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The Millennium
Isaiah 2:1-5
Revelation 20:6

INTRO: We are hearing the word millennium spoken often as we approach the year 2000. Millennium is a Latin word meaning one thousand years.

According to the Bible, Christ will reign in person on the earth on the throne of David at Jerusalem for 1,000 years during the millennial kingdom.

There are three major millennial views:

1. Post millennial- this view, held by many before World War I, says that the world through preaching will be made better and better until the world is Christianized before the return of Christ. This view says that Christ will return after the millennium, thus the designation Post-Millennial.
2. A-millennial- this view holds that the book of revelation is mostly figurative and the prophesies spoken of were mostly fulfilled in the first century. A-millennial says there will be no literal millennium, no thousand year reign of Christ.
3. Pre-millennial- this view states that after the seven year tribulation, Christ will return to the earth literally and bodily to set up His millennial kingdom.

1. NAILING DOWN THE TIME OF AND DURATION OF THE MILLENNIUM.

1. Order of events leading to the millennium:
 1. Today we live in what is known as the dispensation of grace or the age of grace (Eph 3:2).
 2. The next event on God's prophetic calendar is the rapture. This is when the saints of God are taken up off the earth (I Thes 4:16-18, "For the Lord Himself.....").
 3. After the rapture, the world is plunged into a seven year period of time known as the tribulation. Revelation 4:1-19:21 covers this period of time.
 4. At the close of the tribulation, Jesus, the rider of the white horse, returns with His saints to defeat Satan's army and set up His millennial reign (Rev 19:11-16).
 5. With the defeat of Satan's army, Jesus sets up His reign (Rev 20:1-6).
 1. Rev 20:1-3, Satan is bound.
 2. Those who live through the tribulation have children who grow up in a sinless world. They will not all be saved by faith.
2. After the millennium, Satan will be loosed (Rev 20:7-8).
 1. The enemies of Christ, those who are lost follow Satan at the end of the millennium (Rev 20:9). They are defeated.

2. Revelation 20:10, Satan is cast into the lake of fire and brimstone and tormented for ever.

II. ISA 2:2-3, THE MILLENNIAL REIGN A TIME OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS.

1. Justice is perfect during the millennium.
 1. There will be perfect justice for every individual. A greater than Solomon will rule (Isa 9:7; 11:4-5; 42:1-4).
 2. There will be no crooked judges. There will be one judge--the righteous judge (II Tim 4:8).
2. Holiness will be universal.
 1. There will be no corruption.
NO:
 1. Pornography, filthy movies, books, etc.
 2. No rape, incest.
 3. The earth will be holy as will be the holy city.
 4. No cults or false religions.
 2. Isa 4:3-4; 35:8.

III. ISA 2:4, THE MILLENNIUM, A TIME OF PEACE

1. For the first time, all the nations of the earth will dwell together in peace.
2. In Micah 4:3, we read words that are similar to those found in Isaiah 2:4. Both passages speak of the millennial reign of Christ, the Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6).
 1. The words of Micah 4:3 are on the wall at the United Nations.
 1. This verse is not and will not be fulfilled by the UN.
 2. The UN was founded to help bring peace to the earth, but it is one of the greatest places to stir up war.

IV. A FEW CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MILLENNIUM

1. The curse of Gen 3:17-19 is removed.
 1. There will be abundant productivity on the earth. Every year will be a good year.
 1. Isa 4:2; 41:19; 43:19; 51:3.
 2. There will be streams in the desert (New Mexico).
 2. The animal creation will not be ferocious. Snakes will not be poisonous; dogs won't bite (Isa 11:6-9).
2. There will be no sickness for God's people during the millennium.
 1. Isa 33:24.
 2. There will be no drug stores, hospitals, or doctors in the millennium.
3. No deformity will be present in the millennium.
 1. Isa 35:3-6.
 2. No blindness, lameness, crooked limbs, etc.

III. ISA 2:5, INVITATION TO WALK IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD

1. Yes, the millennium will be a wonderful time of peace and light.
2. You can have inner peace now by trusting the crucified, buried, and risen Lord Jesus. This is what Isaiah is saying.
 1. Isaiah 26:3, "thou wilt keep him in perfect peace...."
 2. Justification brings peace with God (Rom 5:1).
 3. You cannot have the peace of God until you have peace with God (Phil 4:7).

CONCLUSION: If you want to rule and reign with Christ, you must be saved.