

Session 6 – Handout - Revelation & End Times Study

ARMAGEDDON, THE MILLENNIUM

We Cover: Rev 19, 20 and others.

REVELATION 19:

The marriage supper of the Lamb.:

V9: 'Blessed are they who are called to **the marriage supper of the Lamb**. These are the true sayings of God.'

Voice of a great multitude saying:

Alleluia:
for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. (v6)
Let us be glad and rejoice,
and give honour to him:
for the marriage of the Lamb is come,
and his wife hath made herself ready. (v7)

And to her was granted that she should
be arrayed in fine linen,
clean and white:
for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. (v8)

Paul speaks of the Marriage of our Lord Jesus Christ and all believers, the church, as a mystery. (Eph 5:32)
Marriage is intended as an earthly reflection of the future perfect, pure and everlasting relationship we will have with Father God through Jesus Christ.

Spiritually, we are 'in Christ' at the moment we receive Him and become a child of God. (John 1:12). At our resurrection we receive our new and perfect resurrection bodies, whereafter we will forever be in perfect relationship with Christ, 'married' to Him.

Eph 5:25-30 ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; ²⁶ That he might **sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,** ²⁷ That he might present it to himself **a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.** ²⁸ So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies.: ³⁰ For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones...

³² This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

When will this 'wedding celebration' take place? It seems that there are two mentions of 'the Lamb' (Jesus) and his wife/bride: One mention is when Jesus comes on the white horse (Rev 19:7), and the other is after the millennium (Rev 21:2, 9-10). There the New Jerusalem is referred to as the Lamb's wife. This second mention may be meant to include people who are saved after the rapture and during the Millennium, who also receive resurrection bodies at 'The End', the final judgement. The 'before and after' mention of the bride of Christ is indeed a mystery and can possibly be presented graphically as follows:



Rev 21:9-10 ⁹ ..., saying, *Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.* ¹⁰ *And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,*

In some way the saints are both the bride, the Lamb's wife and 'that great city', the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. Perhaps it is because the essence of the 'city' are its inhabitants, not the buildings. The holy Jerusalem is 'clothed' with 'fine linen' which is 'the righteousness of the saints'. (Rev 19:7-8)

The '**fine linen, clean and white**', pictures our cleansing and purity purchased for us by the blood of Jesus on the cross.

<p>Rev 19:6-8</p> <p>... for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. (v7)</p> <p style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white:</p> <p>for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. (v8)</p>
<p>John 15:3 ³ Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.</p>
<p>Rev 7:14 ¹⁴ And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.</p>
<p>Is 1:18 ¹⁸ Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.</p>
<p>Ps 51:1-2 ¹ Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.</p> <p>² Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.</p> <p>⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.</p>

'**The fine linen is the righteousness of the saints**': Being right before God (our righteousness) is also believing in the resurrection of Jesus (Rom 10:9-10), by the power of God, for the purpose of our salvation.

Rom 10:9-10 ⁹ *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* ¹⁰ **For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

What is the spirit of prophecy?

(Rev 19:10) '**The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**'

The 'spirit of prophecy' thus is the testimony of Jesus. The Holy Spirit opens up the word for us, so we can receive and believe Jesus's words. Jesus testified of Himself (the Word) during his time on earth, and of His Father and the Holy Spirit.

The Father, the Son (the Word) and the Holy Spirit 'They speak ... and testify ...'	
<p>John 3:11-14 (Jesus said)</p> <p>¹¹ Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.</p> <p>¹² If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of <u>heavenly things</u>?</p> <p>¹³ And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.</p>	<p>1 John 5:6-8</p> <p>⁶ This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.</p> <p>⁷ For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.</p>

THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON:

Rev 16:14-16 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. 15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. 16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue **Armageddon**.

Heaven opened.
He that sat upon a white horse.
Called FAITHFUL AND TRUE.
In righteousness He judges and makes war. (v11)



1 John 5:20 ²⁰ And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is **true**, and we are in him that is **true**, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the **true** God, and eternal life.

Jesus now appears in glory to do battle with the armies of the Antichrist. He seems to appear while the Antichrist armies are assembling.

(V11) And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. (V12) His eyes were as a flame of fire. On his head were many crowns. He had a name written only He knew. (v13) He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood. **His name is called: THE WORD OF GOD.** (v13)

The armies which were in heaven followed Him on white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. (v14) **He treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.** (v15)

Is 63:1-4 **Who is this that cometh from Edom**, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

² Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treads in the winefat?

³ **I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury;**

and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

⁴ For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

The final stage of the 'Wrath of God': The beast, the kings of the earth and their armies gather at Armageddon (ref. the 6th vial, Rev 16:14-16).

Jesus' anger and fury at their evil ways is compared to Him trampling a winepress (Is 63 above).

And so will He annihilate the Antichrist and his armies. This battle marks the start of Jesus' reign and will be the end of the outpouring of God's wrath.

V16: On his vesture, on his thigh, a name written: KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS.

Out of his mouth goes a sharp sword.
With it he shall smite the nations.
He shall rule them with a rod of iron. (v15)



Eph 6:17 ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the **word of God**:

Heb 4:12
¹² For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any **twoedged sword**, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The beast, the kings of earth
and their armies gathered together
to make war against Him
that sat on the horse
and against His army. (v19)



Old Testament references to Armageddon:

Zech 14:3-5

3 Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. 5 ... and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

Zeph 3:8

8 Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for **my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.**

Rev 17:12-14

12 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.

13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for

he is Lord of Lords, and King of kings

and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

All the birds (fowls) are invited by an angel to gather for a great feast of 'flesh and blood', the animals and men comprising the armies of the Antichrist, (as also prophesied by Ezekiel) 'and the beast, the kings of earth and their armies gathered together to make war against Him.' (Rev 19:19)

An angel standing in the sun cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in heaven: Come and gather yourselves to the supper of the great God. (v17)



That they may eat the flesh of: kings, captains, mighty men, horses, all men, both free and bond, both small and great. (v18)

Ez 39:17-19 ¹⁷ And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God; **Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come;**

gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

. ¹⁸ Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan. ¹⁹ And ye shall eat

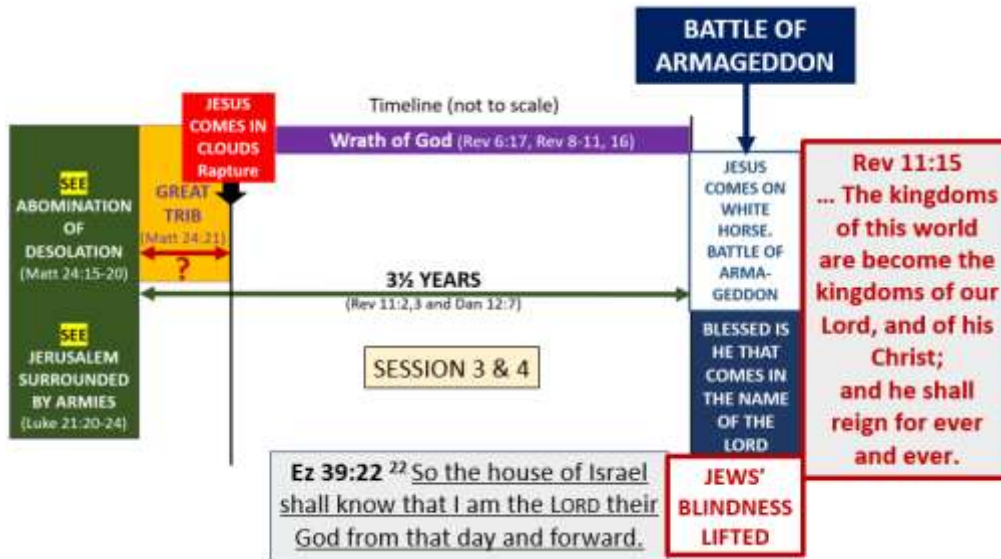
The prophet Ezekiel described this glorious future day in great and gory detail more than 2500 years ago. The greatest battle of all time, the greatest victory over wickedness and evil ever, the greatest slaughter of their agents, of those who aligned themselves with the Antichrist. God speaks to all the carrion birds of heaven:

Ez 39:19-22 ¹⁹ **And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. ²⁰ Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord God. ²¹ And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.**

²² So the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward.

The repentance of Israel: (Ez 39:22 ²² So the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward.)

In session 3 and 4 we have described in detail the verses supporting the repentance of Israel, that their 'blindness' to the gospel will be lifted when they visibly see Jesus in glory, prior to the battle of Armageddon.



The Judgement of the beast and the false prophet:

²⁰ And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

The beast and the false prophet were cast into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

The false prophet which deceived with miracles those who:
 -> had received the mark of beast
 -> worshipped his image. (v20)



²¹ And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh

No details of this battle are given, but from Isaiah 63:1-4 it seems Jesus destroys the armies of the nations on his own, singlehandedly. He smites them with the sword of His mouth, which seems to indicate that it is not a physical sword, but His words of power.

God created the earth by the power of His spoken word, so will Jesus destroy evil by the 'sword of his mouth'.

A Comparison between Jesus coming in (on/with) the CLOUDS vs Jesus coming on a WHITE HORSE:

Jesus's second coming is on the clouds, at the rapture, when 'every eye' will see Him. (Rev 1:7)
 Then follows the 'Wrath of God' judgements and plagues on the world, but the world does not repent.

Three and a half years after the Abomination, Jesus appears on a white horse, locally (it seems) to the Jews, **who do repent**.

While we and the believing Jews watch, Jesus slays the Antichrist army.

JESUS COMES IN THE CLOUDS
Matt 24:29-31

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION OF THOSE DAYS:
 (Matt 24:29, Mark 13:24)

Sun shall be darkened (v29)
 Moon shall not give her light (v29)
 Stars shall fall from heaven (v29)
 Powers of heaven shall be shaken (v29)

↓ THEN

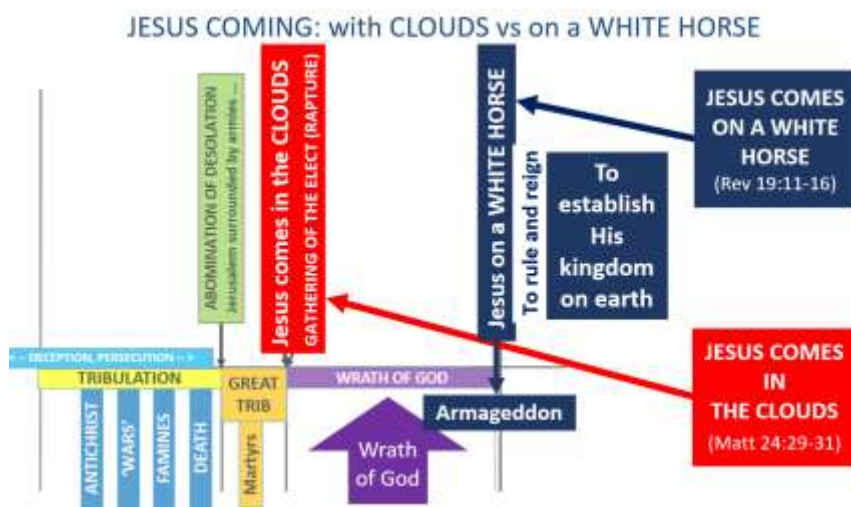
Sign of the Son of man appear in heaven (v30)
 All the tribes of the earth shall mourn (v30)

See the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven
 with power and great glory

Send His angels with a great sound of trumpet. (v31)
They shall gather together His elect -> RAPTURE

REV 19:11-16 (summary)
JESUS COMES ON A WHITE HORSE

Heaven opened - A WHITE HORSE
 Called Faithful and True
 In righteousness he does judge and make war (v11)
 His eyes as flame of fire
 On his head many crowns
 A name written only himself knew (v12)
 Clothed with a vesture dipped in blood
 His name The Word of God (v13)
 Armies in heaven, clothed in white, white horses (v14)
 Out of his mouth goes a sharp sword
 With it he will smite the nations
 He shall rule them with a rod of iron
 Treads the winepress of the fierceness
 and wrath of Almighty God (v15)
 On his vesture, on his thigh:
 KING OF KINGS, LORD OF LORDS (v16)



REVELATION 20: “..... reigned with Christ a thousand years” – The Millennium.

An angel came down from heaven, having the key of bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. (v1)



He laid hold of: the dragon, the old serpent the Devil, Satan. (v2)

Bound him for **a 1,000 years** (v2)



Cast him into the bottomless pit. Shut him up. Set a seal on him: That he should no more deceive the nations till **the 1,000 years** should be fulfilled. After that he must be loosed for a little season. (v3)

³ 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 **judgment was given unto them**

⁴ 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**.⁵ But the rest of the dead lived not again until **the thousand years** were finished.

John saw thrones and them that sat there on.
Judgment was given them. (v4)

Matt 19:28 ²⁸ And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Luke 22:29-30 ²⁹ And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;
³⁰ That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matt 25:31-34 ³¹ When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: ³² And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats:³³ And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, **Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world**

THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

REWARDS

Matt 16:27

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; **and then he shall reward every man according to his works.**

Rev 22:12

And, behold, I come quickly; **and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

We are not 'judged' for our sins:
OUR SINS ARE BLOTTED OUT

Ps 103:11-12

¹¹ For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

¹² **As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.**

Is 43:25 ²⁵ I, even I,

am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

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

This is the first resurrection....

From Rev 20:4 it seems that only the martyrs that were beheaded will rule and reign with Christ 1000 years. However, verse 6 now includes all raptured/resurrected believers, that is all saved believers, all those that are part of the 'first resurrection'. The question now is ;'How many resurrections are there?'

John saw the souls of them that were:

-> beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the word of God

-> that did NOT worship the beast, neither his image

-> that did NOT receive his mark in their foreheads/in their hands. (v4)

THIS IS THE FIRST RESURRECTION

(1 Cor 15:23)

They lived and reigned with Christ for **a 1,000 years.** (v4)

BUT the rest of the dead [G3498]

did not live until

the 1,000 years is finished.

WHAT and WHEN is the FIRST RESURRECTION? (1 Cor 15)

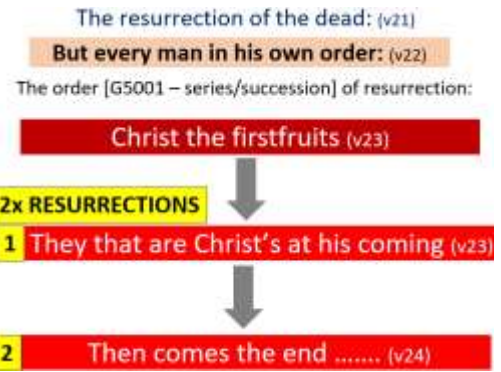
²⁰ But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. ²¹ For since by man came death, by man came also **THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.**

²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive ²³ But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; **afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.**

²⁴ **Then comes the end,** when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

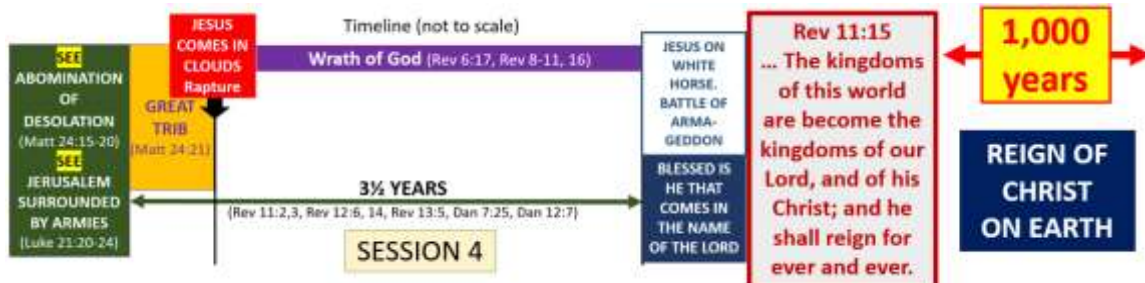
Hence there are only two resurrections according to scripture: At 'the rapture' and at 'the end'.

Hence **all saved believers** are included in the 1,000-year reign of Christ: the 'beheaded' that receive a special mention in v4, and also 'all that are Christ's' at his coming.



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**.

The Millennium commences after the seventh trumpet, when 'the kingdoms of the world' have become the kingdoms of our Lord Jesus, 'and He shall reign for ever and ever'.



⁷ And when **the thousand years** are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,⁸ And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog



The Millennium, the literal 1000-year reign of Christ on this earth.

A summary of Rev 20:2-7:

THE THOUSAND YEAR REIGN OF CHRIST - THE MILLENNIUM (Rev 20:2-7)



The following words are 'timing words' and show us that this is a specific time period:

- 'The/a 1,000 years'
- 'Until'
- 'Fulfilled'
- 'Expired'

Interesting also is that the '1,000 years' is repeated six times and in six verses. This is not something that is seen elsewhere in the Bible. Clearly, this is purposely telling us the importance of what is to come.

What did the apostles mean when they asked Jesus when the kingdom would be restored to Israel?

Acts 1:6-8 ⁶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, **Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?**⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

After many millennia of mankind's failed attempts of running their own affairs on this earth, we finally have the **Righteous Ruler, Jesus**, who will deliver what we all strived for. Mankind's utopian ideal was to create a society with peace, opportunity, freedom and justice to all. They have unsuccessfully devised many strategies and philosophies for the ultimate governing system. Most of the 'saviours' have turned out to be villains.

Today's politicians promise outcomes that are wishful thinking at best, but often manipulating and fraudulent in reality. Most citizens have lost hope that anyone has the capacity to govern justly and wisely. As history has shown us through the ages, mankind has failed to come up with even one example of a philosophy or even one benevolent leader that has delivered on his promises.

But....

Finally, as the 'Babylon beast/system' collapses and the 'dispensation of the fulness of time (Eph 1:11)' is reached, all creation breathes a huge sigh of relief. Mankind finally finds its place of peace, joy, rest and prosperity during the rule of Christ. He will literally restore this earth to 'Eden-like' conditions and reign as King of all Kings for a 1,000 years, the last millennium.

In Ephesians 1 Paul declares the mystery of God's plan, His design for humankind.

*"9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 **That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:**" Eph 1:9-10*

Biblical prophecy and support for the Millennium:

The Old Testament paints many pictures of the coming Millennium, indicating the following:

1. Jesus shall reign from Jerusalem.
2. Jesus shall reign over all nations/the whole earth.
3. All nations shall come and worship Jesus.
4. There will be world-wide knowledge of God and His Word.
5. Jesus shall rule strictly, with a rod of iron.
6. Righteousness and justice shall prevail.
7. Peace shall be restored to the earth.
8. The Feast of Tabernacles will be celebrated annually.
9. The remnant of Israel shall be restored.
10. The earth and Israel shall be restored.
11. ALL BELIEVERS WILL REIGN WITH CHRIST.
12. The animal kingdom will be restored
13. The age of people will increase. Etc.

The significance of the Millennium, it seems, is to declare and demonstrate the unlimited power, wisdom, authority and glory of God to all creation. The millennium will demonstrate and validate God's wisdom.

He has offered mankind His wisdom, through the Scriptures and His prophets on how to live a fruitful and Godly life. This was rejected. Even though His wisdom has been declared through the ages, this wisdom has mostly been ignored or scoffed at by philosophers and proud men, who were convinced they knew better. The millennium will now validate Him and the faith of His children, who have taken His given word as of greater value than the words, knowledge and promises of men.

JESUS SHALL REIGN FROM JERUSALEM.

Is 24:23 ²³ Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, **when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.**

Is 12:6
⁶ Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: **for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.**



Zech 2:10-12

¹⁰ Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, **and I will dwell in the midst of thee**, saith the Lord. ¹¹ And many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people: and **I will dwell in the midst of thee**, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto thee. ¹² And the Lord shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose **Jerusalem** again.

Ps 135:21 ²¹ Blessed be the Lord out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

Ps 48:1-2 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised **in the city of our God**, in the mountain of his holiness. ² Beautiful for situation, **the joy of the whole earth**, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, **the city of the great King**.

Our desire, as Jesus' followers, is to see Him crowned as King, in a lofty palace in Jerusalem. To see Him loved, respected and acknowledged. He was our suffering Servant, now He is crowned as our King. He plucked us out of our hopeless condition, rescued us from sure disaster, now we can finally be free to thank Him with pure, loving hearts. Free to adore the beauty of His kindness, His care, His leading.

Zech 8:3 ³ Thus saith the LORD; **I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem:** and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; **and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.**

Ps 102:16, 21-22 ¹⁶ When the LORD shall build up Zion, **he shall appear in his glory.....**
²¹ **To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;**
²² When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.



Joel 3:16-17 ¹⁶ The LORD also shall roar **out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem;** and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.
¹⁷ So shall ye know that **I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain:** then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

Ps 9:11 ¹¹ Sing praises to the LORD, **which dwelleth in Zion:** declare among the people his doings.

Is 52:1-2,7 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. ² Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: ... ⁶ Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I. ⁷ **How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publishes peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publishes salvation;** that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigns!

Zion is where Jesus will dwell: Jer 31:
¹² *Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil....*

JESUS SHALL REIGN OVER ALL THE NATIONS/THE WHOLE EARTH.

Ps 72:8,11 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. ¹¹ Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

In our hearts we can't wait to see Jesus take over control of the world, this world we live in today, as our loving and benign ruler. That we can truly worship the One who loves us and that we call out with John in Rev:1 : "to Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to Him be **glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen**

Zech 9:10 ¹⁰ And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and **his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.**



Dan 7:14 ¹⁴ And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Is 52:10 ¹⁰ The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of **all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

Zech 14:9 ⁹ And **the LORD shall be king over all the earth:** in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

Is 52:9-10 ⁹ Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of **all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

ALL NATIONS SHALL COME AND WORSHIP JESUS.

Zech 8:20-23 ²⁰ Thus saith the Lord of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: ²¹ 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. ²² **Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord.** ²³ 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.

Is 66:18,23 ¹⁸ For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, **that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory...**

²³ And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, **shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.**

Ps 72:11 ¹¹ Yea, **all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.**

Ps 86:9 ⁹ **All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.**



In the Millennium there will be the survivors from God's wrath, and their children, and new children being born, and all will still be in their physical bodies.

Many will have the desire to seek Him and pray before him. Pray for their needs but also to worship Him. As Psalm 48 illustrates, JESUS, His glory and His dwelling place will be magnificent, the joy of the whole earth!

WORLD WIDE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND HIS WORD.

Because of the presence and the knowledge of God, and the strict rule of Jesus (ruling with a rod of iron), the world's inhabitants experience peace, justice and harmony as never before, because all will live righteously.

Hab 2:14 ¹⁴ For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Is 51:4 Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: **for a law shall proceed from me,** and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.

Is 54:13 ¹³ And **all thy children shall be taught of the LORD;** and great shall be the peace of thy children.

Is 2:3b (Micah 4:2b)
... and he will teach us of his ways,
and we will walk in his paths:
for out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Is 11:9b-10

⁹ ... for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰ And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

JESUS SHALL RULE WITH A ROD OF IRON.

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: Rev 12:5

During the Millennium the population that 'was left of the nations' will still be sinful, even though Satan has been bound for 1000 years.

But man's selfish nature will be kept under control by God's law. It may be expected that many of the Levitical Laws will be applied, regarding the moral law, punishment for offences, etc.

Not the sacrificial laws of course, these were fulfilled by the final sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

Psalm 2:6-11 ⁶ Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
⁷ I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.
⁸ Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
⁹ **Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron;** thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
¹⁰ Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Rev 19:15 ¹⁵ And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: **and he shall rule them with a rod of iron:** and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Is 11:4 ⁴ But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: **with the rod of his mouth,** and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

Rev 2:25-27
²⁵ But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.
²⁶ And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:
²⁷ **And he shall rule them with a rod of iron;** as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

Ps 110:2 ² The LORD shall send **the rod** of thy strength out of Zion: **rule** thou in the midst of thine enemies.

RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE SHALL PREVAIL.

Jer 23:5-6 ⁵ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a **righteous Branch,** and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.
⁶ In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

Ps 9:7-8 ⁷ But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.
⁸ **And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.**

Psalm 72:2-8 ² He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. ³ The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. ⁴ He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor. ⁵ They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations. ⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.

Is 9:6-7 ⁶For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
⁷Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the
throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it,
**and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for
ever.** The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Is 32:1 Behold, **a king shall reign in righteousness,**
and princes shall rule in judgment.

Ps 72:7,8 ⁷**In his days shall the
righteous flourish;** and abundance of
peace so long as the moon
endureth. ⁸He shall have dominion
also from sea to sea, and from the
river unto the ends of the earth.

PEACE SHALL BE RESTORED TO THE EARTH.

Is 32:17-18 ¹⁷And the work of righteousness shall be peace;
and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.
¹⁸**And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation,
and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;**

Ps 37:11 ¹¹But the meek shall inherit the earth;
and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Is 55:12 ¹²**For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace:**
the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into
singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Zech 2:4-5 ⁴And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying,
Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls
for the multitude of men and cattle therein:
⁵For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about,
and will be the glory in the midst of her.



THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES WILL BE CELEBRATED ANNUALLY.

Zech 14:16-17 ¹⁶And it shall come to pass, that **every one** that is left of all the nations which came against
Jerusalem **shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of
tabernacles.** ¹⁷And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to
worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. ¹⁸And if the family of Egypt go not up, and
come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen that come
not up **to keep the feast of tabernacles.** ¹⁹This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all
nations that come not up **to keep the feast of tabernacles.**

THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL SHALL BE RESTORED.

Zech 12:10 ¹⁰**And I will pour upon the house of David,
and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications:**
and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for
him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one
that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Jer 31:1-2 At the same time, saith the LORD, **will I be the God
of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.**
²Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword **found grace in the
wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.**

Ez 39:20-22 ²⁰and all the
heathen shall see my
judgment that I have
executed, and my hand
that I have laid upon
them. ²²**So the house of
Israel shall know that I am
the Lord their God from
that day and forward.**

Jer 3:1-19 ¹⁷At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered
unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their
evil heart. ¹⁸**In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel,** and they shall come together
out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers. ¹⁹But I said, How
shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations?
and I said, **Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me.**

Jer 33:6-8 ⁶ Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.
⁷ **And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.**
⁸ And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.



THE EARTH AND THE LAND OF ISRAEL SHALL BE RESTORED.



Is 27:6 ⁶ He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: **Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.**

Is 51:3 ³ For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; **and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD;** joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Zech 14:8-9 ⁸ And it shall be in that day, that **living waters shall go out from Jerusalem;** half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.
⁹ And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.



Joel 3:17-18 ¹⁷ So shall ye know that I am he Lord your God dwelling in Zion, **my holy mountain:** then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more¹⁸ And it shall come to pass in that day, **that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth out of the house of the Lord, and shall water the valley of Shittim.**

Ez 34:26-29 ²⁶ And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause **the shower to come down in his season;** there shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷ **And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land,** and shall know that I am the Lord,

Amos 9:13-15 ¹³ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; **and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.**
¹⁴ 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.**
¹⁵ 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.

Zech 8:12-13
¹² **For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.**
¹³ And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; **so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing:** fear not, but let your hands be strong.

Ez 36:33-37 I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. ³⁴ **And the desolate land shall be tilled,** whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.³⁵ And they shall say, **This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden;** and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. ³⁶ Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the Lord build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it. ³⁷ ...; **so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the Lord.**

Shall build houses, plant vineyards, eat fruit thereof... (Is 65:21-22a)

God's elect will enjoy the work of their hands. (Is 65:22)

No labour shall be in vain. No trouble. (Is 65:23)

Is 65:23b-24...for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. 24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear

BELIEVERS WILL REIGN WITH CHRIST.

Rev 1:5-6 ⁵ And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, **6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father;** to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev 5:10 ¹⁰ And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: **and we shall reign on the earth.**

1 Cor 6:2-3 ² Do ye not know that **the saints shall judge the world?** and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? ³ **Know ye not that we shall judge angels?** how much more things that pertain to this life?

Rev 22:3-5 ³ And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and **his servants shall serve him:** ⁴ And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. ⁵ And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: **and they shall reign for ever and ever.**

Rev 20:4b ⁴...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.**

Dan 7:27

²⁷ And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, **shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High**, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Rev 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.**

THE ANIMAL KINGDOM WILL BE RESTORED:



Wolf and the lamb shall feed together.
The lion shall eat straw.
Animals shall not hurt or destroy each other.
(Is 65:25)

Is 65:21-24

²¹ And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. ²² They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: **for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.** ²³ They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord

Is 11:6-9a

⁶ The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

Is 11:



Cow and bear shall feed and lie down together.
The lion shall eat straw. (v7)

Child shall play at the snake's hole. (v8)

Animals shall not hurt or destroy each other. (v9)

THE AGE OF PEOPLE WILL INCREASE:

Is 65:20,22 ²⁰ There shall be no more thence **an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days:** **for the child shall die an hundred years old;** but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. ²² **for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, ...**

The child shall die a 100 years old. An old man will have filled his years. (Is 65:20) People will live as long as the "days of a tree". (Is 65:22)	Age of people will increase
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The Literal Millennium (Pre-Millennial) View vs Symbolic Interpretations of the Millennium

This 'Revelation and End-time study' reads the Bible for what it says, i.e. literally, except when the symbolism is obvious. Most 'traditional churches' teach an **Amillennial** view, reading Revelation without any attempt to interpret it literally, nor taking the end-time prophets literally. For example, the seven seals, the seven trumpets and the seven vials of Revelation 6-11 and Rev 16 are all considered to be 'symbolic'.

In the process they ignore that:

- Revelation 20:1-7 repeats SIX times a '1,000 years', in SIX verses. This is unprecedented.
- The 1,000 years do literally 'expire', and are 'fulfilled', 'are finished' in verses 3, 5 and 7.
- The Major prophets: Isaiah to Daniel record multiple end time and millennial verses.
- The Minor Prophets: Hosea to Malachi record multiple end time and millennial verses.



Other questions which Amillennialists can't answer are: **Is Satan currently bound, 'locked up' for 1,000 years?** ... (Rev 20;2-3) *"And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. ³And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him,"...*

Also: Have we been forced to worship the Beast, or take his mark? Has the 'first resurrection' taken place? (20v6). Have believers received their pure spiritual bodies? These can hardly be explained as 'symbolic' events.

Post-millennialism has fallen out of favour after two world wars. Some believed that, after the reformation, that the Christians would make this world a 'better place', and that **we** would help achieve 'Millennial Glory' through transforming societies and governments, that **we** would 'usher in the kingdom'. The world wars (and ever-increasing wickedness) exposed this Utopian error, which is not preached by the Bible.

Amillennialism is taught by Catholics, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Dutch and other reformed churches. This is mainly because of the influence of the very skilled and persuasive catholic theologian Augustine, held in great regard by theologians. In their admiration of Augustine's skill, these theologians miss his subtle subversion of scripture. However, Paul warns against the 'wisdom and philosophies of man', which are foolishness in God's eyes (1 Cor 1: 18-21). *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. ²⁰Where is the wise? where is the scribe? **where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?** ²¹For after that in the wisdom of God **the world by wisdom knew not God**, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

The Gog and Magog Prophecy:

*7 And when the **thousand years are expired**, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, ⁸And 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. ⁹And 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.*

What information is given in Rev 20, Ez 38 & 39 about 'Gog and Magog' and the land of Israel? (these two scriptures are the only two references to 'Gog and Magog' in the Bible.)

It is clear from Ezekiel that 'Gog and Magog' are nations that attack Israel **AFTER the millennium**. This is due to the clear picture of complete peace and safety in Israel at that time (refer to the verses below). Only in the Millennium could it possibly apply that the land will be in a completely unprotected state...*"dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates"*. This kind of 'peace and safety' is clearly not at all the case with Israel today. It is thus extremely unlikely that Ezekiel's prophecy and descriptions of 'Gog and Magog' could be used to refer to or apply to current day Israel.

Using 'Gog and Magog' to describe current events and potential wars with and around Israel seems unscriptural.

Ez 38:8

⁸After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and **they shall dwell safely all of them.**

Ez 38:11 ¹¹And thou shalt say, I will go up to **the land of unwalled villages;**

I will go **to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,**

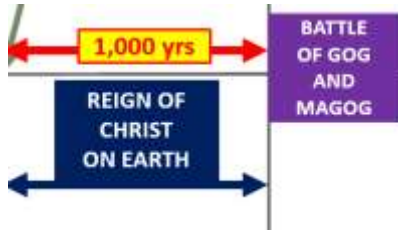
Ez 38:14 ¹⁴Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD;

In that day when **my people of Israel dwelleth safely,** shalt thou not know it?

and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

The entire 'sand of the sea' army of Gog/Magog is unceremoniously wiped out by Father God. It even seems hard to describe this as a battle. Satan is defeated and is now cast into the lake of fire.

The last possible resistance in the hearts of men to obstruct God's everlasting kingdom has now been wiped out. There is, however, still one puzzling (mystery) event prophesied by Ezekiel. All the 'Gog and Magog' war equipment will first be 'cleaned up' before the white throne judgement. Then follows 'the end' and the new heaven and new earth and the New Jerusalem.



¹⁰And 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.

The Great White Throne Judgement:

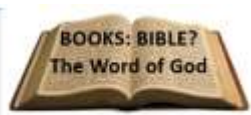
¹¹And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened,



John saw the **dead** small and great stand before God. The **BOOKS** were opened & the **BOOK OF LIFE** was opened.

The **dead** were judged according to the things written in the **BOOKS**. **According to their works** (v12)

The sea gave up the **dead** in it. Death and hell delivered up the **dead** in them. Every man judged **according to their works** (v13)



which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

¹³And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works

'According to their works' (Rev 20:12-13)

Is 2:8 ⁸Their land also is full of idols; they worship **the work of their own hands,** that which their own fingers have made:

Jer 1:16

¹⁶And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped **the works of their own hands.**

Matt 7:21-23 ²¹Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

²²Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name **done many wonderful works?**

²³And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Cast into the lake of fire:
 Death and hell. This is the second death.
 Whosoever not found in the BOOK OF LIFE. (v14-15)



What is the second death?

Rev 21:8 ⁸ But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is **the second death**.

To be cast into the lake of fire = The second death

UNBELIEVERS will experience the second death after being judged at the great white throne.

Rev 20:6 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.

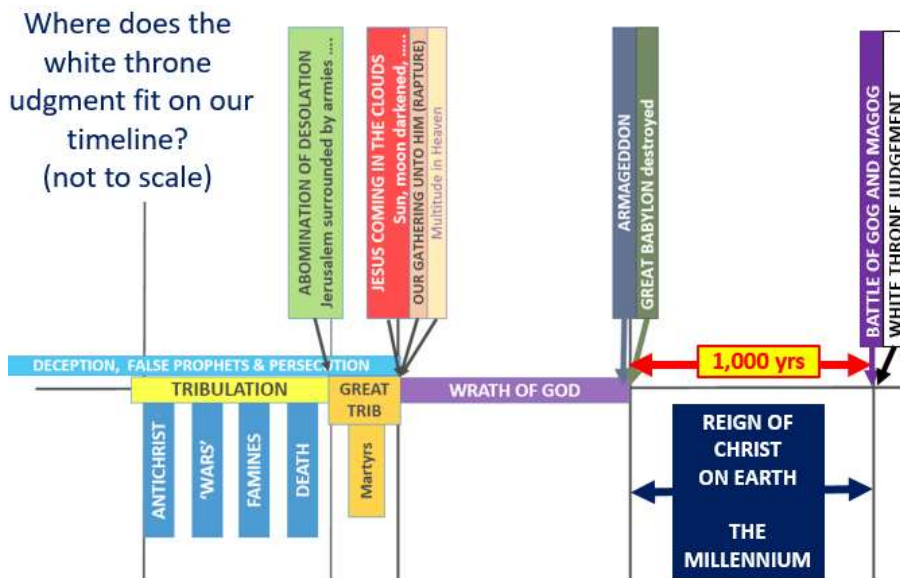
Rev 20:14 ¹⁴ And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is **the second death**.

A comparison: The future holds the following for unbelievers vs believers:

The future of **UNBELIEVERS** vs **BELIEVERS**:

	UNBELIEVERS	BELIEVERS
Acts 24:15 ¹⁵ And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust .	A resurrection of the unjust.	A resurrection of the just.
John 5:29 ²⁹ And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life ; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation .	The resurrection of damnation.	The resurrection of life.
Matt 25:46 ⁴⁶ And these shall go away into everlasting punishment : but the righteous into life eternal .	Into everlasting punishment.	The righteous into life eternal.
John 3:18 ¹⁸ He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already , because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 5:24 ²⁴ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life , and shall not come into condemnation ; but is passed from death unto life . Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.	Condemned already. Condemnation. Death.	Is not condemned. Shall not come into condemnation. Everlasting life. Passed from death to life.
Rom 6:23 ²³ For the wages of sin is death ; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord .	Wages of sin is death.	The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Rom 5:21 ²¹ That as sin hath reigned unto death , even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord .	Sin reigns unto death.	Grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.
Rom 8:6 ⁶ For to be carnally minded is death ; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace .	Carnally minded is death.	Spiritually minded is life and peace.

UNBELIEVERS	BELIEVERS
<p>Rev 20:12b "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God...."</p> <p>...</p> <p>The great white throne judgment.</p>	<p>John 11:25-26 ²⁵ Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: ²⁶ And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?</p> <p>John 8:51 ⁵¹ verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.</p>



Old Testament Prophecy:

The majority of the images of the Millennium in this presentation are obtained from the Old Testament. It seems that the nature of Bible prophecy in the Old Testament is such that clues are given about future events, but that these are generally hidden and presented with veiled words. Some work is generally required by the reader to collate a passage with similar clues from other prophecies, to build a clearer picture of the topic. These prophetic clues are also often interspersed or intermingled within prophecies on other topics. A good example is Zech 9:9, a prophecy where Jesus is hailed as King as he enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey, on Palm Sunday. The main topic of the chapter is a prophecy about Tyre, Greece and Ephraim. This single verse is sprung on the reader without any introduction or follow up.

Should we then use the prophecies of Jesus' first coming as an example, which generally have only become clear when read in hindsight, then the same may apply to his second coming. Even his disciples only understood afterwards which prophecies applied to Jesus' life and work.

However, amongst all these prophecies there is at least one that should have been clear to the Jews of Jesus' time. It is the standalone prophecy of Daniel 9:25-29, which does not require collation with other prophecies. It provides a timeline about the timing of the Messiah's first coming.

Hence, we can expect a similar situation with the prophecies about Jesus' second coming. Fortunately, we are in a better position than the Jews were at Jesus' first coming. There are many more clear statements about his second coming than the first. And because we have so many clues, it is possible to get a fairly accurate picture of his second coming, as well as the end time events leading up to it.

Undoubtedly, for the end-time generation, as these events play out, the prophecies will also become even clearer.

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