

THE MILLENNIUM

The Events Surrounding the 1,000 Year Period of Revelation 20

IN REVELATION 20 WE READ OF A 1,000-YEAR PERIOD of time commonly referred to as *The Millennium*. In this study we will map out the events that occur just before, those events that occur during, and those that occur after the millennium.

Two Resurrections

In **John 5:28-29** Jesus also taught that there are two resurrections. Paul said the same in **Acts 24:15**. In **Revelation 20:4-6** John clearly indicates the same, adding for us the fact that they occur at different times: the first resurrection being that of the righteous at the beginning of the millennium; the second being that of the wicked at the end of the millennium. So the two resurrections are markers at either end of the millennium.

Events Immediately Preceding The Millennium

- The gospel is preached to the whole, ruling put the idea of a second chance theory (Matthew 24:14). Probation for all humanity is closed (Revelation 22:11-12).
- The tribulation or time of trouble (Daniel 12:1-2; Revelation 7; Matthew 24:29-31).
- The Second Coming of Christ (Revelation 19; Matthew 24:29-44).
- Some of Christ's followers are alive and remain when He comes and all the dead in Christ are raised to life (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)
- The righteous in Christ rejoice to meet Him at His coming (Isaiah 25:9). The wicked are terrified and seek to hide at His coming (Revelation 6:14-17).
- The entire antichrist system is destroyed by the glory of Christ's coming and all the wicked are slain (2 Thessalonians 2:8-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3; Jeremiah 25:30-33; Revelation 19:21).

During The Millennium

- Earth is a "bottomless pit," *abyss* in the Greek, meaning a wasteland of destruction; all the wicked are dead; Satan bound (Revelation 20:1-3; Jeremiah 4:23-26).
- The righteous live and reign with Christ in heaven during the millennium. They also judge men and angels, evaluating the entire course of history and the part each of the lost angels and human have played (Revelation 20:4; 1 Corinthians 6:2-2).

After The Millennium

- After the 1,000 years are completed, all the wicked who have ever lived are raised to life (Revelation 20:5, 7-15). As a result, Satan is "loosed" to once again deceive the wicked (Revelation 20:3, 7-8).
- New Jerusalem is brought to earth. Satan and his angel and human forces surround the city. They encounter God in the great white throne judgment. Fire comes down from God and consumes them. Sin and sinners are no more (Revelation 20:9-14).

NOTE: The word here translated "bottomless pit" is *abyssos*, in English, *abyss*. It is used to describe a state of emptiness, an unbounded void, a total wasteland without life. Compare Genesis 1:1-2, in which the earth before creation is described as "void." During the millennium the earth is a empty, lifeless void. Satan and his angels are confined to earth with no one to deceive, to think about their evil work.

Natural Immortality Vs. Gifted Immortality

1 Timothy 6:15-16—¹⁵ ...*He who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality.

1 Corinthians 15:50-53—⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

What, When, Where and How Long is Hell?

- The wages of sin is “death” (Romans 6:23; Matthew 10:28).
- The lost will “perish” (John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:9).
- The wicked will be burned up to “ashes” (Malachi 4:1-3).
- At the end of the millennium the wicked will be consumed (Revelation 20:9).
- The wicked will vanish away into smoke (Psalm 37:20; Isaiah 47:14).
- The wicked will die the second death (Revelation 20:6, 14; 21:8; Matthew 10:28).
- They will suffer destruction (2Thessalonians 1:9; Philippians 3:19).
- They will be as though they had never been (Obadiah 16).
- Satan himself will be destroyed to ashes (Ezekiel 28:17, 18; Hebrews 2:14).

Eternal Fire

- The wicked go away into everlasting punishment, not everlasting punishing (Matthew 25:26).
- Sodom and Gomorrah are an example of eternal fire (Jude 7; 2 Peter 2:6).
- The fire that destroys the wicked is unquenchable in the sense that it cannot be put out till it has consumed the wicked (Matthew 3:11-12; Jeremiah 17:27).
- The word forever is used to mean total destruction (Revelation 14:9-10; 20:10; Jonah 2:1, 6, 10; Exodus 21:6).

There Will Be No More Pain

Revelation 21:4— And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

“Behold Your God”—Isaiah 40:9

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