There.”” Ezek. 48:35*

- The Nations will follow the Jews to worship Jesus

*“Many peoples and powerful nations will come to Jerusalem to seek the Lord Almighty...Ten men from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the edge of his robe and say, “Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.” Zech. 8:23*

- The Saints of God reign with Christ – Rev. 20:4, 6; 1 Cor. 6:2

*“Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?” 1 Cor. 6:2*

- Mortal and immortal people together – Rev. 20:6, 7-10; 1 Cor. 15:50-57

*“For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable and the mortal with immortality.” 1 Cor. 15:52-53*

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- Natural life altered
  - Sin still present but the deceive restrained - Rev. 22:3
  - Mortals will live longer - Is. 65:20
  - Economy flourishes – Amos 9:13-15; Is. 65:21-23
  - Dead sea revived with fresh water– Zech. 14:8-9
  - Creation lives in peace – Is. 65:25; Is. 11:6-9
- Social life altered
  - Jesus rules with rod of Iron – Is. 11:1-5
  - Nations will know and serve Jesus – Jer. 31:34; Zech. 8:20-23
  - Peace on the earth – Micah 4:3, Is. 9:7
  - Wickedness revealed – Rev. 20:7-9
  - Kingdom will not end – Rev. 21-22/Luke 1:29-33

Why is there a final rebellion?

- To reveal the rebellious heart of man
- It is not society that makes a man evil but the heart of man is evil
- There have been two perfect environments, the Garden of Eden and the Earth during the Millennium, both ending in rebellion against God.

*“The Lord will be King over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord and His name the only name...That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ Lord to the glory of God the Father.” Zech. 14:9 and Phil. 5:10-11*