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Today **Millennium**
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 Thursday **The Lake of Fire**

Understanding the millennium properly requires correct methods of Bible study and we had just recently reviewed PitFalls in Bible Study in our Zoom Bible study group so I offered to do something on that. After thinking about it, I realized to go over the Lake of Fire properly would require its own session so ended up with 3 presentations to do.



The Millennium

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:" (Revelation 1:1)

Signified it?

>> **"to make known by a sign"**

We **need to remember** that Revelation is loaded with signs and symbols.

How can you tell if something is a symbol or not?

"And death and hell were cast into **the lake of fire.**

This is **the second death.**" (Revelation 20:14)

William Miller

XI. If a word makes good sense as it stands, and does no violence to the simple laws of nature, it is to be understood literally; if not, figuratively.

Does "second death" make sense on its own?
Could someone literally experience a second death? > Die a second time?

Could be if between the two deaths there is a _____?





Does “**lake of fire**” make sense on its own?
> as we understand the words to literally mean?
Does water burn?

“... **the lake of fire** This is **the second death.**” (Rev 20:14)

the lake of fire = the second death

a symbolic place = a literal event

This to point out the importance of rightly interpreting symbols.

And, of course, the Lake of Fire is included in the millennium.
We will get to the **Lake of Fire** in detail in **part 3 – Thursday**

Before that, in **part 2 - Wednesday**, we will look at the topic of symbols and various other figures of speech to help us rightly interpret difficult portions of scripture.

Now, part 1 - the millennium, especially questions around timing.

The Start of the Millennium

“And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and **bound him** a thousand years,” (Revelation 20:1-2)

Is that a literal chain?

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into **chains of darkness**, to be reserved unto judgment;" (2 Peter 2:4)

Are those chains literal or symbolic?

How is Satan bound?

“My hands are tied”

Is that a use of force on the part of God or the angel that came down from heaven?

Is he simply bound by circumstances, by consequences?



What event has happened just before this?

"And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh." (Revelation 19:21)

Is a sword coming out of one's mouth natural? Is it a symbol?

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword** of the Spirit, which is the **word** of God:" (Ephesians 6:17)

"For the **word** of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged **sword**, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."
(Hebrews 4:12)



How long is Satan bound?

"And then shall that **Wicked** be **revealed**, whom the Lord shall **consume** with the spirit of his mouth, and shall **destroy** with the brightness of his **coming**:" (2 Thessalonians 2:8)

"**that wicked**" is Satan who sits in the temple of God

"**wicked**" = anomos

“revealed” = apokalupto = to uncover, lay open what has been veiled/covered up

“consume” = analisko = only used 3 times, a few other words that could mean to kill, one version has “overthrow”

“destroy” = katargeo (G2673) = to render idle, unemployed, inactivate, inoperative

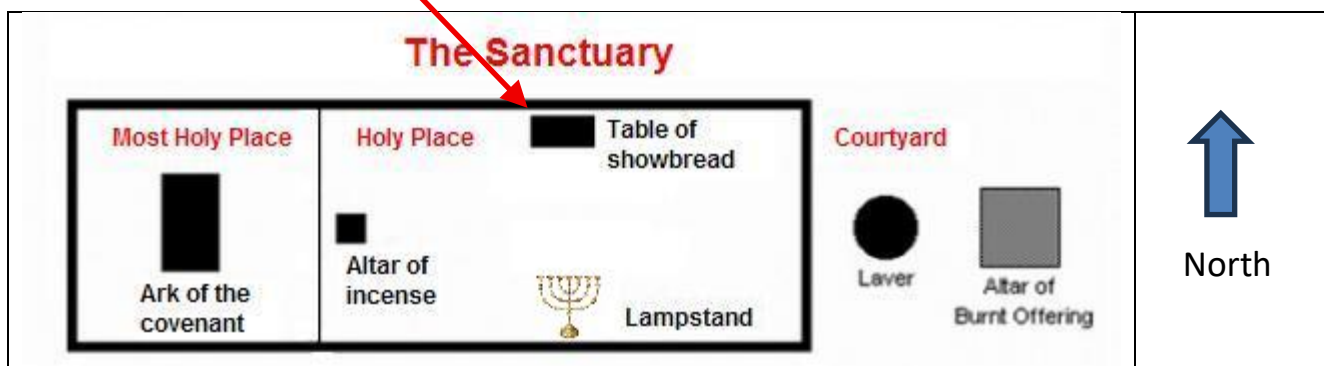
“brightness” = epiphaneia = appearing

“coming” = parousia = coming

When He appears at His coming

“Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and **exalteth himself above all** that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God **sitteth in the temple of God**, shewing himself that he is God.” (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, **I will exalt my throne** above the stars of God: I will **sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north.**” (Isaiah 14:12-13)



“bound him a thousand years (v2):

“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."
(Revelation 20:3)

“a bottomless pit”

What is a "bottomless pit"? > Is there even such a thing?

>> It is a situation that you can't get out of

a situation, not primarily a place
that Satan cannot get out of

“deceive”

What is required for a deception to happen?

A liar, a lie and someone to believe the lie (a liee?)

Is Satan still alive?

Is Satan capable of speaking lies?

Then why can he “deceive the nations no more”?

>> the lost are all dead ***IMPORTANT POINT ***

>> **he has no access to the saved**

>> **Why not?**

>> **saved are all in heaven**

“Destroy” in 2 Thessalonians 2:8

"And then shall that **Wicked** be **revealed**, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall **destroy** with the brightness of his coming:" (2 Thessalonians 2:8)

“destroy”

G2673 καταργέω katargeo kat-arg-eh'-o

from GH2596 and G691; v

AV-destroy 5, do away 3, abolish 3, cumber 1, loose 1, cease 1, fall 1,
deliver 1, misc 11; 27

1) **to render idle, unemployed, inactivate, inoperative**

1a) to cause a person or thing to have **no further efficiency**

1b) to **deprive of force, influence, power**

2) to cause to cease, put an end to, do away with, annul, abolish

2a) to cease, to pass away, be done away

2b) to be severed from, separated from, discharged from, loosed from any one

How do all those terms – render idle, unemployed, inactivate etc relate to Satan’s situation?

<https://characterofgod.org/destroy-definition/>

<https://characterofgod.org/the-destroyer-definition/>

<https://characterofgod.org/destroy-brightness/>

"And, behold, **I come quickly**; and **my reward is with me**, to give every man according as his work shall be." (Revelation 22:12)

The Saved During the Millennium?

“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and **judgment** was 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* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and **they lived** and **reigned** with Christ a thousand years.”
(Revelation 20:4)

“and **judgment** was given unto them”

Were they judged or were they judging at this point?

Are the saints judged before or during the millennium?

>> **Must be before or how could they be there**

"Until the Ancient of days came, and **judgment was given to the saints** of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom."
(Daniel 7:22)

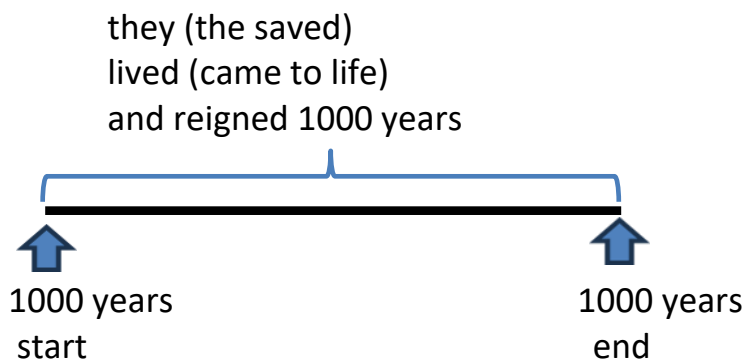
"Do ye not know that **the saints shall judge the world**? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?"

Know ye not that **we shall judge angels?** how much more things that pertain to this life?" (1 Corinthians 6:2-3)

Would the saints be judging angels after the millennium, after the Lake of Fire and Second Death?

>> **generally, judgment happens before death**

Verse 4 "lived" – better: came to life



Where are they?

"In my **Father's house** are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that **where I am, there ye may be also.**" (John 14:2-3)

"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever **be with the Lord.**" (1 Thessalonians 4:17)

In what sense could the saints judging angels and the world be a judgement of God Himself?

>> it is a verification of His decisions

"As I am writing this, the current news is about the question of whether or not to have a public inquiry over the trial of British Columbia's serial-killer Robert Pickton. This is after a trial that has already taken years and cost 120 million dollars resulting in his conviction on six counts of murder and

sentencing to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 25 years. The purpose of such a public inquiry would **not be to re-evaluate** his guilt or innocence but **to examine the judicial process, to see that justice was fairly given**. Even in our earthly court systems we value openness and justice.”

God does the same, to an even greater extent.

Wouldn't You Want to Know? The millennium is a time of investigation for the benefit of the saved - God already knows who is lost and who is saved. One thousand years should be plenty of time for them to have all of their questions answered. And there will be questions. Wouldn't you want to know - if you were in heaven and a loved one was not - why they were not there?

"And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, *and* over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. 3And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous *are* thy works, Lord God Almighty; **just and true *are* thy ways**, thou King of saints. 4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for *thou* only *art* holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for **thy judgments are made manifest.**" (Revelation 15:2-4)

The Second Resurrection

"And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto **the resurrection of life**; and they that have done evil, unto **the resurrection of damnation.**" (John 5:29)

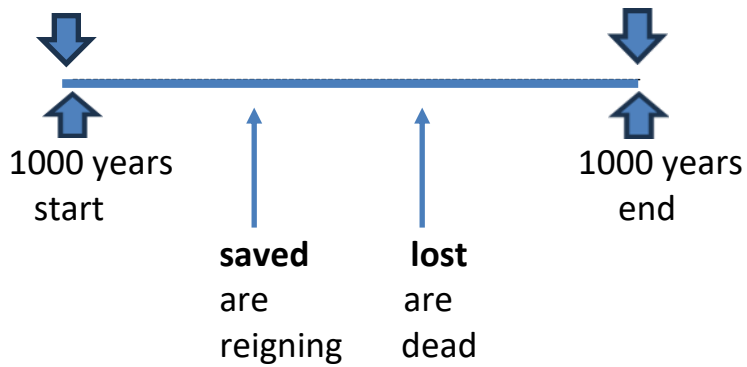
"But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. ..." (Revelation 20:5a)

Verse 4

they (the saved)
lived and reigned
1000 years

Verse 5

the rest of the dead (the lost)
lived not again until the
1000 years were finished.



Many get confused at this point

How many resurrections are described?

>> **two**

Which resurrection comes first?

>> **the first resurrection – of the saved**

Which resurrection comes second?

>> **the second resurrection – of the lost**

Here is why people get confused:

"... This *is* the first resurrection." (Revelation 20:5b)

Which resurrection is that talking about?

Obviously the first

It can't be the second

Problem is that it comes immediately after and is even in the same verse:

"But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.



This *is* **the first resurrection.**"
(Revelation 20:5)

The key is to recognize that the first part of the verse is simply a parenthetical statement.

vs 4 "...they lived and
and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

(vs 5 But the rest of the dead lived not
again until the thousand years were finished.)

This *is* the first resurrection."

"Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." (Revelation 20:6)

John's use of parenthetical statements

“Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. 2 **[There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. ... and many believed on Jesus.]** (John 12:1-11)

“On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees ...” (John 12:12-13)

Sabbath	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath
Nisan 9 Arrival in Bethany	Nisan 10 Triumphal Entry	Nisan 11	Nisan 12	Nisan 13	Nisan 14 Preparation of Passover	Nisan 15 FUB day 1	Nisan 16 Wave Sheaf offering
6d < Pass.	5d < Pass.	4d < Pass.	3d < Pass.	2d < Pass.	1d < Pass.	Passover	

FUB = Feast of Unleavened Bread;

P = Passover meal (Jesus' observance);

D = Death; R = Resurrection



P ↑ D ↑↑ R

"After two days was *the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread:* and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put *him* to death." (Mark 14:1)

“There,” not “then”

More () than MML combined

The End of the Millennium

“And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,” (Revelation 20:7)

Is getting out of jail the opposite of going in to jail?

Loosed by a reversal of what put him in there – which was what?

Why can't he deceive?

Second Coming
Wicked slain
Start of
millennium

Third Coming
Wicked raised
End of
millennium



Satan bound
deceives no more
till 1000 years end
(v2-3)

Satan loosed
goes out to deceive
when 1000 years end
(v 7-8)

“And shall go out to deceive the 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.” (Revelation 20:8)

“Gog and Magog” are equated with what?

>> sounds like all the nations or in all nations, not any 1 or 2 particular nations?

“deceive the nations” about what?

- God and His character
- His own character
- who raised them
- the holy city
- their power for battle

“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for **he is a liar**, and the father of it.” (John 8:44)

“And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and **devoured** them.” (Revelation 20:9)

- Compare to Job – who brought the fire down?
- What Spirit? – John and James

"And when his disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, **Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.**" (Luke 9:54-55)

- Does it say what happened between surrounding the city and the fire?
- Does it say what state they are in when devoured?

“Devoured”

2719 κατεσθίω katesthio [kat-es-thee'-o] or καταφάγω kataphago

from 2596 and 2068 (including its alternate); v;

AV-devour 10, eat up 3, devour up 2; 15

1) **to consume by eating**, to eat up, devour

1a) of birds

1b) of a dragon

1c) of a man eating up the little book

2) metaph.

2a) to devour i.e. squander, waste: substance

2b) to devour i.e. forcibly appropriate: widows' property

2c) to strip one of his goods

1c1) to ruin (by the infliction of injuries)

2d) by fire, to devour i.e. to utterly consume, destroy

2e) **of the consumption of the strength of body and mind by strong emotions**

More detail when we get to the **Lake of Fire** session

Note that most versions do not have “from God” in verse 9.

“There came down fire out of the heaven (the words “from God” are of doubtful authority) and devoured them.”

([Ellicott's Commentary for English Readers](#))

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the **lake of fire** and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be **tormented day and night for ever and ever.**” (Revelation 20:10)


Does God torture anyone for eternity?

What would that make God, if He did that?

→ **Lake of Fire – next time**

“**And I saw** a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. **And I saw** the dead, small and great, **stand before God**; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.” (Revelation 20:11-12)

“**the dead, small and great, stand before God**” – weren’t they all dead by this point (“devoured them,” verse 9)?

<p>Have you ever felt anxious about the thought of being in this situation?</p> <p>For how long does each one stand before God to be judged?</p> <p>Say there are 20 billion people > lost to be judged?</p>	 <p>judge Father</p> <p>lawyer Son</p> <p>defendant sinner</p> <p>record books</p>
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Give each one an hour before God for them to answer for themselves. Going 24 hours a day, that would take more than 2 million years.

How are they judged? (LF)

“And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.” (Revelation 20:13)

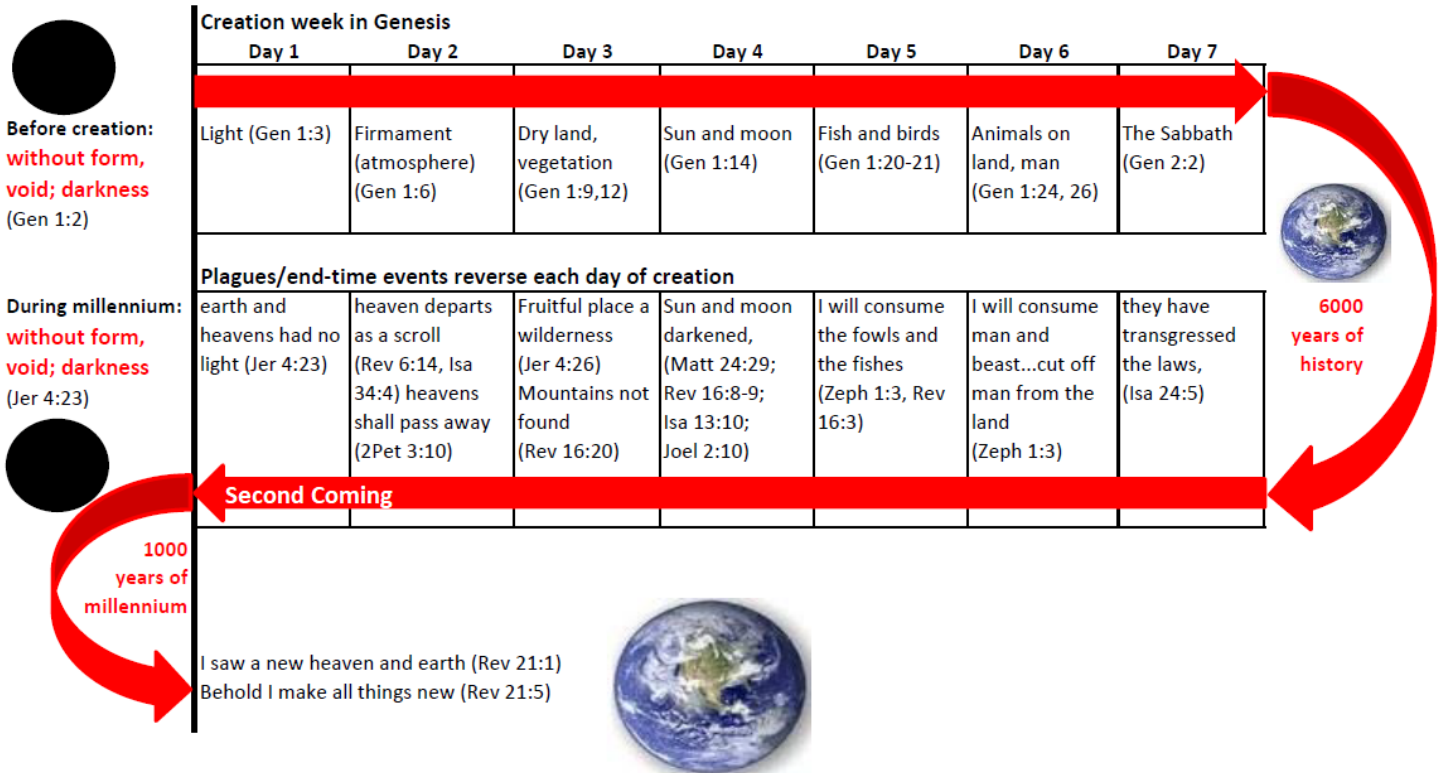
“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” (2 Corinthians 5:10)

“And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:14-15)

the lake of fire = the second death

Creation Reversed

The State of the Earth during the Millennium the same as before creation week



Isaiah 24

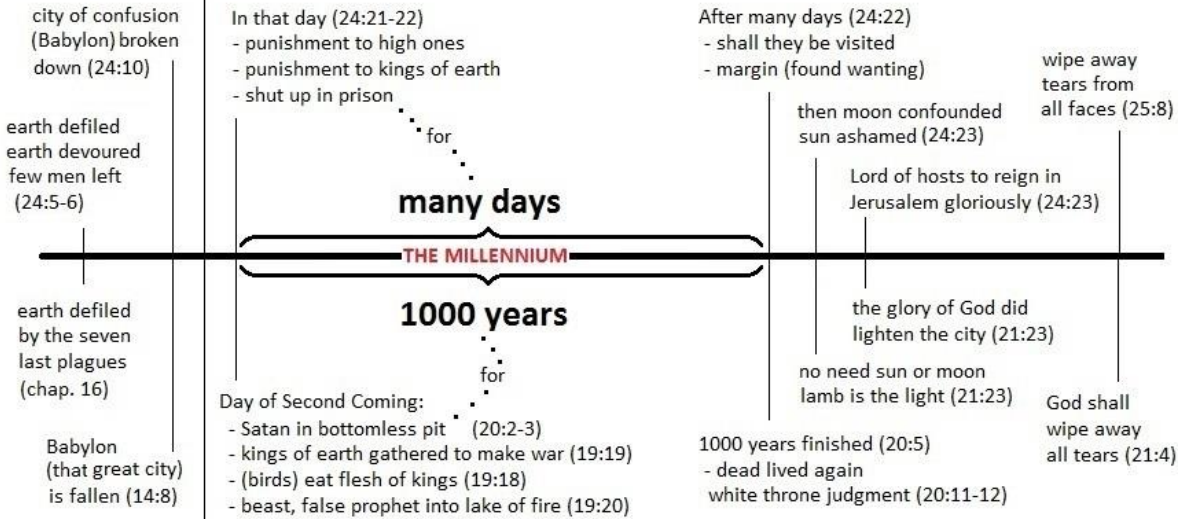
Prophetic Parallels: Isaiah 24–27 and Revelation 19–21

Event / Phase	Isaiah 24–27	Revelation 19–21	Description
Second Coming / Day of the LORD	Isaiah 24:1–18–20	Revelation 19:11–21; 16:18–20	Earth is devastated; the wicked are destroyed; global upheaval and judgment
Remnant Preserved	Isaiah 24:6	Revelation 7:14	Only a few remain (the righteous), similar to Noah’s day
Fall of Babylon / Corrupt System	Isaiah 24:10–12	Revelation 18:2, 9–11	“City of confusion” falls; widespread lamentation
Earth Left Desolate	Isaiah 24:1, 3–6, 12	Revelation 20:1–3	Earth emptied, broken down, without normal human activity
Punishment of Earthly & Heavenly Powers	Isaiah 24:21	Revelation 19:19–21	Kings of the earth and spiritual powers (Satan and his angels) judged
Satan Bound for 1000 years	Isaiah 24:22 (“many days”)	Revelation 20:1–6	Period of restraint; earth remains desolate; saints reign with Christ (Revelation emphasis)
Post-Millennium Release & Judgment	Isaiah 24:22 (“visited”)	Revelation 20:7–10	Satan released; final rebellion; ultimate judgment
Final Destruction of Satan	Isaiah 27:1	Revelation 20:10; 12:9	Leviathan/serpent/dragon identified with Satan and destroyed
God Reigns in Zion / New Jerusalem	Isaiah 24:23	Revelation 21:2–3, 23	God’s glory fills the city; no need for sun or moon
End of Death, Sorrow, and Pain	Isaiah 25:8	Revelation 21:4	Death swallowed up; tears wiped away; complete restoration

Millennial Parallels in Isaiah and Revelation

it shall come to pass (24:18-20)
 - earth's foundations shake
 - earth moved exceedingly
 - earth reels to and fro

The Millennium in Isaiah



great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, mighty and great earthquake (16:18)

The Millennium in Revelation

Verse references above the horizontal center line are from Isaiah, those below are from Revelation.

The False Millennium

Satan's Ultimate Desire

"I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."
 (Isaiah 14:14)

Like in what way? _____

Satan wants to receive? _____

“And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and **worship me.**” (Matthew 4:9)

Does he want to be like “Gentle Jesus meek and mild”?

Satan Wants to Impersonate Christ’s Second Coming

To do that he needs to show up before the real Second Coming

At the Second Coming:

- Saints are resurrected
- Saints are taken to heaven
- Wicked are slain

Since Satan can’t/won’t pull off all that off, what does he need to do? _____

“And he said, Take heed that ye **be not deceived**: for **many shall come in my name**, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.” (Luke 21:8)

He will attempt a false Second Coming

To be followed by a false Millennium

“Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.” (2 Thessalonians 2:4)

“False Flag Event”?

A false-flag event is a deceptive act committed by one party to shift blame, manipulate public opinion, or create a "justification" for a specific response, such as going to war or passing restrictive laws.

Satan’s false-flag event will be a faked Second Coming so that he can receive the worship he craves, supplant Christ and sit in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God to rule over an earthly millennium.

To make it believable, Satan needs people to:

- Prioritize personal experience, charismatic leadership, or "new" revelations over established biblical doctrine.
- Not know that the Second Coming is a worldwide event
- Not know that the lost (most of the population) will die at that point
- Not know that Jesus does not even touch the earth at His return
- Believe Jesus will return to a physical temple in Jerusalem
 - Also needs to have a temple in Jerusalem
- Believe the Second Coming is followed by an earthly millennium
- Be deceived by counterfeit miracles
- Believe the idea that divine laws are irrelevant allowing Satan to redefine morality and establish his own laws

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)” (Matthew 24:15)

"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." (1 Thessalonians 5:3)

“Peace and safety” fits after a time of **war** and **danger/insecurity**