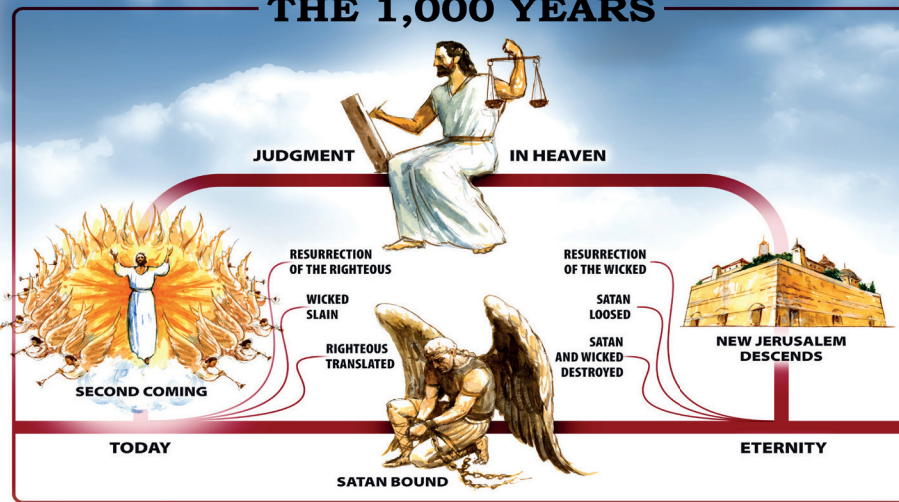


THE 1,000 YEARS



15. What will fall down from heaven at the moment they will try to attack the city? Revelation 20:9.

"...and came down from God out of heaven, and"

- ✓ The wicked will die burnt and the punishment in the lake of fire will be according to what anyone deserves, (Revelation 20:13). This second death will be definitive, (Revelation 20:14-15). There will be no root or branch left.
- ✓ They will turn into ashes as they stop burning. (Malachi 4:1-3). The Bible does not speak of an eternal hell.

16. What will God do with the earth after it is purified by fire? 2 Peter 3:13.

"Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

- ✓ The redeemed ones will live happily in eternity on this new earth. (Revelation 21:3-4). There will be no more death, neither memory of any suffering. God's plan to restore the harmony of Eden will be then fulfilled.
- ✓ What high price was paid for our redemption! The sacrifice of the Son of
- ✓ God! All of us have been predestinated to participate of this new life in glory. The gospel is the call to receive that inheritance. Have you believed in that call? In John 1:12, it is written, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, [even] to them that believe on his name." The Lord wants for us to be heirs of His kingdom (Romans 8:17). God does not want anybody to be lost (2 Peter 3:9; Ephesians 1:3-6), and that is why He chose us before the world was created. God gives each human being an opportunity. Where will you be during the thousand years: in heaven or upon the earth? And where will you be at the end of the millennium, in the New Jerusalem or among those who are burnt outside? Where do you plan to spend eternity?

Jesus did everything for you. He wants to save you! Will you allow Him to do it?

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Topic 17

The Devil's Holidays



What will happen with our planet at the end of the world? Will it disappear? Where shall we live after, in heaven or on the earth? God made the earth so that it is inhabited, but the book of Revelation speaks of heaven. Can it be that we shall come back to the earth?

When will the judgment be and what will happen with the wicked? Will they be punished? The book of Revelation speaks about a universal war. Where and how will it be? It also speaks about a millennium, what is this about? Which will be the devil's holidays? Many people have shown interest in finding an answer to these questions and they are in fact very important. In the extraordinary revelations of this book is described the development of the events of the end of times.

1. There is still possibility of being saved, but soon the door of grace will be closed and Christ will stop interceding for man. What exclamation will be then heard in heaven? Revelation 22:11.

"He that is unjust,: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous,: and he that is holy, let him be holy still."

- ✓ In other words, every person will have sealed his eternal destiny: salvation or perdition. He who has been preparing himself up to that moment will be saved, but he who has not will be lost, that is why, today is the time to look for God.

2. What will come up after the time of grace is over? Daniel 12:1; Revelation 15:1.

"And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the; for in them is filled up the wrath of God."

- ✓ This time of trial will be terrible for mankind. The 10 plagues that fell upon Egypt were an example of what the 7 last plagues will be. With the first plague people will suffer from terrible boils and pestilences. With the second and the third one, the waters of the rivers and seas will turn into blood like of a dead person.

3. How is the terrible war that will break up during the plagues called? Revelation 16:16.

The war of

- a) This war will take place in the Middle East, near Jerusalem.

- b) All the nations of the world will be involved in it. (Joel 3:9-14).
- ✓ Jews, Muslims, Christians think they have a right to possess the Holy Land. In the Middle East there has been much tension for centuries. When almost 3.900 years ago, Abraham's wife could not bear children, she suggested for Abraham to have a child with her servant, Agar, and a son named Ishmael was born from this union. Later on, when the patriarch was 100 years old, his legitimate child, Isaac was born. Ishmael mocked Isaac (Genesis 21:9). Abraham, following God's advice, sent mother and child away, but God promised Agar, that from her son also a great nation would come out. From both of Abraham's sons two big nations came out. From the servant's child, Ishmael, come the Arabs and from Sara, his wife, comes Isaac, the Israelites. From that time on up until now, there has always been tension. The Middle East is rich in oil and this may be the reason that leads to the thirst for power.
- c) Much blood will be shed in this war, (Revelation 14:20). The expression "and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles" in symbolic language, shows the earnestness of this war.
- d) This war is also a battle of Satan and his followers against Christ and His people.
- e) Who will win this war? Nobody, because Christ will intervene as the great Victor. Revelation 19:13-16.

WHAT TAKES PLACE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MILLENIUM

4. What event marks the end of the world and the beginning of the period of a thousand years? Revelation 14:14-16.

The second of

- ✓ Every eye shall see Him (Revelation 1:7), and every ear shall hear Him (1 Thessalonians 4:16). The sky will roll up like a parchment and the islands will be removed from their place. (Revelation 6:14).

5. What will happen after the great earthquake with those who died in Christ? Revelation 16:18; 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

"The dead"

- ✓ Those who resurrect at Jesus' coming are called blessed. Revelation 20:6.

6. What will happen with the dead who have resurrected, as well as with those who are alive and will be saved? 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

They will be transformed in immortality (1 Corinthians 15:51-54), and will meet, to be always with the Lord.

- ✓ All the redeemed ones will take an extraordinary space journey, up to God's dwelling place, where they will reign with Christ for a thousand years.

7. What will happen with the wicked who are still alive? 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.

"... when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished, and from the glory of his power."

- ✓ The wicked that die remain dead.

EVENTS DURING THE MILLENIUM

8. What will happen with Satan? Revelation 20:1-3.

"And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan,

and bound him, 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."

- ✓ It does not refer to a literal chain, but a chain of circumstances. There will be nobody upon earth for Satan to deceive, since the wicked will be dead and the redeemed ones will be in heaven. This will be the holidays of the devil.

9. In what condition will the earth be during those thousand years? Jeremiah 4:23-27.

"I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, [there was....., and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger."

- ✓ What makes the earth desolate? The seven plagues are terribly destructive. The battle of Armageddon will leave the earth full of dead corpses, (Jeremiah 25:33). The terrible earthquake of the seventh plague will destroy all the cities of the world. The coming of Christ, among flames, will complete the destruction, (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8). There will be no man left. The planet will not be destroyed (Verse 27), but will remain void.

10. What will be the saints (the redeemed) doing in heaven? Revelation 20:4.

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, them."

- ✓ The punishment everyone will get shall be evaluated. (1 Corinthians 6:2-3). God's righteousness will be vindicated by the participation of the saints (the redeemed ones) in the judgment.

EVENTS AT THE END OF THE MILLENIUM

11. Jesus Christ will come to this earth after a thousand years. Who will accompany Him? Zechariah 14:4-6.

"...and the Lord my God shall come, [and]"

- ✓ The Straubinger version of the Bible says: "On that day, there will be no light, but cold and ice." (Zechariah 14:6).

12. What did the apostle John see coming down from heaven? Revelation 21:2.

"And I John saw, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

13. What will happen then with the dead, that is to say with the wicked? Revelation 20:5.

"But the rest of thethe thousand years were finished..."

14. What will happen with Satan? Revelation 20:7.

"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan of his prison,..."

- ✓ The circumstances that had him bound will disappear, since now there are again people to deceive. The greatest deceit will take place. (Revelation 20:8-9). Satan will assure them that he has resurrected them and will declare that they can conquer the city of God and establish a kingdom.
- ✓ In that moment, the throne of God with the Judge of the universe will be seen. Revelation 20:11. Each human being will see his life before him, like in a film.