

The Millennial Reign

Revelation 20:3-10

Summary of Events

The Timing -

- (a) When Satan is bound at the second coming of Jesus, this will usher in the Millennial Reign.
(Milli Thousand (Annum - Year) - 1,000 Year Period!
- (b) The Millennial Reign will come to a transition when Satan is released, deceiving the nations at that time and seeking to war against Jesus and His authority. The armies will be destroyed by fire and Satan will be thrown into hell or the lake of fire where the antichrist and false prophet have been for 1,000 years (And still are!) Then comes the white throne judgment where unsaved dead will be judged and cast into hell (a place prepared for Satan and his angels, not for man.)

Important Questions:

I. Who is Reigning? Jesus is Lord of lords and King of kings, but there are those who rule with Him.

- (a) The Apostles - Matthew 19:28
- (b) Resurrected Saints - 1 Corinthians 6:2-3; Luke 19:17 (Good and Faithful Servant)
- (c) The Tribulation Saints (Martyrs) Revelation 20:4

II. Who will be on the earth at the Millennial Reign?

- (a) The Church (glorified bodies dwelling on the earth)
- (b) The Resurrected Saints from the Tribulation (Old Testament Era) - Glorified Bodies
- (c) The Jews and Gentiles who believed and lived through the Tribulation. (Earthly bodies, Procreation)
- (d) * The Jews and Gentiles who resisted the Antichrist, refused the mark but were not believers. *
(Earthly Bodies)
(To be evangelized by the resurrected saints)

Resurrection - A key principle in Jesus' teaching there is life after death. Be prepared!

III. What is the order of the resurrection?

- (a) Jesus' resurrection after crucifixion - I Corinthians 15:23-26
- (b) The resurrection of the saints at the crucifixion - Matthew 27:51-53
- (c) The resurrection of dead believers of the Church at the rapture -
- (d) The resurrection of the two witness of the Revelation -
- (e) The resurrection of the dead tribulation saints at the Second Coming and the Old Testament saints at that time.
- (f) The final resurrection of the unbelieving dead at the final resurrection, White Throne Judgement , Punishment.

* Until this judgement -

Hades - Sheol - Place of Unrighteous Dead

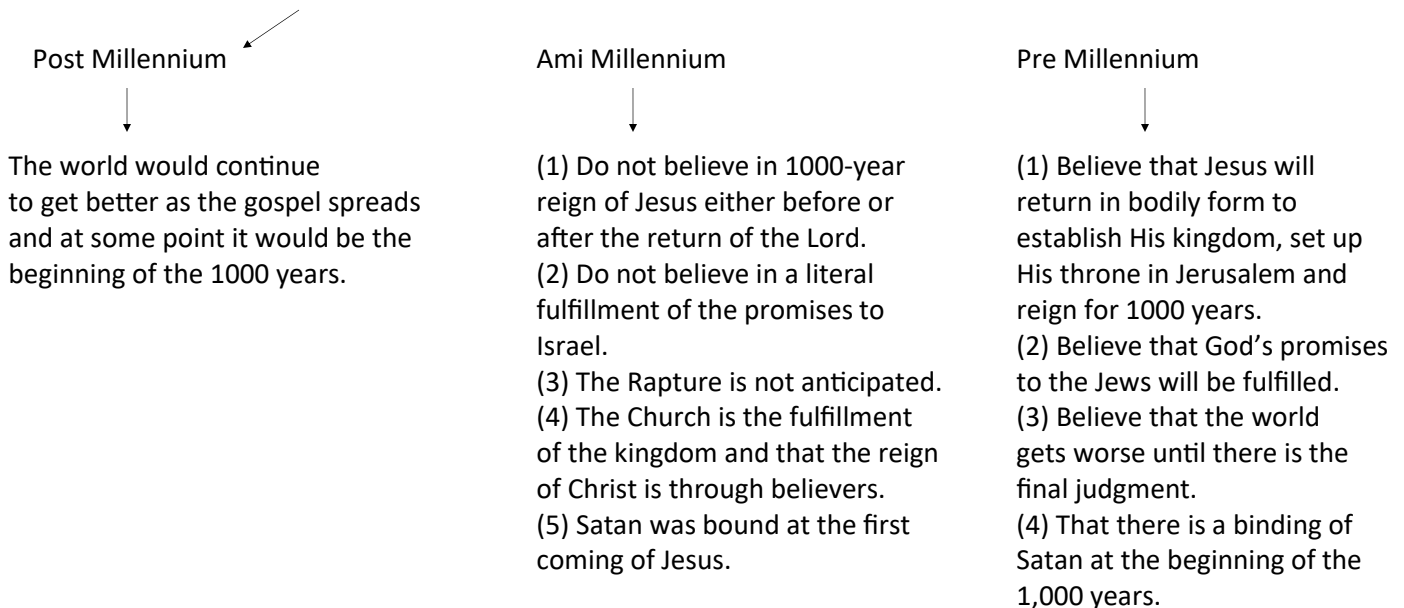
Paradise - Place of the Righteous Dead

* Gehenna - The Place of Hell and Fire *

IV. Is there really a 1,000 year reign of Jesus?

- (a) "1,000" mentioned 6 times
- (b) Hermeneutics - Literal unless the text forces it to be symbolic

Three Different Views of "The Millennium"



V. What will life be like in the Millennium?

The rule of Jesus and resurrected saints working in cooperation with the kings of the earth (those who were alive at the Second Coming) to establish righteous rule, and godly influence and restoration over every aspect of life and civilization.

Not an instantaneous world, but an ever-changing world where the righteous rule of Jesus will be established.

- (a) Will there still be sin? Yes - but it will be punished!
- (b) Are there people who are unbelievers? Yes - but they will have the gospel preached to them.
- (c) Life will be extended for those who have unresurrected bodies.
- (d) Animal kingdom will be at peace with man and one another.

VI. Why is Satan released?

- (a) Those who had not been saved or those who were born during the 1000-year reign will still be required to have faith in Jesus - to accept Him as their Lord - face a decision.
- (b) Reveals the total depravity of man - living in a world ruled by Jesus Himself, the people still choose sin. When Satan is released, he deceives the masses to the point that they will war against Jesus and His rulership - End is destruction by fire!

God uses Satan as a pawn up to a point in this final act - Then casts him into hell!