

# INTRODUCING THE MILLENNIUM

## THE MILLENNIUM IN A NUTSHELL

Jesus Christ will return to Earth at the close of the Tribulation, and He will rule the entire world from a magnificent temple in Jerusalem for one thousand years.

### A Few Details:

- At the Second Coming, God will confine Satan in the \_\_\_\_\_, where he will be kept until the very end of the Millennium.
- All redeemed believers from throughout history will \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.
- The Millennium will be followed by the creation of a new heavens and Earth, on which Christ will reign and all believers will live for \_\_\_\_\_.

The Millennium is a fundamental teaching that runs throughout the Bible and that brings to completion most of God's \_\_\_\_\_ in human history.

## IMPORTANT QUESTIONS THIS STUDY WILL ANSWER

- ? What will everyday life in the Millennium be like?
- ? When will God's curse upon the world be lifted?
- ? What will believers' resurrected bodies be like?
- ? What is "Ezekiel's temple" (Ezekiel 40-48), and what role will it play in the Millennium?
- ? What is the difference between Heaven and the New Jerusalem?
- ? What is the Eternal State?

## KEY BIBLE PASSAGES ABOUT THE MILLENNIUM

Daniel 2:44—"In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever."

Revelation 20:1-6—<sup>1</sup> And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. <sup>2</sup> He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. <sup>3</sup> He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. <sup>4</sup> I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. <sup>5</sup> (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first

resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

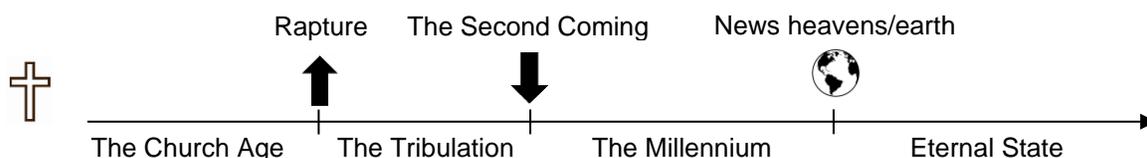
## TWO MAJOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MILLENNIUM

What is it? *Is it literal or figurative?*

When will it happen? *Will the Millennium occur before or after Christ's Second Coming?*

## THE THREE MAIN VIEWS OF THE MILLENNIUM

1. Premillennialism teaches that Christ will return \_\_\_\_\_ the Millennium.



This view is based upon a \_\_\_\_\_ interpretation of Scripture.

It was the view held by the \_\_\_\_\_ church.

It is widely held by \_\_\_\_\_.

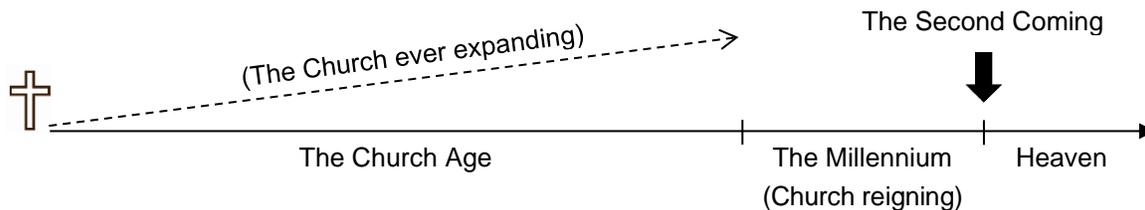
2. Amillennialism: There will be \_\_\_\_ literal Millennium.



This view based upon a spiritualized, non-\_\_\_\_\_ view of Scriptures about the Millennium.

This is the traditional view of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church and is common among Methodists.

3. Postmillennialism teaches that Christ will return \_\_\_\_\_ the Millennium.



This view teaches that Revelation 20:1-6 should not be taken \_\_\_\_\_.

According to this view, the Millennium will \_\_\_\_\_ necessarily last for 1000 years.

**Takeaways on the three views:**

- There is deep \_\_\_\_\_ within Christianity over the nature of the Millennium.
- What you believe about the Millennium will be determined largely by whether you interpret Scripture \_\_\_\_\_ or symbolically.

**THE CORNERSTONE TRUTH OF THIS SERIES**

God has not abandoned \_\_\_\_\_, and He still has a plan for His chosen people, the \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 105:8-11—<sup>8</sup> He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations, <sup>9</sup> the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. <sup>10</sup> He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: <sup>11</sup> “To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit.”

The belief that God has replaced Israel with the Church is called \_\_\_\_\_ **theology**, or supercessionism.

**WHAT MAKES THE MILLENNIUM THE BRIGHT SIDE OF PROPHECY?**

- ✓ It verifies that God is \_\_\_\_\_ of history.

Isaiah 46:10-11—<sup>10</sup> “make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. <sup>11</sup> . . . What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do.”

- ✓ It confirms that God keeps His \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 145:13— . . . The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

- ✓ It assures us that Jesus will indeed \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 2:10-11—<sup>10</sup>at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- ✓ It assures us that justice will be done on Earth, and that everything wrong in the world will one day be made \_\_\_\_\_.

Habakkuk 2:14—For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

- ✓ It assures us that Christ will \_\_\_\_\_ believers for our obedience to Him.

Revelation 22:12—“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.”

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### **SERIES PREVIEW**

**Chapter 1 *Why the Millennium?***: Reasons why a literal one-thousand-year earthly reign of Christ must take place.

**Chapter 2 *Launch of the Millennium***: Events surrounding Christ’s Second Coming, including preparations for His earthly kingdom.

**Chapter 3 *Life in the New World***: Glimpses of life in the Millennium, including who will be there, and what we will be doing.

**Chapter 4 *Christ’s Government in the Millennium***: Glimpses of Christ’s worldwide rule, and believers’ roles in His earthly kingdom.

**Chapter 5 *You in the Millennium***: What believers will be like when we receive our glorified bodies.

**Chapter 6 *Worship in the Millennium***: How believers will worship Christ during the Millennium, and the role of the millennial temple.

**Chapter 7 *Ezekiel’s Troublesome Temple***: Answering tough questions about the temple described in the Book of Ezekiel, including whether it is the temple of the Millennium.

**Chapter 8 *The Eternal State***: Life on the new earth during the final stage of biblical prophecy that will last for eternity.

**Chapter 9 *When the Perfect Comes***: Celebrating many reasons why believers’ lives in eternity will be filled with unimaginable joy and peace.