

ARE WE IN END TIMES?

“Millennium Views”

Scripture Reading: REVELATION 20:1-10

-) **SLIDE 7-10.** Scripture reading.
-) **SLIDE 11.** This is our 5th week in our series titled “*Are We in End Times?*” Today’s message: “*The Millennium Views.*”
-) Today we are going to do this. 1) We will look at what REV 20 tells us about the millennium and 2) we will see how all five of the different eschatological views place this millennium on a timeline. This is where we will find major differences and why there are five views (and subsets of those views).
-) The only place in the Bible we see anything at all written about the millennium is in the first 7 verses of REV 20. That’s it. Nowhere else. So, what are we told about the millennium?
-) **SLIDE 12.** Satan is **BOUND** for 1,000 years (v2).
-) **SLIDE 13.** Satan is thrown and sealed in the abyss and cannot **DECEIVE** the **NATIONS** for 1,000 years (v3).
-) **SLIDE 14.** The saints **REIGN** with Christ for 1,000 years (v4).
-) **SLIDE 15.** The saints are part of the **FIRST** resurrection and are priests of God for 1,000 years (v6).
-) **SLIDE 16.** The rest of the **DEAD** come to life after the 1,000 years are completed (v5).
-) **SLIDE 17.** Satan is **RELEASED** after the 1,000 years are completed (v7).
-) **SLIDE 18.** Here is a summary of what REVELATION 20 tells us about the millennium.

-) **SLIDE 19.** Now let's look at the five different eschatological timelines of the millennium—the 1,000 years. And this can be a little difficult because there are subsets of each view that differ within each camp on how the millennium must be understood. For the sake of time, I will generalize each view. And just when you thought there was only one.
-) **SLIDE 20.** We covered the full and partial preterist camp. They believe all future prophecies in the Olivet Discourse and in the Book of REVELATION have been fulfilled with the destruction of Jerusalem (this generation). Therefore, they see the millennium as symbolic and it has already occurred. **GTT.** Again, there are variations on this within the preterist camp.
-) **SLIDE 21.** Next. Last week we talked about nine signs that Jesus gives us in the Olivet Discourse which will lead up to His return. Eight of them were unfavorable. Read.
-) **SLIDE 22.** Which leads us to the view of the postmillennial camp. They believe the millennium is a literal 1,000 years and the return of Christ will come after (post) the millennium. **GTT.** They believe the world will be Christianized by the time Christ returns. The Puritans really bought into this view as did the Restoration Movement advocates (Stone/Campbell).
-) But every time the world seemed to be getting Christianized, something happened which discouraged that view. Also, in this view, however, one never knows when this millennium begins. There are variations within the postmillennial camp.
-) **SLIDE 23.** Next, we have the amillennial camp. They believe the millennium is symbolic and ranges from the cross to the return of Jesus. This is where I camp. **GTT.** We do believe in a millennium and REV 20, we just take it all symbolically. Like I said a few weeks ago, we take the symbolism literally. There are very few variations on this within the amillennial camp.
-) **SLIDE 24.** Next, we have the Historic Premillennial camp.

-) They believe the millennium is a literal 1,000 years and that the return of Christ will precede (pre) the millennium. After Christ's return, He will rule and reign on this earth for 1,000 years from Jerusalem. **GTT**. This camp and the amillennial camp have been around since the start of the church age. There are very few variations on this within this camp.
-) **SLIDE 25**. And last but not least, we have the Pretribulation Premillennial Dispensational camp. This is probably where you are because it is probably what you have been taught. It is the most popular camp today. It's the "*Left Behind*" series.
-) Popular teachers today like John MacArthur, David Jeremiah, Charles Stanley, John Hagee, Jack Van Impe, Hal Lindsay ("*The Late Great Planet Earth*") and so many others subscribe to this camp. Like I said, I was here too up until about four years ago. And I promise I will tell you that conversion story some other time and why I no longer buy into this camp.
-) **GTT**. They believe the millennium is a literal 1,000 years. It is called pretribulation because there will be a rapture of the church and it will occur before (pre) the seven years of tribulation. It is called premillennial because the return of Christ will occur before (pre) the millennium. And like the Historic view, after Christ's return He will rule and reign for 1,000 years on this earth from Jerusalem.
-) This view of eschatology began around 1830 with a man named John Nelson Darby and was proliferated by a man named Cyrus Scofield in the late 1800s early 1900s. If you have a Darby or a Scofield Reference Bible, all the study notes will be of the pretribulation premillennial dispensational nature.
-) **SLIDE 26**. So, that's how the five camps look at the 1,000 years (the millennium) as written in REVELATION 20. Five different camps, five different eschatological views, some overlap amongst them, and each one has Scripture to back up their view. It's not a hill to die on.

) **SLIDE 27.** Next week what I plan on doing is taking these six points about the millennium and look at how the pretribulation premillennial dispensationalist looks at these verses and compare that to how an amillennial looks at these verses. Because I believe how they are viewed helps us answer the question: “*Are We in End Times?*”

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