

**Hidden Treasures/
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Bible Studies**

**BIBLE STUDY 25
THE MILLENNIUM**

Introduction: The word millennium means one thousand years. The millennium is the closing period of God's great week of time – a great Sabbath of rest to the earth and the people of God. Its beginning is marked by the return of Christ to claim His people and its end is marked by the final destruction of sin and suffering and the re-creation of this earth. This period is brought to view in Revelation 20 and 21.

1. How many resurrections are there? John 5:28-29

➤ **Daniel 12:2**

2. How long will the saved reign with Christ? Revelation 20:4

➤ **2Timothy 2:12; Revelation 3:21; 1Corinthians 6:2,3**

3. When does the thousand years begin? Revelation 20:6; Daniel 7:26, 27

➤ **Matthew 19:28**

4. Who will take part in the first resurrection? Revelation 20:4

5. What will happen to the saints when Christ comes? 1Thessalonians 4:16, 17

6. What is the next thing that will happen to those saints? John 14:2, 3

7. What will become of the living wicked when Christ comes? Luke 17:26-30

➤ **2Thessalonians 1:6-10; Revelation 14:14-20**

8. If the righteous are taken to heaven at Jesus' second coming, and all the wicked are destroyed, who will be left to bury the dead? Jeremiah 25:33

➤ **Revelation 19:21**

9. Revelation pictures a dreadful earthquake mingled with fire at Jesus' second coming. What will the earth be like during the thousand years while the righteous are reigning with Jesus in heaven? Jeremiah 4:23-26

10. What does the apostle Paul say about Christ's coming? 1Thessalonians 5:2, 3

11. With the righteous removed from the earth and all the wicked dead, what happens to Satan, the great originator of sin? Revelation 20:1-3

(Note: The expression "bottomless pit" comes from "abussos," the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew word "tehom" ("deep" or "abyss") in Genesis 1:2, which describes the earth as being in a condition of chaos. Jeremiah 4:23 says that this earth will again be "without form, and void," as in Genesis 1:2. Thus, this desolate, chaotic world is to be Satan's habitation for the next 1,000 years. Unable to leave, and with no men through which to carry on his rebellion against God, he is as surely a prisoner as any man in maximum, solitary confinement; left to reflect upon his long course of rebellion.)

12. What will the saints do during the millennium? Revelation 20:4-6

13. Whom does Paul say the saints are to judge? 1Corinthians 6:1-3

(Note: It is apparent that the saints of all ages, along with Christ, are to take part in a work of judgment during this one thousand years, in which the saints will see that those who did not make it the first time were given every possible opportunity to repent and join the saints in heaven but did not take advantage of those opportunities, thus showing God is indeed loving and merciful before justice takes place and vindicating God as to Satan's false accusations against His character.)

14. When the thousand years are ended, what will happen to the wicked? Revelation 20:5

15. What change takes place in Satan's condition? Revelation 20:7

16. As soon as the wicked are raised, what does Satan do? Revelation 20:8

17. Against whom do the wicked make war? Revelation 20:9

18. What will happen to the wicked at this time? Revelation 20:9, 10-11

Note: The judgment of the righteous took place before the second coming; but the records of the wicked are reviewed by the saints during the thousand years – Jesus allows them to reign with Him on His judgment seat. After the thousand years, the wicked receive their final sentences, as written in the books. 1Peter 4:17; Joel 3:12-17)

19. For whom was the fire originally prepared? Matthew 25:41

(Note: The fire is called “everlasting” because of the character of the work it does. It is unquenchable and will fully accomplish the destruction and removal of every trace of the rebellion. Notice that it was “eternal” fire that destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, reducing them to ashes. See Jude7; 2 Peter 2:6)

20. How completely will men be destroyed? Matthew 10:28; Malachi 4:1

(Note: Through sin (rebellion against the government of heaven), the wicked forfeited their right to life and an immortal existence. Terrible as this judgment may seem to be, it is an act of mercy, for to perpetuate their lives would be to perpetuate sin, sorrow, suffering and misery. When their destruction is completed, nothing of value will be lost. The experiment in sin will be over and God will carry out His original plan of peopling the earth with a race of holy, happy beings.)

21. What is this death called? Revelation 20:14

22. By what method will the earth be destroyed? 2Peter 3:10-12

23. With the earth destroyed by fire, what may the redeemed look forward to? Revelation 21:1

➤ **1Peter 3:13; Isaiah 65:21-23**

24. How will life be different from our present life? Revelation 21:4

25. What is the promise to the redeemed? Revelation 3:21

The Great Controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all things flows life and light and gladness throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love. Where will you spend the 1,000 years? If we will take up our cross and follow Jesus today (Matthew 16:24), we will reign with Him then (Revelation 3:21) as He promised. Will you choose to follow Jesus all the way, whatever the cost?

MY RESPONSE TO CHRIST IS

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