

## Heaven On Earth

Series: Future Ending

Revelation 20:1-6

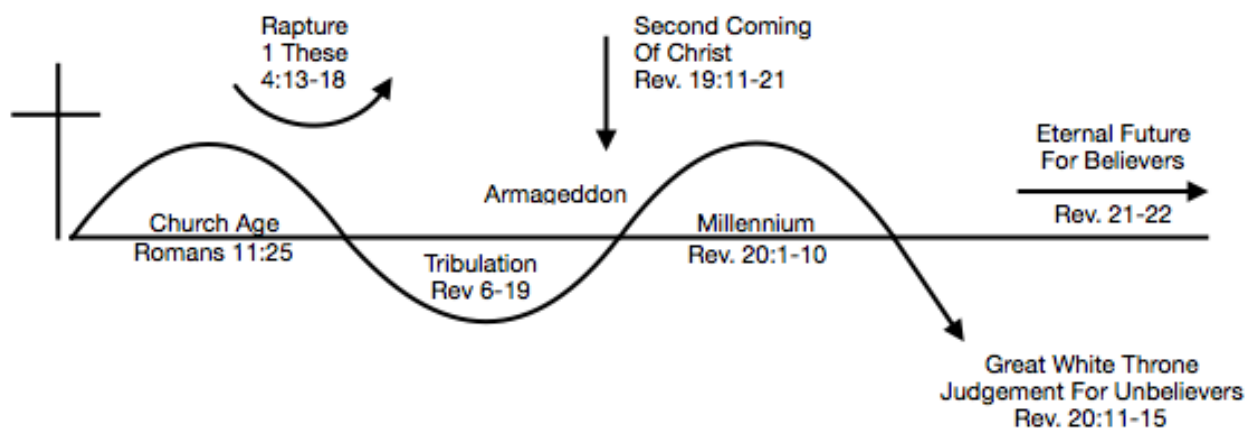
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Introduction: Next to the Rapture, no topic has caused more controversy among students of Bible prophecy than the event we are going to study today: The Millennium. Is Christ going to literally rule over a renovated earth for one thousand years and 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 promise to Abraham and his believing descendants.

### B. The Millennium Described

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*And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence[a] had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.*

**Revelation 19:20**

## II. The Different Views of The Millennium

- A. Pre-millennial: The Second Coming of Christ to the earth is before the literal millennial reign of Christ.
- B. Post-millennial: The Second Coming of Christ is after the millennium.
- C. A millennial: No literal thousand year reign on earth. It is symbolic representing Christ living in you.

**30**

*If his children forsake my law  
and do not walk according to my rules,[a]*

**31**

*if they violate my statutes  
and do not keep my commandments,*

**32**

*then I will punish their transgression with the rod*

*and their iniquity with stripes,*  
**33**  
*but I will not remove from him my steadfast love*  
*or be false to my faithfulness.*  
**34**  
*I will not violate my covenant*  
*or alter the word that went forth from my lips.*  
**35**  
*Once for all I have sworn by my holiness;*  
*I will not lie to David.*  
**36**  
*His offspring shall endure forever,*  
*his throne as long as the sun before me. **Psalms 89:30-36***

### III. The Millennium In The Old Testament

*He shall judge between the nations,*  
*and shall decide disputes for many peoples;*  
*and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,*  
*and their spears into pruning hooks;*  
*nation shall not lift up sword against nation,*  
*neither shall they learn war anymore. **Isaiah 2:4***

**5** *“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. **6** In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’ **Jeremiah 23:5-6***

**33** *For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **34** And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” **Jeremiah 31:33-34***

**10** *Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the Lord. **11** And many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. **12** And the Lord will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem.” **Zechariah 2:10-12***

**19**  
*I will rejoice in Jerusalem*  
*and be glad in my people;*  
*no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping*

*and the cry of distress.*

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*No more shall there be in it  
an infant who lives but a few days,  
or an old man who does not fill out his days,  
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,  
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.*

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*They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. **Isaiah 65:19-21***

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

*6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” **Acts 1:6***

*15 Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.” **Revelation 11:15***

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

##### A. Only Christians Will Enter The Millennium

*36 “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son,[a] but the Father only. 37 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. 42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. **Matthew 24:36-42***

*31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. **Matthew 25:31-34***

*41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. **Matthew 25:41***

##### B. Christians Will Rule With Christ In The Millennium

*2 Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? 3 Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! **1 Corinthians 6:2-3***

C. Jerusalem Will Be The Center of The Millennial Kingdom

D. Satan Will Be Temporarily Bound During The Millennium

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IV. Renovation Or Re-Creation