

ARE YOU READY?

What Will It Be Like in the Millennium?

Part 1

A. Introduction

The Millennium

Key Passage: Revelation 20:1-8

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*And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for **a thousand years**. But the rest of the dead did not live again until **the thousand years** were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him **a thousand years**.*

*Now when **the thousand years** have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.'*

Notice that 'thousand years' is mentioned **6 times** - a problem for the post-millennialists and for amillennialists who want to deny the reality of Yeshua's 1,000 year rule upon the earth.

It is preceded by the Lord's Return.

The Lord Returns

Key Passage: Revelation 19:11-16

*'Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness **He judges and makes war**. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with **a robe dipped in blood**, and His name is called The Word of God. And **the armies in heaven**, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, **followed Him on white horses**. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that*

with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.'

Notice in this passage:

- **In Judgement and to Make War - after the 'comma' of Isaiah 61:2**

*"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, **and the day of vengeance of our God;** Isaiah 61:1-2*

- **His Names** As mentioned in *Revelation Chapters 1-3 and 17:14*

- Faithful and True) There is
- A Name No One Knows) no doubt
- The Word of God) as to Who
- King of Kings and Lord of Lords) this is!

- **A Robe Dipped in Blood - a reference to Isaiah 63:1-3**

*'Who is this who comes from Edom, **with dyed garments from Bozrah**, this One who is glorious in His apparel, travelling in the greatness of His strength? — "I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? "I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; **their blood is sprinkled upon My garments**, and I have stained all My robes.'*

Isaiah 63:1-3

- It seems the Lord has a prior appointment before descending to the Mount of Olives - in Bozrah (the name means sheepfold)... modern day Petra
- It relates to Yeshua's saving of the remnant of Israel (context of Isaiah 63)

- **With the Armies of Heaven - The Angels and The Saints**

*'...so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father **at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.'***

1 Thessalonians 3:13

*'Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, **the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints**, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."*

Jude 1:14-15

- **The Day of Vengeance**

'For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come.'

Isaiah 63:4

- **The Coming World Leader (Anti-Christ) and The False Prophet** cast into the Lake of Fire
- **Satan Bound in the bottomless pit** (Greek: *abussos* meaning abyss) - then, at the end of the 1,000 years, also cast into the Lake of Fire
- **The Year (1000 Years of the Millennium) of the Redeemed** (*Isaiah 63:4*)
 - **For Israel** - Israel is restored to her land and to her God
 - **For His Saints** - the song of the redeemed in *Revelation 5:8-9*

B. What Will It Be Like in the Millennium?

- **Coming With The King**
 - **We Shall Return to the Earth (I'll Be Back!)**
 - Many scriptures make it clear - we (His saints) will return with Him
Revelation 19:14; 1 Thessalonians 3:13; Jude 1:14-15
 - So I have to ask, if you're going to be ready...How's your horse riding?
 - **Yeshua will rule and reign - with a rod of iron** - there will be some 'subduing to be done' - and we will be involved in this *Psalms 2:8-9; Rev. 2:27*
 - **Where will you live?** many scholars (e.g. A. Fruchtenbaum) suggest:
 - **The New Jerusalem** - two 'descendings' in *Revelation 21 & 22*
 - One set of references are clearly in the millennium - There are nations (not so after the millennium) - Entry is barred to some (with angels at the gates) - Leaves for the healing of the nations
 - Other references are clearly to be post-millennial
 - **The multi-dimensional New Jerusalem** - a 1,400 mile cube with walls and gates emanating light in which there are streets and a river
- **The Devastated Earth**

Raptured saints have been in heaven with their Lord, but on earth....

- **The Seal Judgements** *Revelation 6:1-17: 8:1-5*
 - War & conquest
 - Peace take from the Earth
 - Famine and Scarcity
 - **Death by sword and hunger of ¼ of the earth**
 - The Cry of the Martyrs
 - **Cosmic Disturbances and Terror on Earth**
 - Silence for ½ an Hour and Noises, Thunderings, Lightnings and an Earthquake

- **The Trumpet Judgements** Revelation 8:6-20, 9:1-21, 11:15-19
 - Hail and Fire with Blood and ⅓ of trees burned up and all the grass
 - Mountain of Fire cast into the Sea and ⅓ of the Sea Turned to Blood and ⅓ of Sea Creatures Die and ⅓ of Ships Destroyed
 - Wormwood Star falls from Heaven and ⅓ of the Waters became Bitter, Killing Men who drank it
 - Darkness in ⅓ of the Heavens, affecting day and night
 - Torment of the locusts from the bottomless pit
 - **Death brought by the four (demonic) angels released from the Euphrates - affecting ⅓ of mankind**
 - The Cry of Heaven and Noises, Thunderings, Lightnings, an Earthquake and Great Hail

- **These 2 judgements alone have affected ½ of the earth and mankind - so there is tremendous destruction..., and then...**

- **They are followed by the Bowl Judgements**
Revelation 16:1-21
 - Loathsome Sores
 - Sea Turned to Blood and All Sea Creatures Die
 - Waters Turned to Blood

- Men Scorched with Great Heat
 - Darkness and Pain poured out on the kingdom of the beast
 - Demonic spirits released to gather the earth to battle
 - The Voice from Heaven and Noises, Thunderings, Lightnings, a great Earthquake and Great Hail, and the Earth Shaken to its Core
 - The Earth to which we return will be such as we have never seen nor experienced
- The Deceived Mankind
 - Survivors of Mankind
 - Will be less than half of the pre-tribulation population
 - Will be those who were deceived by the Anti-Christ
 - Will have taken the mark of the beast
 - Some will have rebelled at the end and fought against the Rider on the White Horse
 - Will have been deceived - deceived people are not grateful for being shown to have been deceived - often there is denial (e.g. Euro politicians in denial about migrants)
 - Yet scripture tells us that every eye shall see Messiah and every knee will bow and every tongue confess -
Luke 21:27; Revelation 1:7; Romans 14:11; Philippians 2:10-11
 - Note: Tribulation Saints (martyred) - and will return with us
Revelation 7:13-15; 13:7
- Satan Bound
 - For the 1,000 Years of the Millennium

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Revelation 20:1-3

- Locked away in a Sealed 'Prison' - what this means...

- No demonic deception (nations were deceived in the tribulation)
 - No demonic temptations
 - No satanic wiles or fiery darts
 - After this (1,000 years) released for a little while
- Israel Restored - many scriptures...*Ezekiel 37:15-28, Isaiah 60:19-22*
 - New Topography *Zechariah 14:4, 8, 10; Ezekiel 47:1-12*
 - Reunited as a Nation - Israel & Judah Reunited *Jer. 3:18 Ezek. 37:15-28*
 - David as King - Davidic Covenant Fulfilled *2 Samuel 7:12-16; Ezekiel 34:23-24*
 - Spiritual Restoration - New Covenant Fulfilled *Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:24-32*
 - At Peace in the Land - Land Covenant Fulfilled *Deut. 30:1-10; Am. 9:14-15*
 - Covenant Land Boundaries Established - with a holy district in the midst *Ezekiel 47:13-48:29*
 - Temple Worship, Feasts & Sacrifices re-established *Ezekiel 40-43; Ezekiel 45:18-46:15*
- The Rule Of The King - From Jerusalem
 - Yeshua ruling over Israel - with David as Prince *Micah 4:6-8*
 - Yeshua ruling the nations *Micah 4:1-3*
 - 1,000 Years of Restoration, Fruitfulness & Peace - we will see more of this later *Isaiah 2:2-4, 9:7, 11:6-9, 65:20-23; Amos 9:11-15*
- How It Will End
 - Satan Released...Nations Deceived...War

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and Magog, to **gather them together to battle**, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.'

Revelation 20:7-9

- **Revolt against Yeshua** ending with the final defeat of evil and with Satan vanquished
- The Millennium - the most wicked dispensation...rebellion at the end - despite the 1,000 years of the rule of Yeshua, Satan bound, Peace, Fruitfulness, etc. (Bruce K. Waltke)

○ **Satan Cast into the Lake of Fire**

*'The devil, who deceived them, was **cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are**. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.'*

Revelation 20:10

- **The final judgement of Satan and his rebellion**
- **Notice** the Beast & The False Prophet have been there for 1,000 years...a clear indication that there is, for evil doers and unbelievers, **eternal punishment...not annihilation**

○ **The Great White Throne Judgement**

*'Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, **from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them**. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. **And the dead were judged** according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And **they were judged, each one according to his works**. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.'*

Revelation 20: 11-15

- Heaven and Earth flee away - gone!
- The Dead (spiritually unregenerate) are Judged (by their works!)

○ **New Heaven & A New Earth**

*'Now I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 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**."*

Revelation 21: 1-4

- The old ones will not do - so much for saving the planet!

- **All Things Made New**

*Then He who sat on the throne said, “**Behold, I make all things new.**” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”* Revelation 21: 5

Are You Ready?

Having looked at what the Millennium will be like - the bad and the good

Are You Ready?

You may think - “Well it’s going to happen anyway, so why do I need to be ready?”

But the way we live now as disciples of the Lord will be important when we get there!

So...Are You Ready?

See Parts 2 and 3 for an exploration of 'Are You Ready?'

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