

Millennium

This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word. This tract is not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.

As children of God, we must look for truth in what the scriptures teach us on the millennium. This is the thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, after his return to earth and gathering of His saints. To truly understand the millennium, we must first understand the state of the dead. We will not go into full detail; but we will look at a few scriptures we believe to be foundational. Let us first look to what God told Adam in the beginning.

Genesis 2:17

Verse 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Why is it that the world churches do not teach the simple fact that they began to die when they entered into sin. Instead, they teach that your immortal soul leaves your body; but the simple fact is that death is the result of sin. What does Job teach us?

Job 19:25, 26

Verse 25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

Verse 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

Job looked for the day that he would see his redeemer on earth and his God in the flesh, nothing about being in the spirit in heaven. Finally, let us look to the apostle Peter giving the first New Testament church message after being endowed with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

Acts 2:29, 34

Verse 29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

Verse 34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

We can clearly see that Peter's teachings show us that King David, who was a saved soul, had not ascended to heaven. King David was in fact still in the grave at the time that Peter was preaching this message. Furthermore, Peter is very clear at this time of both soul and flesh.

Acts 2:31

Verse 31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

Peter does not speak of the soul going to heaven, he rather states that Jesus' soul was not to stay in the grave; but was to be resurrected. So, without going into a full study, we believe you have the biblical evidence that when one dies, they go to the grave until the resurrection. Now let us move on to the millennium which Jesus taught.

John 5:28, 29

Verse 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

Verse 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Revelation 20: 4 - 6

Verse 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Verse 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

Verse 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Jesus reveals that there are two resurrections, the first for the righteous at His coming and the second after the millennium. The first resurrection we see that only the righteous dead are resurrected, to be gathered by Christ along with the righteous living.

I Thessalonians 4:16, 17

Verse 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and

with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Verse 17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

The second resurrection takes place after the millennium just before the great white throne judgement.
Revelation 20:11 - 15

Verse 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Verse 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Verse 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Verse 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Verse 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

So, now that we know there are two resurrections the next question is, where is the millennium? We believe the millennium takes place on earth. Here is where many churches get confused. Most churches do not teach that the millennium is a time when we still have mortals on earth, who will die and who will not accept the teachings of Jesus. Here are some scriptures to show us.

Isaiah 65:20

Verse 20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner *being* an hundred years old shall be accursed.

Zechariah 14:17

Verse 17 And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

Revelation 19:15

Verse 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Revelation 20:3, 7, 8

Verse 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Verse 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

Verse 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.

We see in these few scriptures that under the rule of Jesus there are still mortal families on earth which do not obey and will perish. The millennium is on earth and is for those who were not in the first resurrection and who were not reaped. We believe Israel will be one of these nations taking part in the millennium.

Matthew 19:28

Verse 28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

In Matthew we see that the Apostles sit in judgement of Israel, this then tells us that Israel will be one of those nations that will be part of the millennium. For further evidence of Israel's place in the millennium let us read the following.

Zechariah 12:10, 11

Verse 10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

Verse 11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

To fully understand the millennium, Israel gave us the best examples as we have shown. Israel has been the physical example of all that pleased God and a living testimony of the love of God to all mankind. They will have a time to accept Jesus as their messiah in the millennium amongst all the other nations of the world.

The millennium is the final show of exactly what the hardness of the hearts of some are. Even in the perfect environment under the perfect law of God, there will be those who will still rebel until the great white throne judgement starts and the millennium period is over.

Revelation 20:7 - 12

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Verse 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.

Verse 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

Verse 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Verse 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Verse 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

First, we see that when the white throne descends, the thousand years will finish. We can also see this is the time of final judgement and what we are judged from. The Bible is made up of many books. We believe it is the Bible that we will be judged from. It has been the teacher and comforter for all mankind since our Lord ascended to God the father. The book spoken of is the book of life where God has had every saint recorded since the beginning of time. Philippians 4:3

Verse 3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and *with* other my fellowlabourers, whose names *are* in the book of life.

Exodus 32:32, 33

Verse 32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin — ; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

Verse 33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

Revelation 13:8

Verse 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life

of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Revelation 17:8

Verse 8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Revelation 20:15

Verse 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:27

Verse 27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 22:19

Verse 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

Hebrews 12:23

Verse 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

We have given you a number of scriptures that show that God has a written record of the acts of men, righteous acts being added to and unrighteous acts being taken away. We believe by both of these we will be judged.

We must always remember mankind was not created to occupy or live in heaven but to inhabit the earth. God the father will come and be with his people on earth at the end of the millennium.

Isaiah 45:18

Verse 18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: *I am* the LORD; and *there is* none else.

Revelation 21:1 - 3

Verse 1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Verse 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Verse 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

We pray that this gives you a little better understanding of the events leading up to eternal life on earth with our Creator and his only begotten son. Peace be with you.

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