

# THE MILLENIUM ISAIAH 2:1-4; MICAH 4:1-4

There is a strong desire for a...utopia...a...millennium!

Christians tend to have broadly 2 answers:

## 1. Amil

--this age on earth, then in heaven

## 2. Premil

--now on earth (bronze age), then on earth, (silver age), finally on earth and in heaven (golden age) – new heaven and new earth

There have been many attempts at a utopia – a millennium. Attempts from the right & left.

**Many** of these attempts were merely slightly-veiled attempts to gain power.

**Some** were certainly sincere, initially at least, but unsuccessful due to the lack of a proper foundation.

Utopian dreams:	Utopia	Dystopia:
At the root of the failure: Unrealistic view of mankind's nature Optimistic view of mankind's nature & w	What does this word really mean?  Since this is a place beyond our ability to create we will fo	This becomes state sponsored t, f id to enforce this

Much more -----> millennium <-----less than  
than now heaven / eternity

**Heart (לב) (καρδία): the center of man, thinking, feeling, willing – the inner man, the command center**

**Genesis 6:5** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart (לב) was only evil continually. **Genesis 6:6** And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart (לב-לבו).

**Genesis 8:21** And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart (לב-לבו), I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart (לב) is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

**Genesis 17:17** Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said **in his heart** ( בְּלִבּוֹ ), Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

**Genesis 24:45** And before I had done speaking **in mine heart** ( בְּלִבִּי ), behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

**Genesis 27:41** And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said **in his heart** ( בְּלִבּוֹ ), The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.

**2 Samuel 6:16** And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him **in her heart** ( הִלְבָּה ).

**1 Kings 3:12** Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding **heart** ( לֵב ); so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

**Psalm 4:7** Thou hast put gladness **in my heart** ( בְּלִבִּי ), more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

**Psalm 33:11** The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts **of his heart** ( לִבּוֹ ) to all generations.

**Jeremiah 17:9** The **heart** ( הַלֵּב ) is deceitful ( עָקֹב ) above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? **Jeremiah 17:10** I the LORD search the **heart** ( לֵב ), I try the **reins** ( כִּלְיוֹת ), even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

**Proverbs 4:23** Keep **thy heart** ( לִבְךָ ) with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

**Proverbs 23:7** For as he thinketh **in his heart** ( בְּנַפְשׁוֹ ), so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but **his heart** ( לִבּוֹ ) is not with thee.

**Matthew 12:34** O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? **for out of the abundance of the heart** ( Ἐκ γὰρ τοῦ περισσεύματος τῆς καρδίας ) the mouth speaketh. **Matthew 12:35** A good man **out of the good treasure of the heart** ( ἐκ τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ θησαυροῦ ) bringeth forth good things: and an evil man **out of the evil treasure** ( ἐκ τοῦ πονηροῦ θησαυροῦ ) bringeth forth evil things.

**Matthew 15:8** This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; **but their heart** ( ἡ δὲ καρδία αὐτῶν ) is far from me. **Matthew 15:16** And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? **Matthew 15:17** Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? **Matthew 15:18** But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth **from the heart** ( ἐκ τῆς καρδίας ); and they defile the man. **Matthew 15:19** **For out of the heart** ( Ἐκ γὰρ τῆς καρδίας ) proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: **Matthew 15:20** These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.