

1000 Years of Peace

My Journey With God series

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What events take place at the beginning of the millennium?

1. Christ comes. 1 Thessalonians 4:15, 16.
2. The righteous dead come to life in the first resurrection. 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 20:6.
3. The living wicked slain. 2 Thessalonians 1:7, 8; 2 Thessalonians 2:8. Read Isaiah 11:4.
4. All the righteous taken to heaven. 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17. Read John 14:1-3; Revelation 7:9, 10.
5. Satan is bound. Revelation 20:1-3.

Note: Satan is bound by circumstances. The righteous have been taken to be with Christ, and the wicked have been slain. The earth has been emptied of its inhabitants. Jeremiah declared, "I beheld, and, lo, there was no man." Jeremiah 4:25. The Jeremiah prophecies (25:31-33; 4:25) have a primary application with regards to Judah. But all such day of judgment prophecies are types of the trial and ultimate day of the Lord. What is true in principle of the latter.

What are some definite facts which mark the millennium?

1. The earth is desolate. Jeremiah 4:23-27.
2. The righteous will be in heaven engaged in a work of judgment. Revelation 20:4; 1 Corinthians 6:1-3.

Note: Why have a judgment after all cases are decided? At the coming of Christ He takes His people with Him to heaven. The wicked will not live until after the 1000 years have expired. They will be resurrected to receive their punishment of the second death. Should you discover that a loved one is not in heaven during the millennium you can find the reason for this by looking over the records. God has allotted a thousand years to the judgment of the wicked. He is careful to take no chance of leaving one doubt in any mind about His work in behalf of man. When the wicked receive their punishment it will be recognized by all that their punishment is deserved and God is just. During the one thousand years as the righteous sit in judgment they will learn of every effort put forth to save every person.

What definite events mark the close of the millennium?

1. The wicked are resurrected. Revelation 20:5. (These are the wicked because the righteous were resurrected one thousand years before this.)
2. Satan is loosed. Revelation 20:7. (The devil will be free to continue his nefarious work of deception among the wicked who have come to life.)
3. The New Jerusalem comes down from heaven. Revelation 21:2.
4. Satan gathers the wicked around the city for battle. Revelation 20:8, 9.
5. The wicked are destroyed. Revelation 20:9, last part. Note: When a person or thing is said to be devoured total destruction is pictured. This is the picture presented in Malachi 4:1, 3.
6. A new earth will be created. 2 Peter 3:10-14; Revelation 21:1-5.

Conclusion

Jesus promised, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Mathew 5:5. He quoted this from Psalm 37:11. Paul put the same thought in these words: "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Galatians 3:29.

To enter the New Jerusalem, and the new earth, what characteristic will all posses? "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Revelation 22:14. Read also Mathew 7:21-23. According to Revelation 21:27 the names of the redeemed will be recorded in "the Lamb's book of life." All who live with God forever will be men and women of faith and obedience. Read Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16.

- I believe that the 1000 years of peace happens after the second coming of Jesus.
- I believe that during the millennium, the saints will reign with Jesus and judge the world while the wicked sleep and Satan is bound with no one to temp.
- I will ask Jesus to grant me that vacation for 1000 years in heaven with my family when He comes.