

THE MILLENNIUM – 03 – M

The word “Millennium” comes from two Latin words, Mille, which means 1,000 and Annus, which means year. Millennium means 1,000 years. The word does not appear in the Bible, but is used by theologians to designate this period.

1M – Revelation 20:5-6. This period of time is bounded by the two resurrections. Those who come forth in the FIRST resurrection are HOLY: “the rest of the dead” could only be the wicked that will be raised at the end of the 1,000 years.

2M – John 5:28-29. Jesus taught there will be TWO RESURRECTIONS – a resurrection of life, when the good will be raised; and a resurrection of damnation, when the evil or unrighteous people will be raised from the dead. Since all the righteous dead will be raised in the first resurrection, 1 Thess. 4:16, only the wicked would be left to be raised in the second resurrection.

3M – Revelation 20:4. The righteous dead and righteous living will be taken to heaven for 1,000 years (John 14:3, 1 Thess. 4:16-17). Hence, THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST WILL BE IN HEAVEN, NOT UPON THE EARTH. The saints will live in the mansions above.

4M – Jeremiah 25:30-33. All the wicked who are alive at the second coming of Jesus are slain by the very brightness of His coming, 2 Thess. 2:8. The wicked who may have died before Jesus comes will remain dead until the end of the 1,000 years, Rev. 20:5, first statement.

5M – Isaiah 24:1. Since the righteous will have all been taken to heaven (1 Thess. 4:16-17), and the wicked will all have been slain, the earth will be EMPTY of human life during this 1,000 year period.

6M – Jeremiah 4:23-27. The cities of earth will all be destroyed at the presence of the Lord. The earth will be desolate, without inhabitants for 1,000 years.

7M – Revelation 20:1-3. Satan will be bound on this earth during this 1,000 years – “He was cast out into the earth”, Rev. 12:7-9. He cannot deceive the righteous during this time, for they will all be in heaven. Satan cannot deceive the wicked for they will all be dead.

There could be no second chance for sinners to be saved during this period, for the eternal destiny of all people has been decided before Jesus returns the second time, Rev. 22:11-12.

8M – Zechariah 14:4-5. When Jesus returns to the earth the THIRD TIME, He touches the earth at the very spot where He left it about 3,000 years earlier. The wicked of all ages past will be resurrected when Jesus comes the third time, Rev. 20:5, first part, and will again flee at Christ's presence.

When Christ comes the SECOND time, He comes FOR His saints; when He comes the THIRD time, He comes WITH His saints. "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth", Matt. 5:5.

9M – Revelation 21:10. At the close of the 1,000 years, the New Jerusalem will descend to the earth and rest upon the plain that Jesus has made when He touches the Mt. of Olives. The saints will then go inside, and it becomes the "camp of the saints", "the beloved city", Rev. 20:9.

10M – Revelation 20:7-9. As soon as the wicked are raised, Satan will again deceive them. He is thus loosed for a little season. This great army of resurrected wicked will attempt to capture the City of God, which will be resting upon the earth on the prepared spot. They will surround this heavenly Jerusalem, home of the saints, to try to capture it. But God rains down on them coals of fire and brimstone. The earth itself will be melted into a lake of fire, 2 Peter 2:10.

11M – Revelation 20:15. Those whose names are in the Book of Life are spared from this disaster.

12M – Revelation 21:1. The new earth follows the lake of fire. The saints will live forever in the new earth.