

# PERFECT ENDING

## WHY YOUR ETERNAL FUTURE MATTERS TODAY

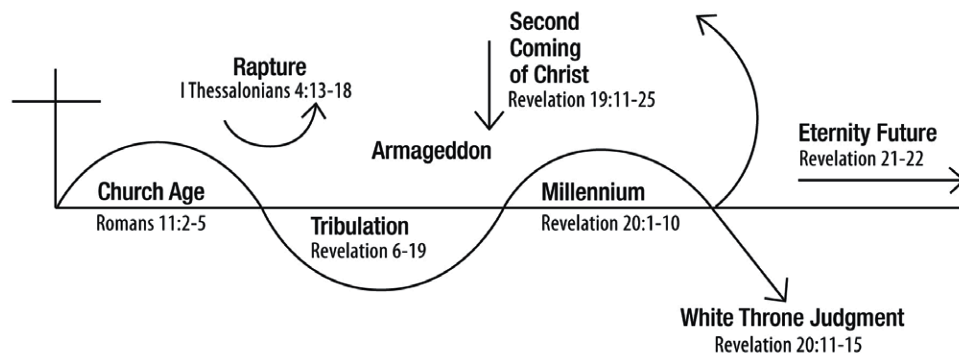
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HEAVEN ON EARTH  
Revelation 20:1-6

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**Introduction:** Next to the Rapture, no topic has caused more controversy among students of Bible prophecy than the event we are going to study today: the Millennium. Is Christ going to literally rule over a renovated earth for one thousand years and fulfill God's promises to Israel? If so, what difference does this future event make in our lives today?

### I. The Millennium In Perspective



#### A. The Millennium Defined

The Millennium is the thousand-year period of time during which Christ will **reign** on the earth, fulfilling God's **promises** to Abraham and his believing **descendants**.

### B. The Millennium Described (Revelation 20:1-6)

Revelation 19:20 “And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.”

Revelation 20:1-6 “<sup>1</sup>And I saw an angel coming down from heaven having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup>And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, <sup>3</sup>and threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time. <sup>4</sup>And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.”

## II. Different Views Of The Millennium

### A. Pre-millennial

B. Post-millennial

C. Amillennial

Psalm 89:30-36 “<sup>30</sup> If his sons forsake My law, and do not walk in My judgments, <sup>31</sup> If they violate My statutes and do not keep My commandments, <sup>32</sup> Then, I will visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. <sup>33</sup> But I will not break off My lovingkindness from him, nor deal falsely in My faithfulness. <sup>34</sup> My covenant I will not violate, nor will I alter the utterance of My lips. <sup>35</sup> Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David. <sup>36</sup> His descendants shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me.”

### III. The Millennium In The Old Testament

Isaiah 2:4 “And He will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples; and they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war.”

Jeremiah 23:5-6 “<sup>5</sup> ‘Behold, the days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘When I shall raise up for David a righteous Branch; and He will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely; and this is His name by which He will be called, The Lord our righteousness.’”

Jeremiah 31:33-34 “<sup>33</sup>‘But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,’ declares the Lord, ‘I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>34</sup>And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them’ declares the Lord, ‘for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.’”

Zechariah 2:10-12 “<sup>10</sup>‘Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst,’ declares the Lord. <sup>11</sup>‘And many nations will join themselves to the Lord in that day and will become My people. Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you. <sup>12</sup>And the Lord will possess Judah as His portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem.’”

Isaiah 65:19-21 “<sup>19</sup>I will also rejoice in Jerusalem, and be glad in My people; and there will no longer be heard in her the voice of weeping and the sound of crying. <sup>20</sup>No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his days; for the youth will die at the age of one hundred and the one who does not reach the age of one hundred shall be thought accursed. <sup>21</sup>And they shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall also plant vineyards and eat their fruit.”

#### **IV. The Millennium In The New Testament**

Acts 1:6 “And so when they had come together, they were asking Him saying, ‘Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?’”

Revelation 11:15 “And the seventh angel sounded; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.’”

#### **V. Four Things Every Christian Should Know About The Millennium**

### A. Only Christians Will Enter into the Millennium

Matthew 24:36-42 “<sup>36</sup> But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. <sup>37</sup> For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>40</sup> Then there shall be two men in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.”

Matthew 25:31-34, 41 “<sup>31</sup> But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; <sup>33</sup> and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>41</sup> Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.’”

### B. Christians Will Rule with Christ in the Millennium

1 Corinthians 6:2-3 “<sup>2</sup> Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you not competent to constitute the smallest law courts? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, matters of this life?”

C. Jerusalem Will Be the Center of the Millennial Kingdom

D. Satan Will Be Temporarily Bound During the Millennium

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## VI. Renovation Or Re-creation?

Conclusion