

THE MILLENIUM REV. 20:1-10

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Revelation 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. **Revelation 20:10** And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

3 BASIC VIEWS OF THE MILLENIUM:

1. Post-millennial

Christ returns after the millennium.

The millennium (1,000 years) is taken symbolically → as a large, indefinite number.

Christ rules & reigns progressively on the earth (evolution / progress anyone?)

Matthew 13:31 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: **Matthew 13:32** Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

Matthew 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

2. A-millennial

There is no millennial → Christ returns and establishes eternity.

The millennium is obviously symbolic: for some Christ reigns in heaven or He reigns in the hearts of believers.

3. Pre-millennial

Christ returns before millennium and establishes the Davidic Kingdom on earth.

The Pre-millennial view:

1. The millennium takes place after the second coming!

Matthew 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, **in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.** **Matthew 19:29** And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. **Matthew 19:30** But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

Revelation 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. **Revelation 19:12** His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but

he himself. **Revelation 19:13** And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. **Revelation 19:14** And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. **Revelation 19:15** And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. **Revelation 19:16** And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. **Revelation 19:17** And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; **Revelation 19:18** That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. **Revelation 19:19** And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. **Revelation 19:20** And the beast (τὸ θηρίον) was taken, and with him the false prophet (ψευδοπροφήτης) that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both (οἱ δύο) were cast alive into a lake of fire (εἰς τὴν λίμνην τοῦ πυρὸς) burning with brimstone. **Revelation 19:21** And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

2. The millennium takes place for a thousand (1,000) years!

Millennium is Latin:

Mille = 1,000

Annus = year

1,000 is Greek is χίλια

Immediately many will become angry & irrational! This is 10x10x10! This means a large, indefinite number!

OK, let's examine the actual text itself!

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Revelation 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years (τὰ χίλια ἔτη) should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season (μικρὸν χρόνον).

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Revelation 20:8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number (ὁ ἀριθμὸς) of whom is as the sand of the sea (ὡς ἡ ἄμμος τῆς θαλάσσης).

Revelation 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

Revelation 20:10 And the devil (ὁ διάβολος) that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast (τὸ θηρίον) and the false prophet (ὁ ψευδοπροφήτης) are, and [they] shall be (βασανισθήσονται) tormented day and night (ἡμέρας καὶ νυκτὸς) for ever and ever (εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων).

What do we actually find?

An exact number 1,000 – used 6 times

A small, indefinite number

An exceptionally large, indefinite number for time

A large, symbolic number

A figurative number – day & night = 24 hours

All these figures we can figure out quite easily!!!

3. The millennium takes place when Satan is bound

Revelation 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key (τὴν κλεῖν) of the bottomless pit (τῆς ἀβύσσου) and a great chain in his hand.

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Revelation 20:3 And cast (ἔβαλεν) him into the bottomless pit (εἰς τὴν ἄβυσσον), and shut him up (ἔκλεισεν), and set a seal (ἐσφράγισεν) upon him, **that** he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

For some reason mockery is the next tool of many!

Thoughts:

➤ Satan is not bound now!

➤ Satan has access to God now!

➤ Satan has much freedom now to deceive the nations / people groups!

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 13:14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

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2 Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **2 Corinthians 4:4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

➤ **Satan will be laid hold on, thrown into the bottomless pit / abyss, locked up, & sealed down / over!**

➤ **The primary purpose is to eliminate his ability to move among us and deceive us**

Job 1:7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, **From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.**

Job 2:2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, **From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.**

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, **walketh about, seeking** whom he may devour:

➤ **Satan will then be released for a little season and he will get back immediately to deceiving**

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➤ **Satan will finally be cast into the lake of fire**

Revelation 19:20 And **the beast** (τὸ θηρίον) was taken, and with him **the false prophet** (ψευδοπροφήτης) that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. **These both** (οἱ δύο) were cast alive into a lake of fire (εἰς τὴν λίμνην τοῦ πυρὸς) burning with brimstone.

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4. The millennium takes place before eternity begins

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. **Revelation 21:2** And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **Revelation 21:3** And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. **Revelation 21:4** And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. **Revelation 21:5** And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

Revelation 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: **Revelation 22:4** And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

5. The 1,000 reign of Christ summarized:

➤ **Christ rules & reigns on earth**

➤ **From Jerusalem**

➤ **To fulfill all His promises to Israel!**

- **With his apostles**
- **In tension**

More than now ←-----→ **less than eternity!**

Isaiah 2:1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. **Isaiah 2:2** And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. **Isaiah 2:3** And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. **Isaiah 2:4** And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:7** Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: **Isaiah 11:2** And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; **Isaiah 11:3** And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: **Isaiah 11:4** But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. **Isaiah 11:5** And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. **Isaiah 11:6** The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. **Isaiah 11:7** And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. **Isaiah 11:8** And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. **Isaiah 11:9** They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. **Isaiah 11:10** And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. **Isaiah 11:11** And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. **Isaiah 11:12** And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.