

Lesson 50: The Millennium

Memory Verse: Revelation 20:6 "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."

I. The Bible and the Millennium

Note: There are many ideas about the Millennium, but we want to know what the Bible teaches about it. First of all, the word "millennium" is not found in the Bible. It is a compound word made from two Latin words:

"mille", meaning 1000, and

"annum", meaning year.

So the word "millennium" means _____ years.

1. Revelation chapter 20 tells us about the thousand years.

Which verses mention a thousand years? _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____

2. Let's look at verse 6. It tells about a group of people that were resurrected in the _____ resurrection who R_____ with Christ a _____ years.

Are these **righteous** or **wicked** people? (Underline one)

How do you know? They are called _____ and _____.

II. The Beginning of the Millennium

A. When does the Millennium begin?

3. Revelation 20:5 tells us about the righteous being resurrected in the _____ resurrection which must take place right before the _____ years begin.

4. When are the righteous resurrected? 1 Thessalonians 4:16

"For the Lord _____ shall _____ from _____ with a shout, with the _____ of the archangel, and with the _____ of God: and the _____ in Christ shall _____ first." They are resurrected when the Lord _____ from heaven – in other words, when Jesus comes again.

5. What happens then? 1 Thessalonians 4:17 "Then we which are _____ and _____ shall be _____ up together with them in the _____, to _____ the Lord in the _____: and so shall we _____ be _____ the Lord."

6. Where are the righteous taken? John 14:1-3 "Let not your heart be _____: ye believe in God, _____ also in me. In my Father's _____ are many _____: if it were not so, I would have _____ you. I go to _____ a _____ for you. And if I go and _____ a place for you, I will _____ again, and _____ you unto myself; that _____ I am, _____ ye may _____ also." The righteous are taken to the _____ that Jesus has P_____ for them in heaven.

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Note: At the 2nd Coming of Christ, the righteous dead are resurrected. They are taken to heaven along with the righteous who are living on the earth when Jesus comes. This begins the Millennium when they will reign with Christ 1000 years.

So the millennium **begins** when _____ **comes** the 2nd time.

B. The Wicked at the 2nd Coming

7. What do the wicked do when they see Jesus coming? Revelation 6:15-17

"And the _____ of the earth, and the _____ men, and the _____ men, and the _____ captains, and the _____ men, and _____ bondman, and _____ free man, _____ themselves in the _____ and in the _____ of the mountains; And _____ to the mountains and rocks, _____ on _____, and _____ us from the _____ of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the _____: For the great _____ of his wrath is _____; and _____ shall be _____ to _____?" The wicked try to H_____ from Jesus.

8. What happens to the wicked when Jesus comes?

2 Thessalonians 2:8 "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall _____ with the spirit of his _____, and shall _____ with the _____ of his _____."

Psalms 68:2 "As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the **wicked** _____ at the _____ of God."

9. Why do the wicked perish at His presence? Hebrews 12:29

"For our _____ is a _____."

Note: The wicked cannot stand to be in the presence of Jesus. It makes them very uncomfortable, so they try to hide from Him. But it is impossible to hide from God! **The brightness of His coming destroys them.** Not one person with sin hidden in their heart can live for one moment in the light of His glory.

10. Why are they so uncomfortable in His presence?

Proverbs 1:24 "Because I have _____, and ye _____; I have stretched out my _____, and no man _____."

Proverbs 1:25 "But ye have set at _____ all my _____, and would _____ of my _____."

Proverbs 1:29 "For that they _____ knowledge, and did not _____ the _____ of the Lord."

Proverbs 1:30 "They would _____ of my _____: they _____ all my _____."

Note: "The wicked pray to be buried beneath the rocks of the mountains **rather than meet the face of Him whom they have despised and rejected.**" GC 642.2

"It is impossible to describe the **horror and despair** of those who have trampled upon God's holy requirements. **The Lord gave them His law;** they might have **compared their characters** with it and **learned their defects** while there was yet **opportunity for repentance and reform;** but in order to

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secure the favor of the world, they set aside its precepts and taught others to transgress. They have endeavored to compel God's people to profane His Sabbath. Now they are condemned by that law which they have despised. **With awful distinctness they see that they are without excuse.** They chose whom they would serve and worship. 'Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.' Malachi 3:18." GC 639.2

"That voice which penetrates the ear of the dead, **they know.** How often have its plaintive, tender tones **called them to repentance.** How often has it been heard in the touching entreaties of a friend, a brother, a Redeemer. To the **rejecters of His grace** no other could be so full of condemnation, so burdened with denunciation, as that voice which has so long pleaded:

'Turn ye, _____ ye from your _____ ways; for _____ will ye die?' Ezekiel 33:11. Oh, that it were to them the voice of a stranger! Says Jesus:

'I have _____, and ye _____; I have stretched out My hand, and _____ man _____; but ye have set at _____ all My _____, and would _____ of My _____.' Proverbs 1:24, 25.

That voice awakens **memories** which they would fain blot out – **warnings despised, invitations refused, privileges slighted.**" GC 642.3

III. During the Millennium

A. The Righteous During the Millennium

11. Where are the righteous during the millennium?

The righteous are taken to _____ at Jesus' 2nd Coming. (see Note on #6)

12. What do they do in heaven during the millennium?

Revelation 20:4 "And I saw _____, and they _____ upon them, and _____ was given unto them: ... and they lived and _____ with _____ a _____ years."

Revelation 20:6 "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be _____ of God and of Christ, and shall _____ with _____ a thousand years."

1 Corinthians 6:2-3 "Do ye not know that the _____ shall _____ the _____? ... Know ye not that we shall _____? ..."

During the millennium the righteous live and _____ with Christ a thousand years. They sit on _____ and J _____ is given to them. They will judge the W _____ and A _____.

Note: During the thousand years the righteous are given an opportunity to review the records until they are satisfied that God's judgment is just.

B. The Wicked During the Millennium

13. What happens to the wicked at Christ's 2nd Coming? (see note on #9)

The B _____ of His coming D _____ them.

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14. How do they spend the millennium? Jeremiah 25:33

"And the _____ of the Lord shall be at that day from one _____ of the earth even unto the _____ end of the earth: they shall not be _____, neither gathered, nor _____; they shall be _____ upon the _____."

15. Revelation 20:5 tells us that "the _____ of the _____ lived **not again** until the _____ years were _____."

During the millennium the wicked are _____.

C. The Earth During the Millennium

16. What happened to the earth at Christ's coming?

Revelation 16:18 "And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great _____, such as was _____ since men were upon the earth, so _____ an earthquake, and so _____."

Revelation 6:14 "And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every _____ and _____ were _____ out of their places."

17. How does Isaiah describe it? Isaiah 24:19-20

"The earth is **utterly** _____ down, the earth is clean _____, the earth is _____ exceedingly. The earth shall _____ to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be _____ like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall _____, and not _____ again."

18. How does Jeremiah describe the condition of the earth at this time? Jer. 4:23-27

- a. It was without _____, and _____.
- b. The heavens had no _____.
- c. The mountains _____.
- d. There was no _____.
- e. All the _____ of the heavens were _____.
- f. The fruitful place was a _____.
- g. All the _____ thereof were _____ down.
- h. The whole land shall be _____.

19. During the millennium the earth is without _____ and _____. When was the earth like this before? Genesis 1:1,2 When God _____ the earth in the _____ it was without _____ and _____.

Note: If you look up "void" in *Strong's Concordance*, it says it means "to be empty ... an undistinguishable ruin". That's a good description of what the earth would look like after such an earthquake!

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D. Satan During the Millennium

20. What happens to Satan at the beginning of the millennium? Revelation 20:1-3

"And I saw an _____ come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless _____ and a great _____ in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the _____, and _____, and _____ him a _____ years, And _____ him into the bottomless pit, and _____ him up, and set a _____ upon him, that he should _____ the nations no more, till the _____ years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be _____ a little season." Satan is _____ in the bottomless _____.

Note: If you look up "bottomless" in *Strong's Concordance*, it says it means "depthless" or "abyss".

In Genesis 1:2, not only does it describe the earth as without form and void, but it also says "darkness was upon the face of the _____."

If you look up "deep" in *Strong's Concordance*, you it also means "abyss" as in Revelation 20:3 where it talks about the "bottomless pit". Satan is bound to the earth in its ruined condition!

21. What is it that Satan will **not** be able to do during the thousand years? Rev. 20:3

He won't be able to _____ the nations.

22. Where are the nations of the earth?

a. The wicked are _____. (see #15)

b. The righteous are in _____. (see #11)

So during the millennium there is no one living on the earth for Satan to tempt or deceive.

IV. The End of the Millennium

A. Satan and the Wicked

23. How is Satan's situation changed at the end of the thousand years? Revelation 20:7

He is _____ out of his _____.

24. What does he immediately begin to do? Revelation 20:8

He goes out to _____ the nations again.

25. During the thousand years there was no one for Satan to deceive. Something must have changed in order for him to have nations to deceive again. What took place?

Revelation 20:5 gives us a clue. It says, "the rest of the _____ [the wicked] lived not again _____ the thousand years were _____."

Note: At the end of the thousand years, the wicked are resurrected. So Satan immediately begins to deceive them again.

B. Jesus and the Righteous

26. During the thousand years, Jesus and the righteous are in heaven. What do they do at the end of the thousand years? Zechariah 14:5 "And the _____ my God shall _____, and _____ the _____ with thee."

Jesus and the righteous come to the earth.

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27. Where do they go? Zechariah 14:4 "And his feet shall _____ in that day upon the _____ of _____, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall _____ in the _____ thereof toward the _____ and toward the _____, and there shall be a very great _____; and _____ of the mountain shall _____ toward the _____, and _____ of it toward the _____."

28. What comes down from God out of heaven? Revelation 21:2

"And I John saw the _____, new _____, coming down from God out of _____, prepared as a _____ adorned for her husband."

29. Who goes into the city?

a. Isaiah 26:1-2 "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong _____; salvation will God appoint for _____ and bulwarks. Open ye the _____, that the _____ nation which _____ the _____ may _____ in."

b. Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are they that _____ his _____, that they may have right to the tree of _____, and may _____ in through the _____ into the _____."

30. Who is not allowed in the city? Revelation 21:27 "And there shall in _____ wise _____ into it _____ thing that _____, neither whatsoever worketh _____, or maketh a _____: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

C. The Final Judgment

31. What is Jesus' purpose in coming to the earth with his saints? Jude 1:14-15

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, _____, the Lord _____ with ten thousands of his _____, To execute _____ upon _____, and to _____ all that are _____ among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard _____ which ungodly _____ have spoken _____ him."

32. What is Satan's purpose in deceiving the nations? Revelation 20:8

He deceives them "to gather them together to _____."

33. What do the wicked do? Revelation 20:9

"And they went up on the breadth of the _____, and _____ the camp of the _____ about, and the beloved _____."

34. What is their reaction when they see the righteous in the city and they themselves are on the outside?

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Luke 13:28 "There shall be _____ and _____ of teeth, when ye shall _____ Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, _____ the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust _____."

Note: Satan deceives the wicked and convinces them that they can take the Holy City. The number of the wicked is "as the _____ of the _____." (Rev. 20:8) With such a huge army, Satan declares that they are well able to take the city. He organizes them for battle and they surround the city.

At that moment you will be in one of two places:

Either you will be inside the Holy City OR You will be in Satan's army.

35. What happens when Satan's army surrounds the Holy City? Revelation 20:9

"And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and _____ the camp of the saints about, and the beloved _____: and _____ came down from _____ out of heaven, and _____ them."

36. What does the fire do to the wicked? Malachi 4:1

"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall _____ as an _____; and all the _____, yea, and all that do _____, shall be _____: and the day that cometh shall _____ them _____, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall _____ them neither _____ nor _____."

37. What is left after the fire has burned them up? Malachi 4:3

"And ye shall tread down the _____; for _____ shall be _____ under the soles of your _____ in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts."

38. What is Satan's doom? Ezekiel 28:18-19

"Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine _____, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a _____ from the midst of thee, it shall _____ thee, and I will bring thee to _____ upon the _____ in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be _____ at thee: thou shalt be a _____, and _____ shalt thou _____ any _____."

39. The war is finally over! What event takes place next? Revelation 21:5

God exclaims, "Behold! I _____ things _____."

God will "_____ new _____ and a new _____!" Isaiah 65:17

40. How can **YOU** inherit this new earth? Revelation 21:7

"He that _____ shall inherit _____ things; and I will be his _____, and he shall be _____."