



# MISSION CITY

## BIBLE CHURCH

**DATE:** Sunday, November 20, 2022

**TITLE:** Life in the Millennium

**SERIES:** The Book of Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb

**PASSAGE:** Revelation 20:1-6

### INTRO:

“Postmillennial”:

“Amillennial”:

“Premillennial”:

### 3 DISTINCT CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MILLENNIUM:

**1) Life in the millennium will be \_\_\_\_\_ from Satan’s \_\_\_\_\_ (v1-3)**

cf., 1 John 4:4

**2) Life in the millennium will be \_\_\_\_\_ with blessings from \_\_\_\_\_ (v4-6)**

“the authority to judge”: cf., Matthew 19:28; 1 Corinthians 6:2; Revelation 2:26

Blessings of life in the millennium:

- A) \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (v6a)
- B) \_\_\_\_\_ apart (v6b)
- C) \_\_\_\_\_ has no power (v6c)
- D) \_\_\_\_\_ of God and of Christ (v6d)
- E) \_\_\_\_\_ for 1,000 years (v6e)

**3) Life in the millennium will be \_\_\_\_\_ to our experience (various verses)**

Life in the millennium will be known by:

- A) \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 61:7)
- B) \_\_\_\_\_ of life (Isaiah 65:19-22)
- C) The \_\_\_\_\_ of war (Micah 4:3-4)
- D) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord (Isaiah 2:2-3)
- E) Unusual \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 11:6-9)



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**DISCUSSION:**

1. Have you heard teaching on the millennium before? What did you know or think about this time period prior to hearing the sermon?

Responsible scholars disagree on the meaning of 1000 years, and they fall into three categories: premillennialists, postmillennialists, and amillennialists. All three of these positions fall within the framework of historic Christian orthodoxy.<sup>1</sup> Instead of arguing over positions and personal opinions, our focus is on *life in the millennium*.

2. What do the various names for the dragon represent (v2)? Where is the dragon sent and for how long (v3)? What “must” happen at the end of that time (v3)? What does the absence of Satan mean for the millennium?
3. God continues to give people born during the millennium the opportunity to believe in Him, yet some choose disobedience despite the absence of Satan’s influence. What does this teach us about human nature? What Bible verses can you think of that elaborate on how deep-seated our sinful nature is?
4. Considering what you learned about human nature, how effective is the argument, “the devil made me do it” as a defence for sin?
5. Compare and contrast God’s actions toward the faithful with his actions against Satan. What aspects of His character does it reveal?
6. How does your growing knowledge of the millennium and end times give you a greater appreciation for God? What is one lesson that you’ve learned in this series that has impacted your life?
7. How might you take your faith more seriously when you reflect on the judgment coming to Satan, the judgement on those who reject God, and the blessings that await those who repent and believe in Jesus? What are you going to do about it?

(\*See *PRAYER POINTS* on page 2.)

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<sup>1</sup> ESV Study Bible note.

**PRAYER POINTS** (based on Revelation 20:1-6):

**THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON:**

- God has authority to send a powerful angel to capture Satan (v1-3)
- God grants authority to his people to judge the world (v4)
- God will bring to life all who have died in Christ (v4)
- Jesus will reign for a thousand years (v4)
- God grants blessing to those in Christ in the end (v6)

**REVERENCE:**

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- Lord, I praise you because you have authority over . . .
- Father, thank you for raising me to new spiritual life even when . . .

**RESPONSE:**

- Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner . . .
- Lord Jesus, I confess I haven't believed you have all authority when . . .
- Lord, I acknowledge I haven't always lived with eternity in view, especially when...

**REQUEST:**

- Lord, help me remember you are victorious in the end, even when . . .
- Lord, help me to see your strong power in . . .
- Lord, please help \_\_\_\_\_ (name of loved one) to want the new spiritual life only you can give

**READINESS:**

- Lord, we will believe you are the King with full authority over . . .
- Lord, when I am tempted to think my circumstance is hopeless, I will believe you have power and authority to bring a change that I can't bring – please do that with . . .
- Lord Jesus, come!