The Millennium

Rev 20:1-10

(Rev 20:1-10) New revelations: 1) a 1000 year rule of Christ on the "old Earth"; 2) a 1st and 2nd resurrection yet to come.

Why is there a Millennium? No one knows because Scripture does not say.

Why don't most seminary professors believe in a literal millennium? Because they refuse to accept that God is not done with Israel.

What will the Millennium be like?

Christ will be King

The ruler of the whole Millennial Earth will be Jesus Christ. The Law of Christ will be taught and enforced throughout all the Earth. (Zech 14:9, 16)

There will be 3 kinds of people living on the Millennial Earth. Resurrected saints, regenerated but mortal saints, and rebellious sinners.

- the greatest difference between the Millennial Earth and the New Eternal Earth is that there is still death on the Millennial Earth. This helps to identify prophecies speaking of one or the other. (Isa 65:20)

The rule of the Resurrected Saints with eternal bodies

The Remnant Christians coming out of the Greatest Persecution have the unique privilege of being in the First Resurrection and reigning with Christ in the Millennium. (Rev 20:4)

It would seem that the reign of the resurrected saints will include both teaching and enforcing the laws of Christ. (Isa 32:1-2; Ezek 44:23-25; Jer 3:14-15)

Regenerated Jews with mortal bodies (Isa 10:20; Ezek 37:22-24)

Israel will be the spiritual, political, and economic center of the Millennial Earth.

Regenerated Gentiles (Isa 14:1; Mic 4:1-2; Ps 22:26-28)

Rebellious Gentiles (Rev 20:7-8)

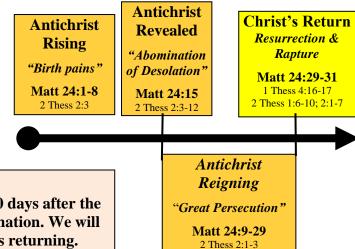
Christ will rule with a rod of iron (Rev 12:5; Isa 33:15-16; Zech 14:17; Isa 32:5; Isa 60:12; Isa 29:18, 20; Ps 37:9)

Applications: A just world with a perfect King is coming.

A Picture of Endtime Events

Beginning View

The best place to begin is to read Matt 24 & see how it portrays the Endtime events pictured to the right & supported in 1 & 2 Thess.



Full View

Adding data from Daniel & Revelation

Antichrist Rising

"Birth pains"

Matt 24:1-8; Rev 6:1-9; 2 Thess 2:3

Antichrist Revealed

"Abomination of Desolation"

Matt 24:15 2 Thess 2:3-11

Christ's Return

Resurrection & Rapture
Rev 6:12-7:14

1260 days after "A of D" persecution "cut short" (Matt 24:22). It is not the length of Ac's reign of 1260 days that is "cut short." Ac is stopped by the return of Christ & Rapture of the Church. (cf. 2 Thess 2:8)

1st Resurrection

Saints
Returning &
fighting with Christ

1 Thess 4:16-17; Rev 19:11-14

1260 days (Dan 7:25-27; 12:7;

Dan 7:25-27; 12:7 Rev 11:2-3; 12:6, 14; 13:5-7) The world Israel
punished blessed
(Rev 8-11; (OT Prophets)
14-19)

"Battle of Armageddon" (Rev 16:12-16)

1st Res Saints Reigning

with Christ Rev 20:1-10

Christ's Reign "Millennium"

Key Point:

The Rapture will occur <u>exactly</u> 1260 days after the Antichrist is revealed in the Abomination. We will know the exact day that Christ is returning.

Jesus did <u>not</u> say no one could <u>ever</u> know this. (Matt 24:37-39 & **v. 50!**; 1 Th 5:1-4; Gen 7:4, 10; Lk 12:38-46)

Christ's Reward

Matt 25:14-46; Rev 20:11-15

Christ's Renewal

Rev 21:1-5; Isa 65:17-25

2nd Res at Great White

Throne Rev 20:5, 11-15; Matt 25:31-46

Eternal Paradise

in New Creation! Rev 21-22; Jn 14:1-3; 1 Cor 15:23-26; Ps 16:11

Antichrist

Rising

1260 days

(Dan; 9:27)

Surprise nuclear destruction of world's foremost economic & military powers in the U. S. & Europe. (Rev 17-18; Jer 50-51)

1/4 of Earth's population is killed (Rev 6:1-8)

Antichrist's "Peace" treaty with Israel (Dan 9:27)

Antichrist Reigning & Ruining

"Greatest Persecution"

Gr. thlipsis-persecution
The wrath of satan vs.
"elect" saints
Not wrath of God

Matt 24:9-29; 2 Thess 2:1-3; Rev 6:9-11; Rev chs. 12-13

Christ's Revenge

"Day of the Lord"

The wrath of God

Rev 8-9; 15-16;; 1 Thess 1:9, 5:9; Tit 2:12-13.

Rescue of the
godly occurs immediately before the

punishment of the wicked (Luke 17:26-29)

Rev 20:1-10

Eternal Perishing or Pain

in Lake of Fire Rev 14:9-11; 20:11-15; Matt 13:49-50; 25:41, 46

Key Point:

Only the Christians who survive the Birth Pains and enter the Great Persecution to be martyred or raptured, will be raised in the 1st Resurrection and experience the privilege of reigning with Christ on the Millennial Earth

Rev 6:9-11; 7:9-17; 20:1-6