

**The
Millennia
Reign
of
Christ**

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The Millennium reign of Christ on earth is a much-anticipated event by believers in Christ since the Church Age. While this truth is documented without any shadow of a doubt in Revelation chapter 20, yet many Christians have been persuaded otherwise to believe that there will be no such event in the future. They take a fairy tale approach when interpreting the Holy Bible concerning prophecies that are supposed to be taken literally. If we are to take some figurative approach towards interpreting prophecies, we could come out with as many interpretations as we want and none would be wiser as to who would be correct. We might just as well read some interesting literature like “Animal Farm” which would be a lot more interesting and relevant to our political and social setting so that we would be wiser in the ways of the world.

Nonetheless, the Millennium reign of Christ is certain and it is coming right on schedule according to promises in the Holy Bible. Here is a short discussion on this topic based on a sermon preached. The reader is recommended to check the text of the Scriptures concerned and be brutally honest in taking the Scriptures at face value. Let God be true and every man a liar. Let no man’s prejudiced views stir us away from the veracity of the Scriptures where we are supposed to apply faith to take God seriously. It is the veracity of the Scriptures that is in question. If we cannot take what the Scriptures reveal at face value, we might just as well stop believing the gospel. May the Lord bless the study of His holy words!

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 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. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (Revelation 20:1-10)

Before we discuss this passage at hand, we have to survey the book of Revelation first. This is the only book in the entire Bible where a blessing is promised to those who read it. **Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. (Revelation 1:3)** This is also a book where a curse is pronounced on those who tamper with this book. **And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. (Revelation 22:19)** From the previous two verses on promise of blessing and assurance of a curse, it is mentioned that this book concerns prophecies. Hence, the book of Revelation is a prophetic book.

Since this is a book on prophecy, we have to let these prophecies speak for themselves. **Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. (2Peter 1:20)** We must never come out with our own fanciful interpretations when we read prophecies in the Holy Bible. We must never allow our fallen mind to conjecture about those prophecies to line them up according to our own human understanding. Reading prophecies is not like reading the book on “Animal Farm”. Just like when we read about a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and it means exactly what it said and said exactly what it means. It goes against the grain of the fallen mind to accept such prophecy and yet it is this very truth we have to accept as far as the gospel of our salvation is concerned. If Christ is not born of a virgin, He would be like any fallen man and He cannot save us from our sin. So even when things revealed are not possible in the realm of the fallen mind, we have to accept them by faith that they are true and will be fulfilled according to God’s words. Therefore, let no fallen mind interfere with Scriptural interpretation of prophecies as revealed from the Holy Bible.

Many Christians think that the Book of Revelation is a book that is hard to understand. This is simply not true. It is not hard to understand the contents in the book of Revelation but it is hard to believe all that were written. Some claim that this book is full of symbols and they just could not understand what they mean. We are never to take anything revealed in this book to be symbolic because God defines for us what those symbols and figures mean. We shall consider some examples.

And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. (Revelation 1:16) What are the seven stars? **The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches. (Revelation 1:20)** So the seven stars are explained here. We need not speculate any further. The case is closed.

And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. (Revelation 11:3) What about these two witnesses? **These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. (Revelation 11:4)** So these two witnesses are on earth. The Scriptures reveal more about these two witnesses. **And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. (Revelation 11:5&6)** These two witnesses have power on earth to perform miracles just like Moses and Elijah. **And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. (Revelation 11:7&8)** These two witnesses are men and they bear testimony.

In addition, they will be killed after their ministry is over. **And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over**

them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, **Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. (Revelation 11:9-12)** These two witnesses are prophets and they will be raised from the dead and ascended back into heaven before the very eyes of those who hated them and wanted them dead. So much is revealed concerning these two witnesses and they are anything but symbolic.

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. (Revelation 16:13) What are the unclean spirits like frogs? **For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. (Revelation 16:14)** These frog-liked spirits are spirits of devils. What other information do we still need? No speculation is required again.

And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. (Revelation 17:7) What about the seven heads and ten horns? **And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. (Revelation 17:9)** The seven heads are defined as seven mountains. **And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. (Revelation 17:12)** The ten horns are ten kings. **And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. (Revelation 17:15)** The waters here are explained in the same verse and the explanation is to be taken at face value. **And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. (Revelation 17:18)** The woman is finally defined as a great city. There is no room for conjecture again.

So we must allow Scriptures to define scriptures and not let our own private interpretation interfere with Scriptures. The key to understanding prophecies is also given in the book of Revelation. **And I fell at his feet to**

worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. (Revelation 19:10) As such, no unsaved man hope to ever expound prophecies in the Holy Bible. They do not possess the testimony of Jesus. Reading books like “The Da Vinci Code” and the “Bible Code” just will not help in understanding prophecies in the Holy Bible.

The passage in Revelation chapter 20 concerns the one thousand years reign of the Lord Jesus Christ on earth. Bible infidels claimed that the one thousand years mentioned six times are just symbolic. Let us not speculate about the reason of their unbelief in the Scriptures for the moment. Let us consider four more verses and see whether the book of Revelation is written in this way where numbers quoted are meant to be symbolic.

But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. (Revelation 11:2) Concerning this event, is it forty-two months or is it not? If not, what is the forty-two months supposed to mean? Can anyone come up with a uniform conclusion as to what these forty-two months really mean apart from taking these forty-months at face value? **And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. (Revelation 11:3)** The forty-two months mentioned in verse 2 is now defined as 1260 days in verse 3 which is exactly forty-two months. The Jews reckon 360 days as one year and 1260 divided by 360, you will get exactly three and a half years or forty months. Should we believe some scholars no matter how godly they are and how anti-catholic they are? Some of these good godly dedicated anti-catholic people can tell you the most unbelievable and nonsensical rubbish you will ever come across.

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. (Revelation 12:6) Here is another 1260 days mentioned regarding another specific event. Is it supposed to be forty-two months or it is supposed to mean something else? **And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. (Revelation 13:5)** Again, another mentioned of forty-two months is recorded here. So what are we going to do? Are these forty-two months mentioned symbolic? Do we have to engage some numeric experts to expound to us what forty-two months really mean? So is it supposed to be one thousand years or is it something else in Revelation chapter 20?

Some bible correctors insist that the one thousand years should be symbolic because they are claiming that we are right now living in the Kingdom Age. The gospel is preached and the Kingdom is thus increasing. So you have three views on this passage. You have those who take the A-Millennia position which means Christ is not coming back to reign on earth. There is no such thing as a one thousand years reign. You have the Post-Millennia view as well where these people believe Christ is coming back at the end of the one thousand years to reign and congratulate the church for faithfully preaching the gospel and making this world a better place for all. Finally, you have those who believe just as it is revealed where Christ will come back to reign at the beginning of the one thousand years.

If the one thousand years is symbolic, can we take the Devil mentioned here as symbolic as well? If not, why not? Can we claim that all the evil we witness on earth is personified by Satan who is symbolic? Is the Devil just symbolic and not real and he is just a figment of our own imagination? I have dealt with people who foolishly tell me that the Devil is real and not symbolic but he is being held in this bottomless pit which means his power and authority have been curtailed. You talk about private interpretation! Goodness, you cannot believe there are people so deceived. You cannot believe how these people could wriggle out of a tight situation with inconsistent interpretation of the Scriptures to fit their own brand of theology.

Have not we been warned? **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (1 Peter 5:8)** So is Satan being held in the bottomless pit right now and we are already living somewhere in this symbolic one thousand years? If he is right now imprisoned in the bottomless pit, why are we told to be vigilant where the Devil is walking about and seeking to devour Christians? How is it possible that the Devil walking around in this bottomless pit is ever going to devour Christians? Is it because Christians go too near this bottomless pit and poke the Devil with some sticks or something? Why should we be vigilant if the Devil is already right now bound in the bottomless pit? Are we also spending time with the Devil in this bottomless pit? Are we playing hide and seek with Satan in the bottomless pit? Those who claim that the Devil is right now in the bottomless pit are most easily deceived to become complacent and become victim of the Devil. The Devil can have them for lunch. By the way, the last

time someone tried to tell me his private interpretation on this passage committed suicide.

The passage in Revelation 20 is exceedingly clear that there will be a one thousand years where the saints will reign with the Lord unless the reader deliberately chooses to be blind to revelation. The Devil is incarcerated in the bottomless pit during this time but he will be released towards the end of the one thousand years. Those who are resurrected to reign in the one thousand years are considered the first resurrection. Those resurrected to live and reign with Christ will not suffer the fate of the second death according to verse 6. There will be a rebellion at the end of the one thousand years when Satan is released from the bottomless pit. Heaven wastes no time in sending fire from above to finish off the final rebellion on earth during this final one thousand years of human history. Satan will be thrown into the lake of fire after that. Then the second resurrection will take place where all those who died since the time of Adam kept in hell who are not found written in the book of life will be thrown into the lake of fire to join Satan after the White throne judgment. All those resurrected before the one thousand years to reign with Christ is classified as resurrected in the first resurrection. These resurrected saints will not be judged after the one thousand years to face the second death.

Such a clear-cut passage is not difficult to follow unless one deliberately complicates God's words with his own private interpretation. One should read the book of Daniel and then follow by the book of Revelation. What is closed in Daniel is opened up in Revelation. The book of Daniel is the only Old Testament book that gives the prophecy of a resurrection where a major war is fought. **And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. (Daniel 12:1&2)**

Verse 1 is the event that consistently revealed as end times event known as the day of the Lord which is also revealed in Matthew 24 and 25 as well as Revelation 4 to 19. The comma in verse 2 separates one thousand years between the two resurrections. Those resurrected first will have everlasting life and those resurrected one thousand years later will face everlasting contempt and shame. If you have trouble believing this, consider Isaiah 61:1-3.

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.(Isaiah 61:1-3) The comma in verse 2 separates two thousand years of history of men. When the Lord was on earth, He read the same passage recorded in Luke 4:16-19: **And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.**

Why did the Lord stop reading right there? Why the Lord did not continue reading **and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn?** It is because that day of vengeance has not come yet. It will be coming and it is right on God's prophetic calendar. So the Bible reveals two categories of resurrection. One is before the one thousand years where the Old Testament saints, already resurrected when Christ was resurrected and right now in heaven, the church age saints before the time of Jacob's trouble of forty-two months and the those saints who died for Jesus having been beheaded for refusing to worship the Beast and received the Mark of the beast during the time of tribulation. The other resurrection is at the end of the one thousand years that ushers in the final judgment and sentencing of the dead since the history of men to be consigned to the lake of fire. If you are still not convinced this is what the Bible teaches, please consider some Old Testament prophecies.

And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee. Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. (Isaiah 60:10-15)

When did this event take place? Has it been fulfilled already? If yes, when is it documented in history? When will the sons of strangers come to build up the walls on Israel? When will the Gentile nations come to Israel and serve them? So is this event going to take place at the beginning or the end of the one thousand years reign of Christ? If it is at the end of the one thousand years where everyone enters eternity in the new heaven and new earth, how come people will still die and nation still perish in eternity in verse 12? **For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. (Isaiah 60:12)** Does it make more sense that this event is going to take place in the future and it will happen at the beginning of the one thousand years reign of Christ where the Gentile nations will come and serve Israel?

What about the prophecy concerning the re-gathering of the children of Israel in Amos? **And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God. (Amos 9:14&15)**

So has this event taken place already? If so, when did this happen? If not then it is an event that will take place in the future. So is it going to take place at the beginning or at the end of the one thousand years mentioned in

Revelation 20? If at the end of the one thousand years reign of Christ where everyone enters eternity, are you suggesting the children of Israel help build waste cities and inhabit them in eternity? You mean when God creates the new heaven and new earth, the new earth is created with waste cities so that the Jews can have something to do by rebuilding their cities? Why God does not create perfect cities in the new earth in the first place where the New Jerusalem is coming down to the New Earth?

What about the prophecy concerning temple worship in Jerusalem according to Zechariah? **Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you. (Zechariah 8:19-23)**

Has this event taken place already? If not, when is it going to happen? Is it going to happen at the beginning of the one thousand years or is it at the end? Are these people learning about the God of Israel at the beginning of the one thousand years so that they can serve God? If it is at the end of the one thousand years, why should there be fasting in eternity in the new earth according to verse 19?

Now consider the temple in Israel according to Haggai's prophecy. **And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD: But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. (Haggai 2:15&20)** Is the Lord in the holy temple in Jerusalem right now? If not when will the Lord be in His holy temple in Jerusalem? Is it going to be at the beginning of the one thousand years reign of Christ on earth or at the end? Do you know there is no temple in eternity? **And I saw no temple therein:**

**for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.
(Revelation 21:22)**

There are no more priests in eternity because no more sacrifices will be required. There are no more priests in eternity because all will know God perfectly and you do not need any priests to teach anyone in eternity about God. But you will need priests during the one thousand years reign of Christ to teach people on earth. If we suffer for the Lord, we will one day reign as kings and priests with the Lord on this earth to rule over all the people in this world.

Do you know why all those Reformers and Protestants are so off based when interpreting the Scriptures? It is because they do not believe God will restore Israel again. How many of them believe Israel will become a nation again during their time in the 17th, 18th and 19th century? What they could not see, they could not believe. They interpreted the Holy Scriptures according to their own human understanding. So they replaced the nation of Israel with the Church. All the promises given to Israel they stole it for themselves as the Church. All those threats issued to Israel, they mistaken it to be for the Church so eternal security for the believers in Christ became suspect. Hence you will find them preaching about losing their salvation in Christ if you do not keep the faith. You may get some good devotional materials from such writers and that is about all. You cannot trust them to teach you sound doctrines and prophecies. They thought their world was getting better and better with the decline of papacy and they thought they were entering the Kingdom so the one thousand years were just symbolic. As such, they thought they were somewhere in these one thousand years. Since the one thousand years were supposed to be symbolic, then the incarceration of Satan in the bottomless pit must be symbolic as well. As such, the imprisonment of Satan simply means the curtailment of his influence and power. They could not be more wrong on this.

Their audacity to replace Israel with the Church in fact makes the word of God of none effect. When the Old Testament talks about tribulation for Israel, also mentioned in Matthew 24&25 as well as Revelation 4-19, they take it that the church will go through this tribulation. The Lord did tell Christians that they would have tribulation. **These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)** Do you truly believe that this tribulation refers to the global upheaval and judgment pour forth on earth is the Church's tribulation the Lord was referring to? If this is the case, the Church has not have such kind of tribulation for over two thousand years where the judgment is global in nature as the world has not ended yet.

The Church is promised deliverance from the tribulation concerning the time of Jacob's trouble. **And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. (1 Thessalonians 1:10)** The wrath to come is not the 2004 tsunami or the Sichuan earthquake in 2008. It is a particular event concerning the salvation of Israel as a nation when they will be converted unto the Lord.

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: (Romans 11:26) Israel is lost right now and needs to be saved. The Church is always saved and needs not be saved. But Israel will have to go through Jacob's trouble before they get saved. The Church has no such trouble as shown in the Bible. **For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, (1 Thessalonians 5:9)** Those who mix up Israel with the church will always mess up Scriptures. They will be fearful over the punishment for Israel where it is not applicable to them. They will speculate whether they are right now in the time of the white horse, red horse or black horse in Revelation 6 and they are betting on the wrong horse. They live in fear that one day they might be forced to receive the mark of the beast and they live selfish lives and operate on a self-preservation mode.

The Bible teaches us about the reign of Christ on earth in fulfillment of prophecy. **He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: (Luke 1:32)** One thousand years is a very long time. The disciples believed Christ would sit on the throne of David in Israel but they did not expect it to take place some two thousand years later. **And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. (Exodus 19:6) And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: (Deuteronomy 28:13)**

There are many more prophecies and promises concerning the children of Israel not fulfilled yet. We must never write them off and kick Israel out of God's plan. We have been warned. **For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. (Romans 11:25)** Israel is still within God's prophetic radar and it is already locked on and God's plan is homing in whether you like it or not. Irrespective of what the United Nations decide for Israel, in the end, Israel will be exalted to be the head of all nations on earth according to God's promises to them.

When God wiped out the old world and brought Noah over to this world, this earth is still not the new earth. When God wipes out this present world and brings survivals and Israel over to the next Millennia Kingdom Age, this earth is still not the new earth yet. It is only after the one thousand years of Kingdom reign where Christ comes back to sit on the throne of His glory to rule this world with a rod of iron that God will create a new heaven and new earth. It is only then that eternity begins and the tree of life appears on earth with the New Jerusalem descending from heaven.

The one thousand years reign of Christ on earth is real and is coming soon. The Lord is going to catch the Church away by raising up the dead in Christ and those alive in Christ will be caught away to meet Him in the air. Then the full impact of the judgment of the world will begin. This time is not a global flood like the time of Noah. It is all kinds of wars, pestilence, earthquakes, hailstones like the Egyptian plagues but this time it is happening worldwide. If you are member of the Church of Christ, being

Christ's Body and the Bride, you will not be here on earth during this time. Read Revelation 4-19 and you will not find the church there.

So what will you be doing during this one thousand years when Christ is reigning on earth? We spend a miserable few ten years now living on earth but how are we going to live the one thousand years? Those people before the flood lived over nine hundred years before they kicked the bucket. Though we will never kick the bucket during that one thousand years, what role will we be playing during that time? We read about saints ruling and reigning with Christ for one thousand years but reign over what? Animals and plant life? Do we talk to animals like Dr. Dolittle like you watch in movies? Certainly not! But we will be reigning over people on earth. These people are the survivals of the global holocaust who will be forced to accept Christ as the King over all the earth when He comes back to rule. This is the prophecy given in Daniel 2:44&45: **And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.** So Christ is going to come back and smash up all these kingdoms on earth and set up His own Kingdom. The United Nations will be no more. Satan will be banished in the bottomless pit. He cannot deceive the nations on earth for one thousand years.

Have you ever given some thought over your future inheritance during this period? Perhaps because of my pathetic performance in this life having failed the Lord, I might be sent to Timbuktu. Maybe I am such an abject failure and I should be sent to the outback in Australia to do some serious reflection for the next one thousand years! I hope you will get the same posting with me to serve the Lord in the same locality and I do not mean Timbuktu. Do you know the Lord did show how He would reward His servants who served Him faithfully? **And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. (Luke 19:17)**

So those who reign with Christ will rule over cities. If I am not faithful now, maybe I might just end up becoming some Resident Committee chairman taking care of a few blocks of apartments. So folks, the Lord is coming back to reward His servants. Will you be reigning with the Lord having authorities over cities? Will you be rewarded handsomely for serving the Lord in this life in the coming Kingdom? Give some thoughts over your true future if you are saved. Think about the kind of role you will be playing in the Kingdom Age. Do not let others rob you of your crowns. **Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. (Revelation 3:11)** It is such a terrible waste having begun well and end tragically in dismay for not running the whole race for the Lord.

The one thousand years reign of Christ on earth is real and literal and is coming right on schedule. This one thousand years reign separates the resurrection into two categories. This is a very important doctrine. Paul told Christians to study and rightly divide the word of truth and not mess up the word of truth. **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. (2 Timothy 2:15-18)** Failing to study the words of God and rightly dividing the word of truth can result in tragic consequences like Hymenaeus and Philetus.

We could mess up on important doctrines and lose faith in God's promises. If the resurrection is past, we will be in danger of facing the second death. The first resurrection is not past yet and as such, we know the second death has no power over us. Moreover we know we who believe in

Christ will be resurrected before this one thousand years to reign with the Lord.

So folks, be faithful to the Lord. Do what you can to serve Him. You will not regret your service for the Lord. Get a right perspective and live your life with the coming Kingdom and eternity in view. You will not lose your bearings if you consider what the Lord promised He will do for you. **And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. (Revelation 22:12)**

May the Lord bless you with fruitfulness in this life which is a training for the Kingdom to come. I wish you the very best in the Lord's service. May you all have much reward in the Kingdom to come!

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