

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF REVELATION THROUGH BIBLE PROPHECY

10 One Thousand Years of Peace

As you know, just as 10 years is a decade and 100 years is a century, 1000 years is a millennium—coming as it does from two Latin words: *mille* meaning “thousand” and *annus* meaning “year.” What does the Book of Revelation teach about the Bible millennium? The expression a “thousand years” appears *six times*—once in each verse from **Revelation 20:2** to **7**. It’s an important concept, for the Millennium is, in a sense, God’s timetable of final events—it reveals *the schedule God plans to use* when He brings down the curtain on the drama of this world’s history.

Now let’s consider events under three headings: Events *before*, *during*, and *after* the Millennium.

A. Events **BEFORE** the Millennium

Event #1 - The Mark of the Beast Is Given

Revelation 13:16-17 The Antichrist Beast enforces his mark with coercive threats.

Event #2 - Our Probation Closes

Revelation 22:11-12 Jesus accepts each one’s decision as final and says He’ll return quickly.

Event #3 - The Seven Last Plagues Fall

Revelation 15:1 & 8 Seven angels pour out the wrath of God.

Revelation 16:1-17 The seven last plagues punish those who have the Mark of the Beast.

Event #4 - The Second Coming of Christ Is Spectacular

Matthew 24:30-31 Christ returns “with power and great glory” to gather His faithful people.

Matthew 25:31 When comes in His glory, all the holy angels accompany Him.

Revelation 1:7 As Christ gathers His redeemed in the Rapture, “every eye shall see Him.”

Event #5 - The Righteous Dead Are Resurrected

1 Thessalonians 4:16 The dead believers in Christ rise “first”—before the living faithful.

Revelation 20:6 “The first resurrection” is for those “blessed and holy,” who are *with* Him (Christ) a thousand years.” The word *first* implies a *second*, and there are two resurrections, 1000 years apart.

John 5:28-29 “The resurrection of *life*” not “the resurrection of *damnation*,” 1000 years later.

Event #6 - The Righteous Living Are Caught Up

1 Thessalonians 4:17 The living saints are then caught up “to meet the Lord in the air.”

Event #7 - The Wicked Living When Christ Comes Are Struck Dead

2 Thessalonians 2:8 Christ will “*destroy* the wicked with the brightness of His Coming.”

B. Events *DURING* the Millennium

Event #8 - On EARTH: Satan Is “Bound” with No One Left to Tempt

Revelation 20:1-7 Satan is bound with “a *great chain*” and cast into “*the bottomless pit*...till the thousand years were finished. These are a chain of circumstances as Satan has no one to tempt. The righteous are in heaven and the wicked are dead on Earth.

Event #9 - In HEAVEN: The Saints Assist in the Judgment

Revelation 20:4 The redeemed sat on thrones, “and judgment was committed to them.”

1 Corinthians 6:2-3 The saints shall judge the world and angels—the angels who fell with Lucifer.

C. Events *AFTER* the Millennium

Event #10 - The Wicked Are Resurrected, So Satan Is Loosed

Revelation 20:3-7 Those “blessed and holy” had part in the first resurrection. “But the *rest* of the dead (the wicked) lived not again until the thousand years were finished...And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be *loosed* out of his prison”—for once again he has people to tempt.

Event #11 - The Holy City Descends from God Out of Heaven

Revelation 21:2,10 The New Jerusalem, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband, descends.

Event #12 - The Wicked Surround God’s Holy City

Revelation 20:7-9 With the wicked alive again, Satan is loosed out of his prison and goes out to deceive them, to gather them to battle against the beloved city.

Event #13 - The Wicked Are Judged Before God’s “Great White Throne”

Revelation 20:11-13 Before the great white throne, “the books were opened” to judge the lost.

Romans 14:10-12 Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess and give account to God.

Event #14 - The Wicked Are Destroyed by Fire

Revelation 20:9,14-15 When the wicked surround the holy city to attack it, fire comes down from God out of heaven and devours them. This lake of fire is the second death.

Event #15 - The Earth Is Cleansed by Fire and Made New

2 Peter 3:10-13

“The elements shall melt with fervent heat...All these things shall be dissolved.”

Revelation 21:1 & 5

But “He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.”

Isaiah 65:17, 21-25

The redeemed will build houses, plant vineyards, and enjoy the New Earth.

Isaiah 66:22-23

On the New Earth, we’ll come to worship God from one Sabbath to another.