

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.

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Much more than now -----> **millennium** <----- **less than 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** (אֶל-לִבִּי), 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** (לִבָּהּ).

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.

Toward a definition of the millennium:

The sovereign, righteous rule & reign:

- **Of the Messiah / Christ**
- **On the earth**
- **From Jerusalem & the Promised Land**
- **Over the entire world / earth**
- **For 1000 years**
- **With life, liberty and justice for all!**
- **Out of the pure worship of God**

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