

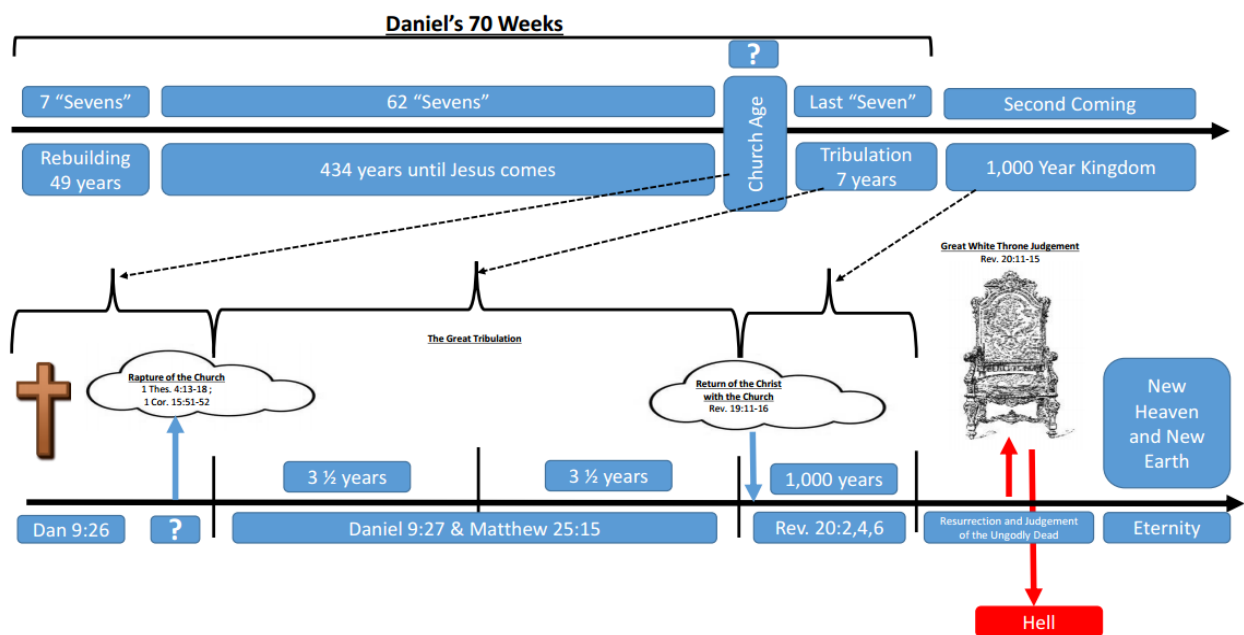
Lesson 9- “What On Earth Is The Millennium?”

Revelation 20:1-10

“Almost everyone knows the lyrics to the Isaac Watts famous hymn “Joy to the World”, but few people realize that it was not a Christmas hymn...Did mankind receive the King when Jesus was born? Has nature rejoiced at the coming of Christ? Has the curse been lifted from the earth? Is Jesus ruling the nations of the world? ...The words to this great hymn more accurately describe the coming Millennium.”¹

1. THREE PERSPECTIVES OF THE MILLENNIUM² (Latin- *mille* means thousand plus *annum* means years; a thousand years)

- A. **Post-Millennialism**- Christ’s Second Coming will occur *after* the Millennium.
 - Originated by Daniel Whitby, a Unitarian.
 - The Church will usher in the Kingdom and transform the world; things are getting better and better.
- B. **A- Millennialism**- There is *no* literal Millennium.
 - The thousand years is purely symbolic of the spiritual reign of the Church now.
 - Proponents do not hold to literal interpretation of the Bible.
- C. **Pre- Millennialism**- Christ’s Second Coming will occur *before* the Millennium; His coming will inaugurate it.
 - The oldest interpretation of Rev. 20:1-10 in Church history.



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2. FOUR PURPOSES OF THE MILLENNIUM

- A. **To Reward the People of God:** More responsibility and opportunity to serve are our Reward from Him.
- B. **To Respond to the Prophets Predictions:** Ps. 72:11; Is. 9:7; Is. 60:21; Zech. 9:10; Lk. 1:32-33
- C. **To Receive the Answer to the Disciples’ Prayer:** “...your *Kingdom* come. Your will be done *on earth*...”
- D. **To Reemphasize Man’s Depravity and the Necessity of Christ’s Death:** Even this millennial dispensation will end in failure when Satan is released; a perfect environment and perfect justice does not touch the deprived and Adamic nature.

3. FIVE PROFILES OF THE MILLENNIUM

- A. **It Will Be a Time of Peace:** Micah 4:3; Is. 11:9
- B. **It Will Be a Time of Prosperity:** Ezek. 34:26-27; Amos 9:13
- C. **It Will Be a Time of Purity:** Zech. 13:2; 8:23
- D. **It Will Be a Time of Prolonged Life:** Isaiah 65:20
- E. **It Will Be a Time of Personal Joy:** Isaiah 14:7; Phil. 2:10-11

¹ David Jeremiah; *Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven- Study Guide; Turning Point; 2009; p.110*

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