

My Bible School Lessons

Exploring the Word of God

Lesson #7: "The Millennium"

1: WHAT FIVE EVENTS MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE MILLENNIUM?
1. Second coming of Christ.
I Thessalonians 4:15-16: "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto theof the Lord shall not prevent [go ahead of, marg.] them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first."
2. Righteous dead resurrected (the first resurrection).
Revelation 20:6: "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such thedeath hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."
1 Thessalonians 4:16: "The dead inshall rise first"
3. Wicked living slain.
2 Thessalonians 1:7-8: "TheJesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 2:8; Jeremiah 25:31-33; 2 Peter 3:10).
4. All the righteous taken to heaven.
I Thessalonians 4:16-17: "The dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (John 14: 1-3).
5. Satan is bound.
Revelation 20:2-3: "And He laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is theand 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."

2 - WHAT FOUR FACTS MARK THE 1,000 YEAR PERIOD?

1. The earth is desolate; a bottomless pit.
Jeremiah 4:23: "I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without, and void"
2. The wicked are all dead.
Revelation 20:5 But the rest of thelived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.
3. Does Satan have anyone to tempt?
4. The righteous are engaged in a work of judgment in heaven.
Revelation 20:4: "I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, andwas 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 upon their foreheads, or in their hands: and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" (1 Corinthians 6:1-3).
3 - WHAT SIX EVENTS MARK THE CLOSE OF THE MILLENNIUM?
1. The wicked are raised.
Revelation 20:5: "But the rest of the dead lived not again until theyears were finished."
2. Satan is thus loosed to deceive.
Revelation 20:7: "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall beout of his prison."
3. The Holy City descends from heaven.
Revelation 21:2: "And I John saw the holy, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared, as a bride adorned for her husband."
4. Satan gathers the wicked about the city.
Revelation 20:8-9: "And shall go out tothe 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 theabout, and the beloved city."
5. The wicked are destroyed.
Revelation 20:9: "Andcame down from God out of Heaven, and devoured them."
6. A new earth is created.
2 Peter 3:13-14: "We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (Revelation 21:1-5; Galatians 3:29,
Revelation 21:7).