

The Millennium: The Final Sabbath of God

Scripture reading: Revelation 20:4

In the millennium the gospel will be preached to the people, and with the LACK of a tempter and an accuser and a coercer and one that plays tricks upon humanity to get him to sin. That is, in the absence of this thing, man will have a much better chance to know God and to see heaven and to live in Christ. This will happen for "*a thousand years*." This thousand-year period is THE SABBATH.

God took six days in which He did His work, and on the seventh day He rested. Everything that God made and began to make in each of those six days was completed (came to fruition) in the same day, in the thousand-year day. Remember, "*one day is with the LORD as a thousand years, and a thousand years is as one day*" (2 Peter 3:8). When the six thousand years are over, the completed man will come forth in God. This means in our time. THIS MEANS NOW! We are way up there at the end of the sixth day, and we are about to come to the dawn of the seventh day. Remember, the day begins in the evening. "*And the evening and the morning were the sixth day*" (Genesis 1:31b). The evening of the sixth day is actually the beginning of the seventh day. As the seventh day begins, it goes into darkness, and then it comes with light blazing forth. This darkness that we are about to go into, this final phase of darkness (for we are now in the darkness) is going to bring us to the brink where midnight passes over and the day begins to dawn.

The last phrase of Revelation 20:3 says that after this millennium, in the eighth day, the devil "*must be loosed a little season*." We do not know how much time that "*little season*" will be. Really at this point of time, it does not really concern us; it is not really a part of our gospel to even understand what is going to happen on the eighth day, although it might well be here in Scripture.

Revelation 20:4, "*And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*"

The Word is talking about a group of people who will live and reign "*with Christ (for) a thousand years*." This group is the Firstfruits company or the Man child company.

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Thought for today: Strive to be part of the Firstfruits company that will reign and rule with Christ for a thousand years.