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## **PROPHECY & THE NEWS**



# **Our Study of Bible prophecy...**

**Today... The Second Coming of Jesus**

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**August 10... What is heaven?**

John 14:1-3

Second Coming  
Glorious Appearing

Matt. 24:30

Rev. 19:11-21

Rapture

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Great Tribulation

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Pre-Tribulation Rapture  
Pre-Millennial Return of Jesus

Future  
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# **How does the Bible describe the Second Coming of Jesus?**

## **Matthew 24**



Jesus said, “But **immediately after the tribulation of those days** THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and **they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY** [quote from Daniel 7:13] with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.” Matthew 24:29-31

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“Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day **your Lord is coming**. But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. For this reason you also must be ready; for the **Son of Man is coming** at an hour when you do not think He will.” Matthew 24:42-44

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# The Second Coming of Jesus

## Revelation chapter 19

Revelation chapters 4-18 deal primarily with the events of the Great Tribulation



[Apostle John writes...] After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven [Tribulation martyrs], saying, “**Hallelujah**! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God; BECAUSE HIS JUDGMENTS ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and HE HAS AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS BOND-SERVANTS ON HER.” And a second time they said, “**Hallelujah**! HER SMOKE RISES UP FOREVER AND EVER.” Revelation 19:1-3

The word “Hallelujah” is from a Hebrew root word meaning “Praise the Lord” and appears only 4 times in the New Testament... all here in Revelation 19



And the twenty-four elders (representing the Church – see Revelation 4:4) and the four living creatures (angels – see Revelation 4:6-9) fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, “Amen. **Hallelujah!**” And a voice came from the throne, saying, “Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great.” Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, “**Hallelujah!** For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride [the Church] has made herself ready.” It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Revelation 19:4-8

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**Does it matter how I live as I wait for Jesus' return?**

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Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God." Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony (witness) of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Revelation 19:9-10

## Marriage Celebration

Groom = Jesus the Messiah      Bride = the Church

Invited Guests = Old Testament saints



# The Groom Promised To Return For His Bride

“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going.” Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” John 14:1-6



[Apostle John writes...] “And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse [military triumph], and He who sat on it is called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire [judgment of sin], and on His head are many diadems [crowns – His right to rule]; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called **The Word of God**.” Revelation 19:11-13







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And the armies which are in heaven [people of God – see Revelation 17:14], clothed in fine linen, white and clean [no weapons], were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “**KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**” Revelation 19:14-16



[John's heavenly vision...] Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great." And I saw the beast [antichrist] and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh. Revelation 19:17-21

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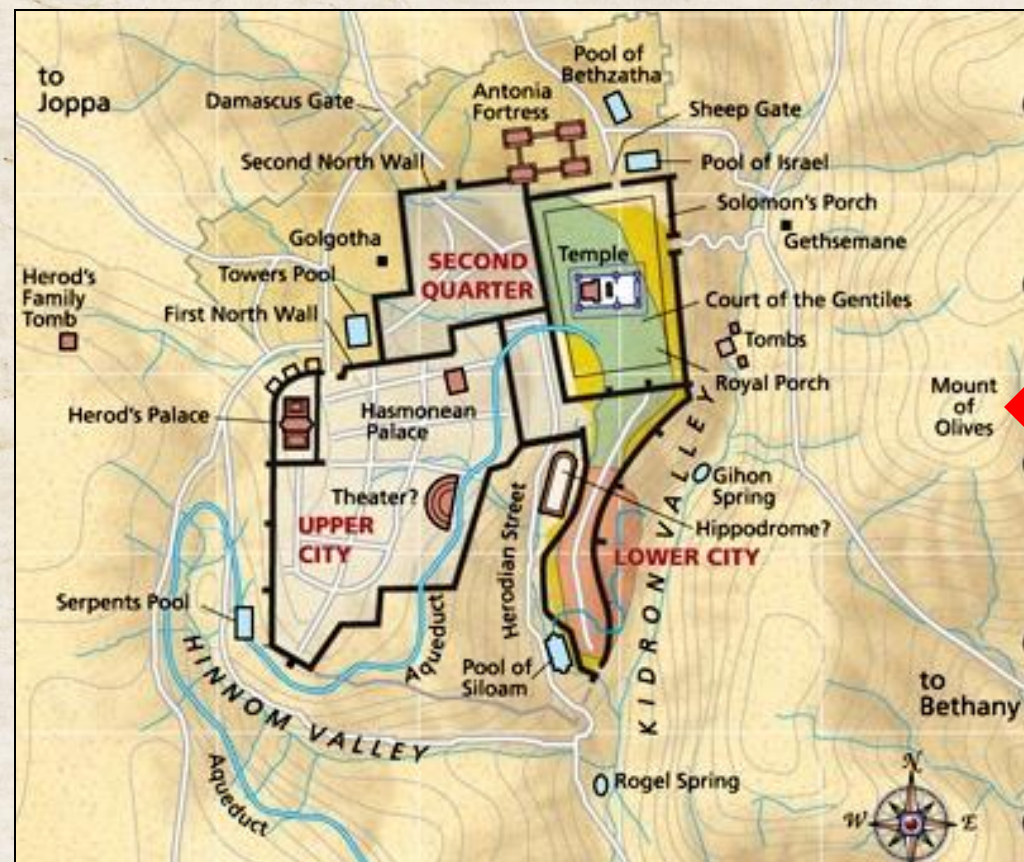


# How and where will Jesus return?

So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:6-11



In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. Zechariah 14:4





# The Seven Feasts of the Lord

These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Colossians 2:17

## The Spring Feasts (fulfilled @ Jesus' first coming)

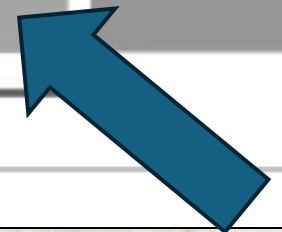
Passover	Unleavened Bread	FirstFruits	Pentecost
Crucifixion Of Jesus	Burial Of Jesus	Resurrection Of Jesus	Coming of the Holy Spirit
Nisan 14	Nisan 15-22	Nisan 17	Sivan 7
Exodus 12 Matt 26:17-27	Lev 23:6-8 I Cor 5:7-8	Lev 23:9-14 I Cor 15:20-23	Lev 23:15-22 Acts 1 & 2

Feast Gap Period (fulfilled by Church Age)

## The Autumn (Fall) Feasts (fulfilled @ Jesus' second coming)

Trumpets	Atonement	Tabernacles
Rapture & Resurrection Of Believers	Second Coming Of Jesus	Messianic Kingdom Age Millennium
Tishri 1	Tishri 10	Tishri 15-22
Lev 23:23-25 1 Cor 15:51-52	Lev 23:26-32 Matt 24:29-30	Lev 23:33-44 Rev 20:1-6

—— 'The Days of Awe' ——  
Time of Jacob's trouble





**Does the Bible tell the  
followers of Jesus what to do  
while we wait for His return?**

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# As I wait for Jesus' return...

Jesus said, “But **store up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:20-21



# As I wait for Jesus' return...

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, **he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.** For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS."

Matthew 16:24-27



# As I wait for Jesus' return...

Jesus said, "Therefore **be on the alert**, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. For this reason you also must **be ready**; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will." Matthew 24:42-44

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# As I wait for Jesus' return...

For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord. Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, **but wait** until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

1 Corinthians 4:4-5

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# As I wait for Jesus' return...

Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you; and may the Lord cause you to **increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people**, just as we also do for you; so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13



# As I wait for Jesus' return...

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to **live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age**, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. Titus 2:11-14



## As I wait for Jesus' return...

Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may **have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame** at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.

1 John 2:28-29



# It matters how disciples of Jesus live as we wait

- It matters to the Savior who died to forgive us of sin and grant us eternal life
- It matters to our own hearts because we rob ourselves of the joy found in serving the King of kings
- It matters to the hurting world around us who desperately needs hope and forgiveness
- It matters to the people around us who do not yet know Jesus as Savior but are looking for spiritual answers



# He's Coming... We need Jesus to keep His promises

- But He kept silent and did not answer. Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" And Jesus said, "I am; and you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." Mark 14:61-62
- Jesus said, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him." John 3:16-17



# **Millennial (1,000 year) Reign of Jesus**

**Revelation 20:1-10**



# Millennial Reign of Jesus

- The Old Testament is replete with commitments for a literal Messiah ultimately ruling the world through Israel from His throne in Jerusalem. There are at least 1,845 references in the Old Testament and 17 books give prominence to the event. The ancient rabbinical aspirations were dominated by it. In fact, this obsession obscured their recognizing the Messiah when He made His initial appearance.
- There are at least 318 references in 216 chapters of the New Testament and 23 of its 27 books give prominence to the event. The early church looked longingly for His promised return as their "Blessed Hope" to rid their desperate world of its evil rulers.

- Chuck Missler



John the Apostle writes... “Then I saw an angel coming **down from heaven**, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not **deceive** the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.” Revelation 20:1-3



Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded [executed] because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they [Tribulation believers] came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years. Revelation 20:4-6



# Is it really 1,000 years?

- The Millennial Kingdom is the title given to the 1,000-year reign of Jesus Christ on the earth.
- Some seek to interpret the 1,000 years in an allegorical manner. They understand the 1,000 years as merely a figurative way of saying “a long period of time,” not a literal, physical reign of Jesus Christ on the earth.
- However, six times in Revelation 20:2-7, the Millennial Kingdom is specifically said to be 1,000 years in length. If God wished to communicate “a long period of time,” He could have easily done so without explicitly and repeatedly mentioning an exact time frame.

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# What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

- The Bible speaks of the conditions during the Millennium as a perfect environment physically and spiritually.
- It will be a time of **peace** (Micah 4:2–4; Isaiah 32:17–18), **joy** (Isaiah 61:7, 10), and **comfort** (Isaiah 40:1–2).
- It will be a time of **obedience** (Jeremiah 31:33), **holiness** (Isaiah 35:8), **truth** (Isaiah 65:16), and the **knowledge of God** (Isaiah 11:9, Habakkuk 2:14).
- Jesus Christ will rule as King (Isaiah 9:3–7; 11:1–10).
- Nobles and governors will also rule (Isaiah 32:1; Matthew 19:28).
- Jerusalem will be the political center of the world (Zechariah 8:3).

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# What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

- The Temple of the Millennial Kingdom is described in Ezekiel 40-44.
- The glory (כְּבוֹד *kabod*) of the Lord will fill the Temple (Ezekiel 43:5).
- The law given by God through Moses will still be kept, including the sacrifices (Ezekiel 43:19-27).
- The Levites will still minister in the Temple (Ezekiel 44:9-11).
- The laws and statutes delivered by Moses will be obeyed (Ezekiel 44:24).
- The sabbaths and feasts of Israel will still be kept, including the Passover, the feast of Unleavened Bread (Ezekiel 45:21), and the Feast of Tabernacles (Ezekiel 45:25).
- All will know that Jesus gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for all mankind.

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## What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

“And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them. Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper’s den. They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for **the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.**” Isaiah 11:6-9



# What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

“No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his days; for the youth will die at the age of one hundred and the one who does not reach the age of one hundred will be thought accursed. They will build houses and inhabit them; they will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They will not build and another inhabit, they will not plant and another eat; for as the lifetime of a tree, so will be the days of My people, and My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they are the offspring of those blessed by the LORD, and their descendants with them. **It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.** The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain,” says the LORD. Isaiah 65:20-25



# What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

And it will come about in the last days that the mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, and the peoples will stream to it. **Many nations** will come and say, **“Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD and to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us about His ways and that we may walk in His paths.”** For from Zion will go forth the law, even the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He will judge between many peoples and render decisions for mighty, distant nations. Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they train for war. Micah 4:1-3



# What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; and He will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely; and this is His name by which He will be called, **‘The LORD our righteousness.’**” Jeremiah 23:5-6

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# What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

Then it will come about that any who are left of all **the nations** that went against Jerusalem **will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths** (Tabernacles - Sukkot). And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no rain will fall on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths. This will be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths. Zechariah 14:16-19



# Who will populate the earth during the Millennium?

- Those who live to the end of the Tribulation and have accepted Jesus as Savior will be allowed to enter the Millennium in the flesh (Matthew 25:3-46).
- Most of those who place their faith in Jesus during the Tribulation will be martyred for their faith (Revelation 7:9-14).
- The believers who go into the Millennium **in the flesh** will begin to propagate, and the population of the world will grow exponentially. The reason the growth will be so rapid is because life spans will be expanded and death will be curtailed.
- Isaiah says that people will live as long as a tree (Isaiah 65:22) and there will no longer be infants who live only a few days (Isaiah 65:20). Those who die at 100 years of age will be considered young, and only those who refuse to accept the Lord will die at that age (Isaiah 65:20). The implication of Isaiah's prophecy is that during the Millennium the life span of those in the flesh will be returned to what it was before the Noahic flood, when people lived 800 to 1,000 years. If so, then by the end of the Millennium, the population of the earth could easily exceed the current eight billion.



# Will the Millennium take place on this earth or on a new one?

- The millennial reign of Jesus will take place on this earth, but the earth will be greatly changed in nature.
- The **first earth**, the earth of Adam and Eve, was perfect. There were no poisonous animals or plants. There were no meat-eating animals. There were no natural cataclysms like earthquakes, tsunamis, or hurricanes. Man and nature lived together in perfect harmony.
- But when Man sinned, God placed a curse on the earth, and the nature of the earth was radically changed. Death entered the world. Nature turned against Mankind. This new earth, **earth number two**, existed until the time of Noah.
- When the worldwide flood occurred, this second earth was “destroyed” (2 Peter 3:6) in the sense that it was radically changed again. The earth’s vapor canopy collapsed, its land mass separated into continents, the earth tilted on its axis, and the pressure of the water forced the formation of new mountain ranges. We have been living on **earth number three** ever since.
- When Jesus returns to reign, the earth will be radically changed once more. The change agents will be earthquakes and supernatural phenomena in the skies (Revelation 6:12-14). Every island will be moved (Revelation 16:18-20). Every valley will be lifted up, and every mountain lowered (Isaiah 40:4).
- The topography of Israel will be radically changed, with Jerusalem becoming the highest place on earth (Isaiah 2:2).



# What happens after the Millennial Kingdom?

When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Revelation 20:7-10



# Why is Satan released after the 1,000 reign?

At the end of the Millennial Reign, Satan is loosed and is able to deceive a vast multitude to follow him in one final rebellion against the Lord of glory and His saints! It seems that the further humanity gets from the end of the Tribulation and the start of the Millennium, the more they will "take for granted" how good they have it, and some may even harbor doubts about the goodness of God. Even though the number who rebel with Satan are said to be "as the sand of the sea" (Revelation 20:7-8), they may still be a minority compared to the number who do not rebel. It will still be a large number of souls who join Satan. One of the reasons God gives us this picture of what will happen in time is to demonstrate the deep-seated sin nature inherent in all of humanity (Jeremiah 17:9).

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# What is the purpose of the thousand-year reign of Christ?

The Millennial Kingdom is the 1,000-year reign of Jesus after the Tribulation and before all the people of the world are sent to either heaven or hell. Jesus will reign as king over Israel as well as all the nations of the world (Isaiah 2:4; Isaiah 42:1). The world will live in peace (Isaiah 11:6–9; Isaiah 32:18), Satan will be bound (Revelation 20:1–3), and, at the beginning, everyone will worship God (Isaiah 2:2–3). The purpose of the 1,000-year reign is to fulfill promises God made to the world that cannot be fulfilled while Satan is free and humans have political authority. Some of these promises, called covenants, were given specifically to Israel. Others were given to Jesus, the nations of the world, and creation. All of these will be fulfilled during Jesus' 1,000-year reign.

**The main purpose of Jesus' 1,000-year reign is to fulfill the prophecies given to Israel and the promises made to Jesus, the nations, and the whole earth.** God's covenants were voluntary and one-sided. He promised He would bless Israel and restore the world in specific ways, and He will.



# Are we ready for Jesus' return?

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also **we eagerly wait for a Savior**, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3:20