

**Millennium-1,000 Year Kingdom
Reign of Christ in Revelation
20:1-10**

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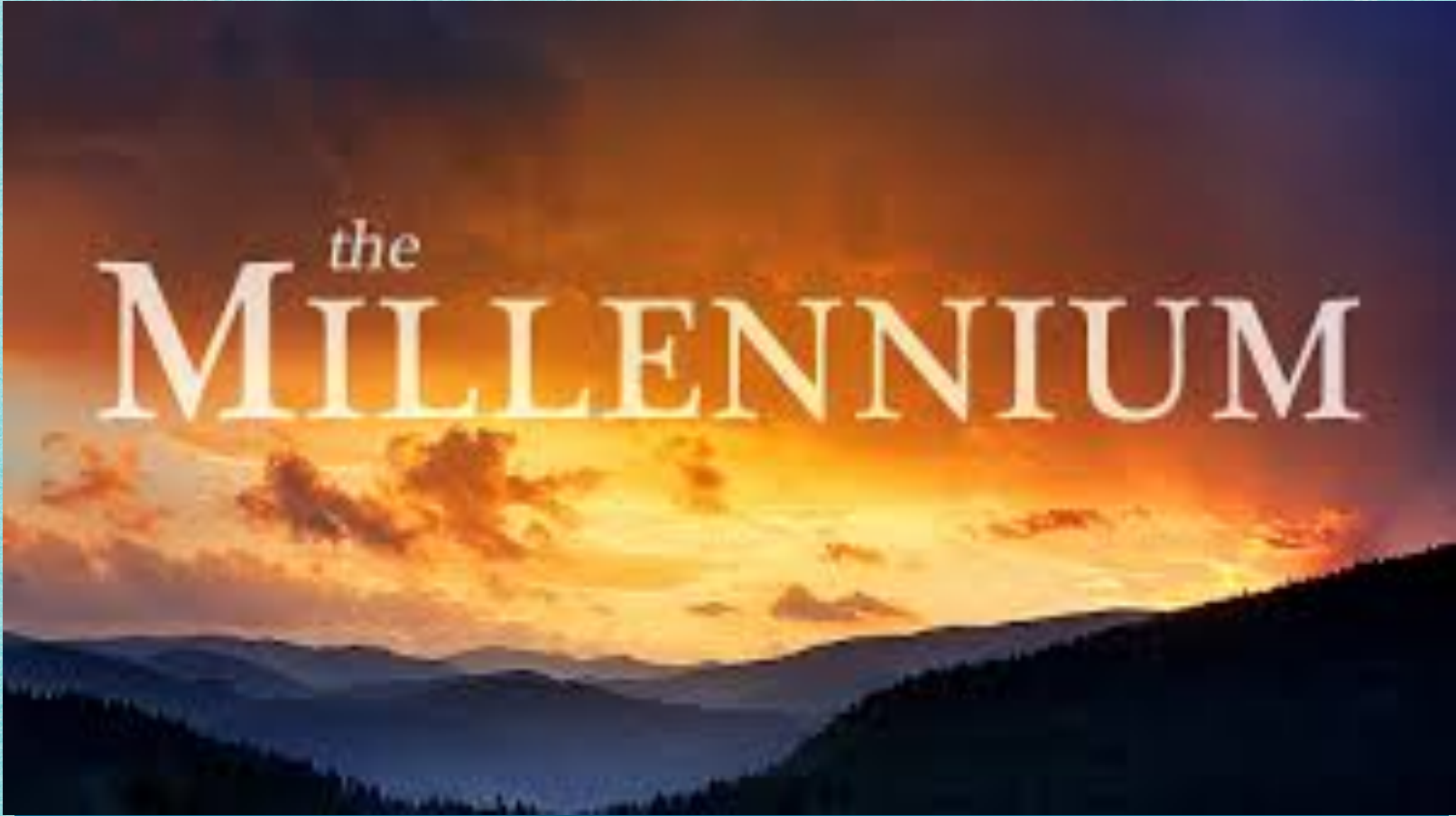
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Rule for Thousand Years

Revelation 20:1-3, 4

The Thousand Years

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The background of the title card is a landscape photograph. It shows a range of mountains under a sky filled with dramatic, fiery clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and red, suggesting a sunset or a fire. The foreground features dark, silhouetted hills. The entire image is framed by a teal border.

the MILLENNIUM

Meaning of the Word : Millennium

Latin Background

The term Millennium is taken from two Latin words “**mille**” which means **thousand**, and “**annum**” which mean **years**. When the two Latin words are combined that word simply means **one thousand years**.

What Is the: Millennium

This will be a period of time in which **Jesus Christ** will **reign** on the earth for **1,000 years** in fulfillment of many prophecies. During this rule of Christ, Satan will be **bound** and **sealed** in a bottomless pit, so he will have **no influence** to deceive mankind.

Is Satan Bound Now?

Revelation 20:1-3

Is Satan Bound Today?

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Is Satan bound today

“It is generally held, even by those denying the literalness of the thousand years period, that the angel, heaven, the pit, Satan, the nations, and the resurrection mentioned in this chapter are literal.” Dwight Pentecost, *Things to Come*, p. 491

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| 1. Satan | 4. Nations |
| 2. Bottomless Pit | 5. Heaven |
| 3. Angel | 6. Resurrection |

Numbers in Regard to Time in Revelation Should be Taken as Literal

Revelation 20:4

John Walvoord - Revelation (Chicago, Moody, 1966) p. 288

“There is no solid evidence that any of the numbers in Revelation referring to time periods should not be taken as literal.”

Robert Thomas - Revelation (Chicago, Moody, 1995) p. 408

“No (time period) number in Revelation is verifiably a symbolic number”

Revelation 18:8 “Her plagues shall come in *one day*”

Revelation 11:11 “And after *three and a half days* the spirit of life from God entered into them.”

Revelation 11:3 “And they shall tread under foot **forty two months**” (3 1/2 years)

“Teleo” End Point of the Millennium Should be Taken as Literal

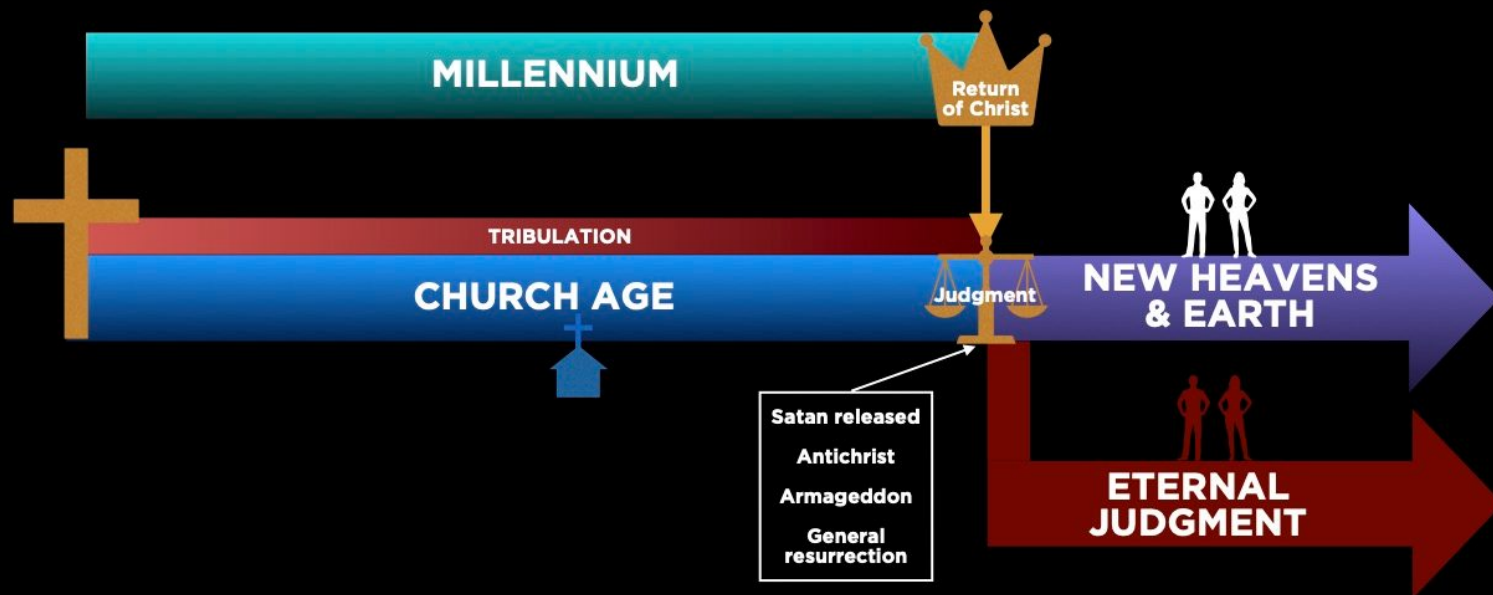
Revelation 20:3,5,7

Rev. 20:3 “Till the thousand years should be fulfilled (teleo)

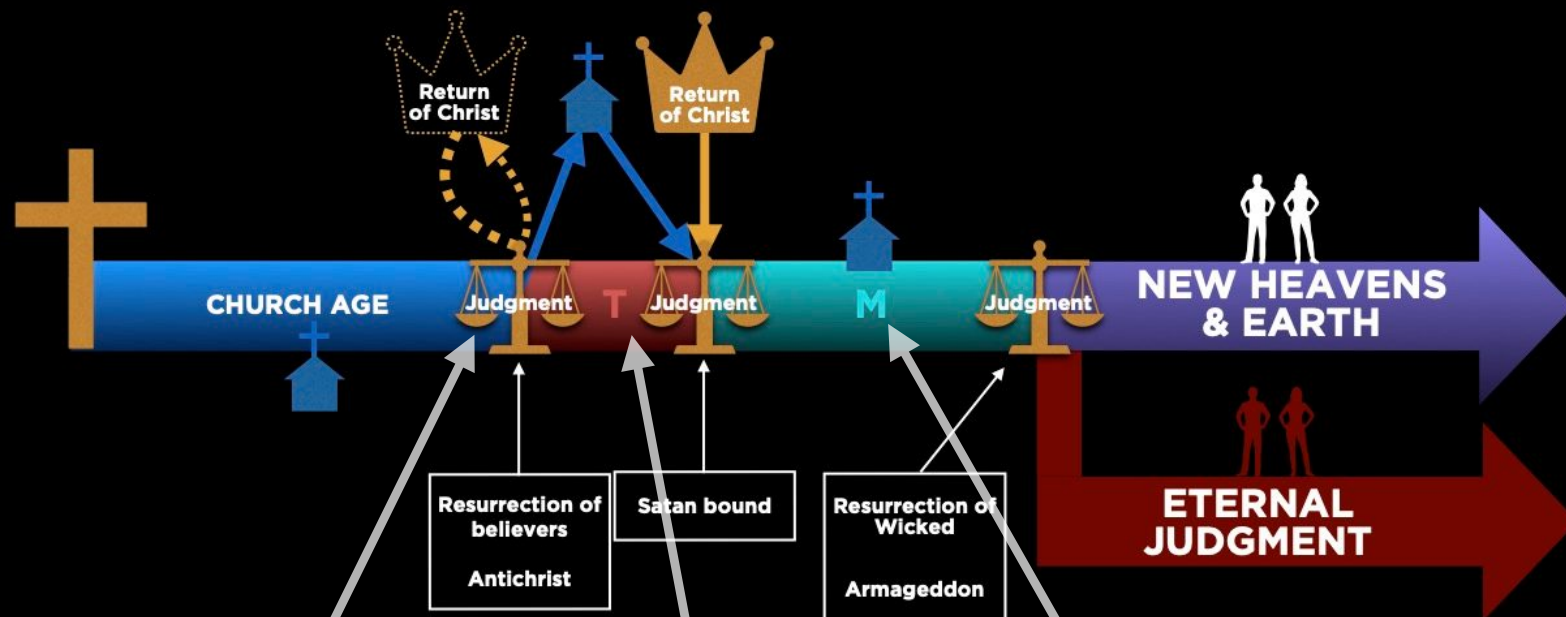
Rev. 20:5 “Till the thousand years were finished (teleo)

Rev. 20:7 “And when the thousand years were expired (teleo)

AMILLENNIALISM



DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM

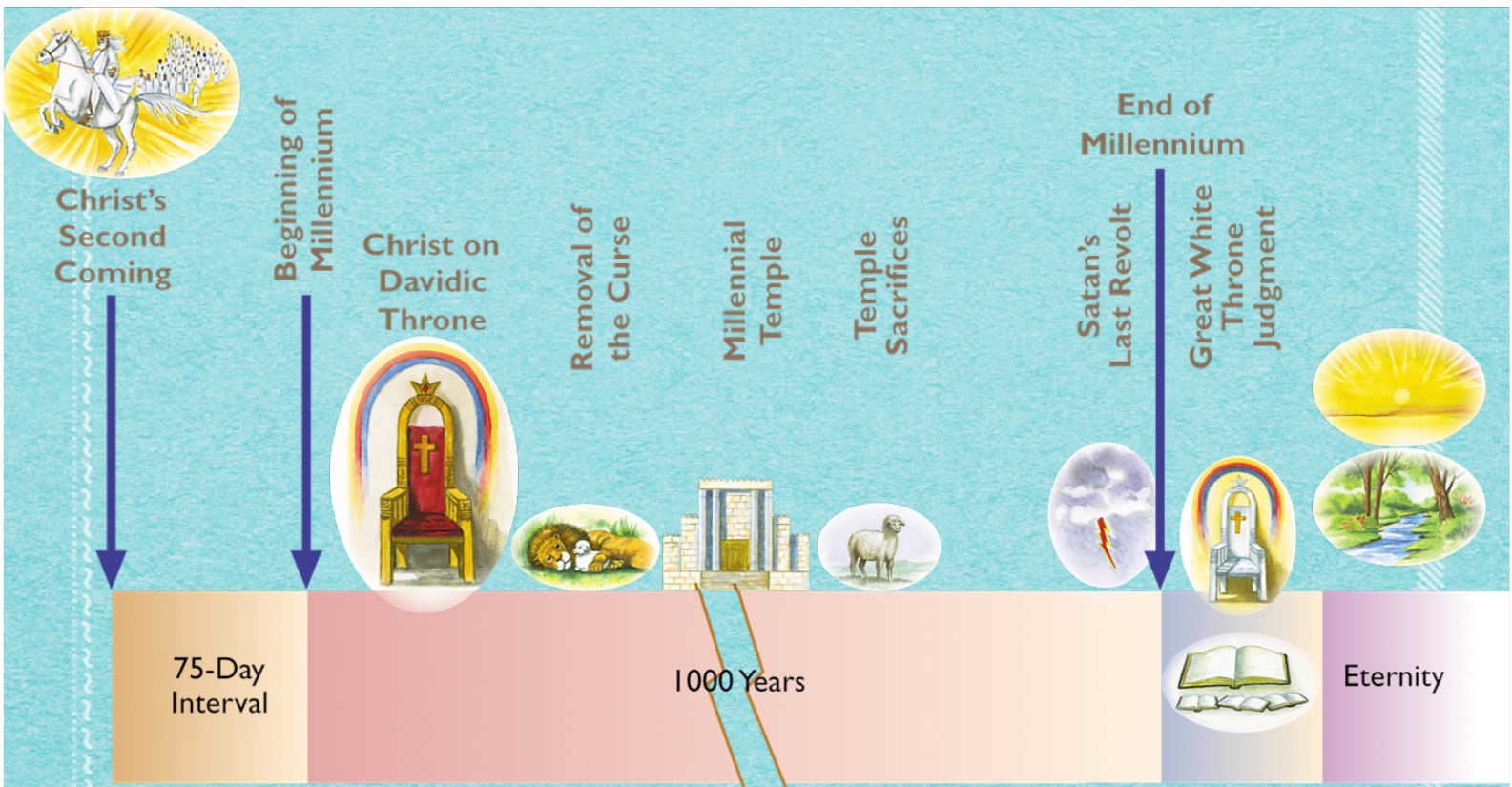


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Rapture
John 14:1-3
1 Thess 4:13-18
1 Corinthians 15:51-53

Tribulation
Revelation 6-19
Jeremiah 30:7 "Time of Jacob's Trouble"
Matthew 24:4-51

Millennium
Isaiah 32:1-20
Isaiah 11:1-16
Revelation 20:4



Four Reasons There Must Be a Millennium

Four Reasons

1. To Reward the Believers – People of God

2 Timothy 2:12 – “If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with him”

Revelation 5:10 – “And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”

2. To Fulfill Old Testament and New Testament Prophecy

3. “Thy Kingdom Come Thy Will be Done on Earth As it is in Heaven” **Matt 6:10**

4. To Show the Depravity of Man (in a perfect environment) and the necessity of Christ’s death

When Will the Millennium Begin?

Beginning of Kingdom

- 1. Second Coming of Christ**
- 2. Defeat of the AntiChrist and False Prophet**
- 3. Binding of Satan**
- 4. Raising of the Tribulation Saints**

What Needs to Happen First

Before the Millennium Begins there must be a number of Future Events found in Revelation 19-20

Revelation 11:17	You have taken great power to yourself and reigned
Revelation 19:1	I Heard...the voice of many people saying Hallelujah
Revelation 19:11	I Saw..heaven opened..white horse...judge and make war
Revelation 19:17	I Saw...an angel cried with a loud voice
Revelation 19:19	I Saw...the beast and kings of the earth gather armies
Revelation 19:20	False prophet and AntiChrist judged
Revelation 20:1-2	I Saw Satan bound for 1,000 years
Revelation 20:4	I Saw (tribulation saints) reigned with Christ for 1,000

Who Will Be in the Millennium?

Who Will Be There?

Church Rev. 20:4

Resurrected Tribulation Saints - Rev. 20:4

Faithful of the Tribulation (who were not martyred)

Old Testament Saints

“I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. (Matt 8:11)

Resurrections in Revelation 20:4

Interpret the Text Consistently

Amillennialists argue that the resurrection in Revelation 20:4 called the “first resurrection” is a spiritual resurrection that takes place throughout the present age. And the “rest of the dead” in verse 5 is a literal resurrection unto judgment. (Robert Gentry, William Cox)

Amillennialists teach the one is spiritual and there other is literal within the same context.

It this good Bible interpretation?

Three Reasons the Literal View

Revelation 20:4

1. The Word resurrection “Anastasia” is used 42 times in the New Testament. It is never used to mean spiritual “regeneration”, but resurrection to physical life.
2. This interpretation forces us to interpret the word “lived” (Zoe - ezesan the aorist form of the verb past tense) in verse 4 in a different manner than the same word in verse 5.

“Because both the first and second resurrections are described in identical terminology, ezesan, and because no qualifying adjectives or adverbs or anything else indicates that the two resurrection are different in kind, the attempt to make them different appears to be arbitrary” (Millard Erickson 1998, p. 99)

3. ***The grammar of the passage indicates that the entire group of saints begin its reign together and continue this reign for the entire 1,000 years.***

Millennialist William Cox writes, “We believe entrance to the on-going millennium is gained solely through new birth, and that John refers to this as first resurrection.” (Cox, 1966, p. 4)

The Curse of Sin Will Be Removed

Millennium

Isaiah 35:1 – “The solitary place and the wilderness shall blossom like a rose”

Isaiah 65:25 – “The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.”

Christ Will Reign as King

Millennium

Isaiah 33:21 - “There the glorious Lord...for the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our King.”

Psalms 22:28 - “The kingdom is the Lord’s and He is the *governor of the nations*.”

v. 27 “All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord; and all the kindreds (tribes) shall worship before thee.”

Isaiah 24:23 - “Then the moon shall be confounded (light shall wane -NIV) and the sun ashamed (light of the sun fade - NIV) when the Lord of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.”

Isaiah 32:1 – “Behold the King shall rule in righteousness and his rulers with justice.”

Christ's Reign Will Be Peaceful

Prince of Peace

Isaiah 2:4 - “They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hook, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and they will not learn war anymore.

v. 3 – “and he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his ways...his Word shall go out of Zion.

Zechariah 9:10 - “Battle bow shall be cut off, he shall speak peace to the nations, his dominion shall be from sea to sea and ends of the earth.

Christ Will Reign over Israel

Over National, Restored, United Israel

Luke 1:32-33 Son of the highest shall be great, The Lord shall give to him the throne of his father David and he shall reign over the house of David forever and of his kingdom there shall be no end

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

Isaiah 24:23 - “Then the moon shall be confounded and the sun ashamed when the **Lord of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion** and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.” (before the elders in great glory NIV).

Jerusalem will be the Capitol City of Israel and the World

Jerusalem Beautiful for Situation

Zechariah 14:9 - “The Lord shall be King over all the earth, and in that Day there shall be one Lord, his name one.”

Psalms 48:1 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.”
“Sides of the north” a place of great eminence – James Gunn -

Ezekiel 43:2,5,7 “And, behold, the glory of the God (Shekinah Glory) of Israel came from the way of the east; ... and the earth shined with his glory...His glory filled the temple...I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever.”

Christ Will Be Worshipped

Millennium

Psalms 22:28 - “The kingdom is the Lord’s and He is the *governor of the nations*.”

v. 27 “All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord; and all the kindreds (tribes) shall worship before thee.”

Zechariah 6:12-13 “Tell him this is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the Lord. It is he who will build the temple of the Lord, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.’”

Ezekiel 44:15 “But the Levitical priests, who are descendants of Zadok and who guarded my sanctuary when the Israelites went astray from me, are to come near to minister before me; they are to stand before me to offer sacrifices.”

A Reign of Joy and Singing

Joyous Worship

Isaiah 12:1-6 – v. 6 “Great is the Holy One in the midst of thee.”

v. 3 With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation!

v. 5 “Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.”

Zephaniah 3:14- “Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! For the King of Israel is with you...”

Isaiah 51:1

Joyous Worship

“Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.”

Application

God Has a Plan

- 1. God has a plan and purpose for the events of the Tribulation**
- 2. God has a plan and purpose for the Exact time of the Rapture.**
- 3. God has a plan and purpose for the beginning and the ending of the 1,000 year reign of Christ.**
- 4. God has a plan and purpose for your life**