

# THE MILLENNIUM 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 -----> 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** ( 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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# Foundations of the Millennium:

## 1. The purposes of creation

**Genesis 1:26** And God said, Let us make man **in our image, after our likeness**: and let them **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and **over** the fowl of the air, and **over** the cattle, and **over** all the earth, and **over** every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **Genesis 1:27** So God created man **in his own image, in the image of God** created he him; male and female created he them. **Genesis 1:28** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and **over** the fowl of the air, and **over** every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

**Genesis 2:15** And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to **dress it and to keep it**. **Genesis 2:16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **Genesis 2:17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

### Thoughts:

- **God created man & woman ex nihilo**
- **God created man & woman in His image & after His likeness**
- **God created man & woman to have dominion**

This would include many things such as: marriage, multiplying, subduing the earth, protecting the earth

- **Man & woman lost that dominion in the fall**

**Genesis 3:14** And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: **Genesis 3:15** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. **Genesis 3:16** Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. **Genesis 3:17** And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; **Genesis 3:18** Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; **Genesis 3:19** In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

- **That dominion has been contested in various forms since the fall!**

**1 Chronicles 17:11** And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. **1 Chronicles 17:12** He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for ever. **1 Chronicles 17:13** I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee: **1 Chronicles 17:14** **But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.**

**1 Chronicles 28:5** And of all my sons, (for the LORD hath given me many sons,) **he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.** **1 Chronicles 28:6** And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, **he shall build my house and my courts:** for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. **1 Chronicles 28:7** Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day.

**1 Chronicles 29:11** **Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; **thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.****

**2 Chronicles 9:8** Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, **to be king for the LORD thy God:** because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice.

**2 Chronicles 13:8** And now ye think to withstand **the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David;** and ye be a great multitude, and there are with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.

- **That dominion will be fully restored in Christ during the Millennium**

What was lost on earth, **must** be recovered on earth!

**1 Corinthians 15:20** But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. **1 Corinthians 15:21** For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. **1 Corinthians 15:22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. **1 Corinthians 15:23** **But every man in his own order:** Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. **1 Corinthians 15:24** Then cometh the end, **when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.** **1 Corinthians 15:25** **For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.** **1 Corinthians 15:26** The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. **1 Corinthians 15:27** For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. **1 Corinthians 15:28** **And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.**