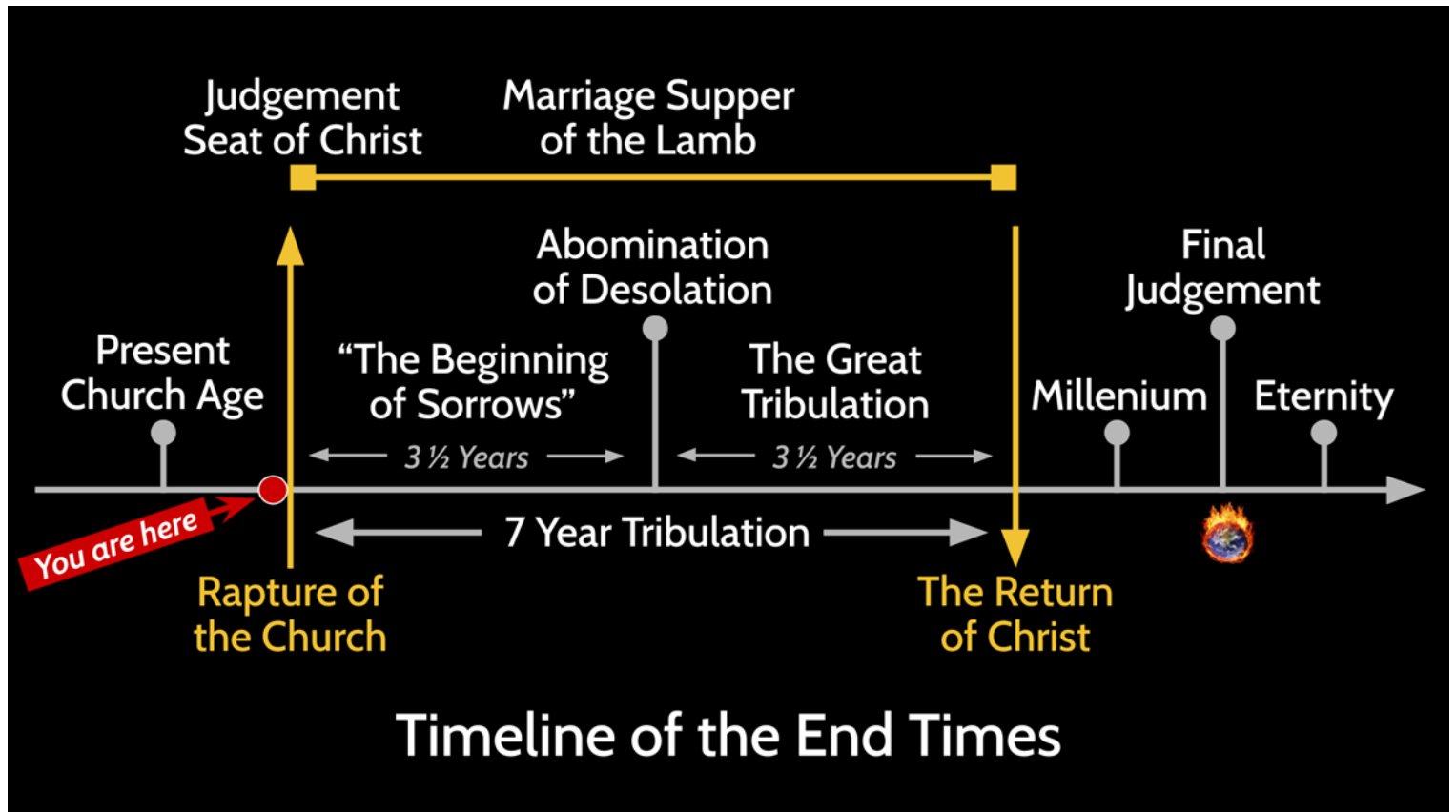


What about the Millennium?

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Millennium - The future 1000 year period beginning with the establishment of Christ's earthly reign and terminating with the last judgement and destruction of the present universe.



Inaugurating the kingdom.

Upon Christ's return at the 2nd Advent, The Almighty King of Kings will remove the devil as ruler of the world and commence His own reign over the earth.

Entering this new civilization will be believers only, since all living unbelievers are removed in the Baptism of Fire.

(Matt 25:31-46, Rev 11:15-19)

Matt 25:31-46 - "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.

32) "All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 33) and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. 34) "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

35) 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; 36) naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' 37) "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? 38) 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 39) 'When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come

to You?' 40) "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' 41) "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; 42) for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; 43) I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.' 44) "Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?' 45) "Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' 46) "These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Matt 25 commentary:

The words "the nations" τὰ ἔθνη, (ta ethne) should be translated "the Gentiles." These are all people, other than Jews, who have lived through the Tribulation period (Joel 3:2, 12). They will be judged individually, not as national groups. They are described as a mingling of sheep and goats, which the Lord will separate.

The King "on His throne" (v. 31) will extend an invitation to those on His right hand, the sheep, to enter the kingdom God had prepared ... since the Creation of the world. The basis of their entrance is

seen in their actions, for they provided food, drink, clothing, and care for the King (vv. 35-36). The King's statement will prompt the sheep to respond that they do not recall ever having ministered directly to the King (vv. 37-39). The King will answer that they performed these services for the least of these brothers of Mine, and by so doing were ministering to the King (v. 40).

The expression "these brothers" must refer to a third group that is neither sheep nor goats. The only possible group would be Jews, physical brothers of the Lord. In view of the distress in the Tribulation period, it is clear that any believing Jew will have a difficult time surviving (24:15-21). The forces of the world dictator will be doing everything possible to exterminate all Jews (Rev. 12:17). A Gentile going out of his way to assist a Jew in the Tribulation will mean that Gentile has become a believer in Jesus Christ during the Tribulation. By such a stand and action, a believing Gentile will put his life in jeopardy. His works will not save him; but his works will reveal that he is redeemed.

25:41-46. To the goats on His left hand (cf. v. 33) the King will pronounce judgment. They will be told, Depart ... into the eternal fire prepared not for men but for the devil and his angels (cf. "the kingdom prepared," v. 34). The basis of their judgment will be their failure to extend mercy to the remnant of Jewish believers during the Tribulation. Their lack of righteous works will evidence their unconcern (vv. 42-44; vv. 35-36). Such individuals will sympathize with the world dictator and support his cause. They will be

removed from the earth and will be cast into "eternal fire" (v. 41) to undergo eternal punishment (v. 46). With all wickedness removed in the various judgments at the Second Advent, the kingdom will begin on earth with only saved individuals in physical bodies constituting the earthly kingdom as the King's subjects. Glorified saints from Old Testament times and the church, the bride of Christ, will also be present to share in the reign of the King of kings.

Louis A. Barbieri Jr., "Matthew," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 80-81.

Baptism of Fire - At the 2nd Advent of Christ, all Tribulation Gentile unbelievers will be removed from the earth and identified with literal fire. They will be confined to Torments for the 1000 years of the Millennium, only to await the last judgement (GWT) and their ultimate transfer to the eternal lake of fire. (**Matt 3:11**, **Luke 3:16**)

Matt 3:11 - "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

The Lord will begin His reign in fulfillment of the unconditional covenants to Israel. Remember that the Church age has ended at the Rapture of believers which happened before the Millennium started. The focus now shifts back to the Jews.

Regenerate Jews will be regathered and turned to the promised land as citizens of restored client nation Israel, (**11:11-16, 14:1-4, Joel 2:16, Zech 10:6-12**) and Jesus Christ, the son of David, will ascend David's throne in capital city Jerusalem (**Luke 1:32, Acts 2:29-30**).

In this kingdom, a Universal Government will be established with Jesus Christ as the Ruler. The whole world will be under His rule. He will rule with righteous jurisprudence.

Jurisprudence - "the study, knowledge, or science of law."

(Jewish Prophecy fulfilled) (**Isa 9:6-7, 11:4, Rev 2:27**).

Isa 9:6-7 - For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7) There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

Will we be there?

In the Millennium, resurrected believers from all previous dispensations will share in the blessings of the kingdom alongside millennial citizens.

Resurrected Church Age believers will have already received their resurrection bodies. Old testament saints will receive their resurrection body when they return at the 2nd advent with Christ. Some believers will co-reign with Christ in the Millennium kingdom. Believers will still live in the Millennial kingdom with no resurrection body. They will still be in their earthly bodies.

At the end of the 1000 years those believers will get their resurrection body.

[Where did old testaments saints go when they died?](#)

[When will they get their resurrection bodies?](#)

The Old Testament believers went to a place of comfort and rest called "Paradise" when they died. The Old Testament taught life after death and that everyone who departed from this life went to a place of conscious existence. The general term for this place was Scheol, which could be translated "the grave" or "the place of the dead." The wicked were there ([Psalm 9:17](#); [31:17](#); [49:14](#); [Isaiah 5:14](#)), and so were the righteous ([Genesis 37:35](#); [Job 14:13](#); [Psalm 6:5](#); [16:10](#); [88:3](#); [Isaiah 38:10](#)).

The New Testament equivalent of Scheol is Hades. [Luke 16:19-31](#) shows that, prior to Christ's resurrection, Hades ([described as the place of the dead in Greek](#)) was divided into two realms: a place of comfort where Lazarus was ([Abraham's bosom/Paradise](#)) and a place of ([torments](#)) where the rich man was ([hell](#)). Lazarus's place of comfort is elsewhere called "[paradise](#)" ([Luke 23:43](#)). The place

of torments is called "Gehenna" in the Greek in [Mark 9:45](#). Between paradise and hell (the two districts of Hades) there was "a great chasm" ([Luke 16:26](#)). The fact that no one could cross this chasm indicates that, after death, one's fate is sealed.

Today, when an unbeliever dies, he follows the Old Testament unbelievers to the torments side of Hades. At the final judgment, Hades will be emptied before the Great White Throne, where its occupants will be judged prior to entering the lake of fire. ([Revelation 20:13-15](#)). This is at the end of the Millennium.

On the other hand, when a believer dies today, he is "present with the Lord" in heaven ([2 Corinthians 5:6-9](#)). There, he joins the Old Testament saints who have been enjoying their reward for thousands of years.

A resurrection awaits everyone—either a resurrection to eternal life (believers) or a resurrection at the end of the Millennium (unbelievers), to "shame and everlasting contempt" ([Daniel 12:2, 12:13, Acts 24:15, John 5:28-29](#)). Christ being the first fruits, (very first and currently the only resurrected person) After Him, The Bible clearly states that New Testament

(Church age) believers who have died will be resurrected next at the event we call the rapture of the church ([1 Thessalonians 4:16-17](#)), followed by the living believers. Old Testament saints will be resurrected at the end of the Tribulation when Jesus returns to

earth to set up His millennial kingdom. (Dan. 12:13, Matt 24:3, Rev. 20:4)