



The Bible Speaks

1000 YEARS OF PEACE

Some time ago a minister was accosted on the street by a religious worker who made the rather startling statement that the Devil was bound and we are now in the Millennium. the minister's immediate reply was, "If the Devil is bound, he must be tied with a rubber chain that stretches from Paris to Bombay and from Washington D.C., to the Kremlin."

It does not take long for the thinking person to know by looking at what is happening about him that the Devil has never been more active than he his today. Never has crime and sin been more rampant.

There is coming a time, however, when the Devil will receive a much-earned vacation. He will be unable to tempt, torment, or destroy any of God's children. This is the day for which the whole world has longed. There will be perfect peace and happiness in the universe. The Devil is bound!

This period of one thousand years is called the "Millennium." This term is not found in the Bible. It comes from two Latin words, "mille" and "annum," which mean 1000 years. The phrase "1000 years" is found six times in the 20th chapter of Revelation.

In Revelation 1:3 (NT 212) a special blessing is promised to those who study the book of Revelation. The exact words are these: "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Not only will God's special blessing rest on the student of this book, but he will receive a blessing as he understands the future through his study of these prophecies. he will have new faith and confidence with which to face the future.

Before you begin the study of the questions in this lesson, read the entire 20th chapter of Revelation.

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1. In what two resurrections did Christ say the dead will be raised?
John 5:28,29

The Bible Answer:

1. _____

2. _____

2. When will the righteous dead be raised? **1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17**

The Bible Answer: _____

3. What does the Bible call this resurrection? **Revelation 20:6**

The Bible Answer: _____

4. What happens to the living righteous when Christ comes at the beginning of the Millennium? **1 Thessalonians 4:17**

The Bible Answer: _____

5. What does the Bible say that indicates that the righteous dead are raised at the beginning of the Millennium? **Revelation 20:4, 6**

The Bible Answer: _____

6. What effect does the coming of Christ have on the living wicked?
Jeremiah 25:31-33

The Bible Answer: _____

Note: These are slain by the brightness of His coming. Sinful man is unable to stand before a sinless God. **2 Thessalonians 2:7, 8**

7. How does the Bible indicate that the Second Coming of Christ has no effect on the wicked dead at this time? **Revelation 20:5**

The Bible Answer: "The rest of the dead _____

_____."

8. Because Satan is bound, what is he unable to do during the Millennium?

Revelation 20:3

The Bible Answer: "That he should _____ no more."

Note: Satan is bound by circumstances. He has no one to tempt or to destroy. The saints are with Christ in the New Jerusalem; the wicked living have died at the coming of Christ, and the wicked dead are not raised until the end of the Millennium. He and his wicked angels have only to wait for the end of the 1000 years.

9. Where are the saints during the Millennium? **Revelation 20:4,6**

The Bible Answer: _____

10. How many people are there upon the earth during the Millennium after the coming of Christ? **Jeremiah 4:23-27**

The Bible Answer: _____ (**Vs.25**)

11. When Christ returns with the saints at the end of the Millennium, what happens to the Mt. of Olives? **Zechariah 14:4,5**

The Bible Answer: _____

12. What descends to fill this great plan that has been made by Christ?
Revelation 21:2

The Bible Answer: _____

13. When does the Bible say that the wicked dead will live again? **Revelation 20:5**

The Bible Answer: "The rest of the dead _____."

14. When Satan is released by the resurrection of the wicked, what does he do that shows that he has not changed? **Revelation 20:7, 8**

The Bible Answer: _____

15. What is the outcome of Satan's attempt to take the city of God?
Revelation 20:9,14,15

The Bible Answer: _____

Note: Peter said that the earth will be melted with a fervent heat. God uses fire to eradicate sin from the earth. **2 Peter 3:10**

16. After the purifying fire is over and after all sin has been eliminated from this world, what will God give man? **2 Peter 3:13**

The Bible Answer: _____

- i. Events at the beginning of the Millennium:
 - a. **1 Thess. 4:16,17** - Christ comes, resurrected righteous caught up in clouds to meet the Lord.
 - b. **1 Cor. 15:51,52** - Righteous living changed.
 - c. **2 Thess. 2:7,8** - Living wicked slain.
 - d. **Revelation 20:2** - Satan bound for 1000 years.

- ii. Events during the Millennium:
 - e. **Rev. 20:4; 1 Cor. 6:2,3** - Saints reign with Christ and judge dead.
 - f. **Jeremiah 4:23-27** - Desolation of the earth.

- iii. Events at the close of the Millennium:
 - g. **Zech. 14:4,5** - Christ descends onto Olivet.
 - h. **Rev. 21:2** - New Jerusalem and saints descend.
 - i. **Rev. 20:7,8** - Satan loosed as wicked are raised.
 - j. **Rev. 20:9,15** - Wicked destroyed by fire.

In a little town in Switzerland a most unusual festival is celebrated each year. Scores of tourists throng to this village to observe the event. However, the accommodations are quite limited and many tourists are turned away each year. The story is told that one such group of tourists, as they were forced to leave, met another tourist coming to the festival. They stopped and told him to save his time for all of the accommodations were gone. "It's all right," he said, "I sent my reservation on ahead. I have a place reserved for me."

Only one question remains to be answered and it is a vital one - where will you spend the 1000 years? With Christ and the saved, or with the wicked outside the city? It is possible by accepting Him now to make reservations for the future. Won't you send your reservation today? Tomorrow may be too late!

(If you wish to respond to the following question, place a cross in the box.)

I wish to make my reservation in the New Jerusalem today

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____