

THE FIRST SECOND OF 1,000 YEARS



The Moment of the Millennium

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Have you ever experienced a sudden - even dramatic - turn for the better? That's the precise moment of the Millennium - that split-second after the Second Coming of Christ when the human struggle on earth is over!

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THE LIE



A DRUM BEAT OF DECEPTION OVERSHADOWS HUMAN LIFE

The myth of the immortal soul: a lie from the beginning to the end

- Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die" (Gen 3:4).
- "When his soul went from his body he journeyed with a great company ... He saw, by each opening of heaven and earth, the souls departing after judgment had been passed on them, while, by the other pair of openings, souls full of squalor and dust came up from the one in the earth, and from the second came down from heaven a second procession of souls clean and pure" (Plato, *Republic* 10.614-621).
- "Some think that the body (soma) is the grave (sāma) of the soul" (Plato, *Cratylus* 400b).
- "They are full of fear because the soul goes to God without the cover of the body" (Plato, *Cratylus* 403b).

DEATH



A DRUM BEAT OF DEATH ACCOMPANIES THE RHYTHM OF SCRIPTURE

The Genesis Irony - a book of beginnings turns into a record of ruin

- **Adam & Eve** → **Cain & Abel** . . . that moment when life stares into the eyes of death!
- **Noah** (950 years)
- **Patriarchs: Shem** (600) · **Arphaxad, Shela, Eber** (400s) · **Peleg, Reu, Serug** (200s) · **Nahor** (148)
- **Abraham** (175) · **Isaac** (180) · **Jacob** (147) · **Levi** (137) · **Kohath** (133) · **Amram** (137) · **Moses** (120)

The end of Genesis: "So Joseph died, *being* 110 years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt" (Gen 50:26) - *and then a thousand sacrifices and millions of burials ever after ...*

DEFIANCE



GOD DETESTS DEATH

- **Enoch:** "And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him" (Gen 5:24).
- **Job:** "And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, **yet in my flesh shall I see God**" (Job 19:26)!
- **Moses** was granted early access the Heaven - God raised him up ahead of time (Jude 9)!
- **Elijah:** "suddenly a chariot of fire *appeared* with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; **and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven ... So Elisha saw him no more**" (2 Kings 2:11-12).
- **Daniel:** "But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, **and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days**" (Daniel 12:13).
- **Jesus** interrupted every funeral He attended! His own death was swiftly punctuated by His resurrection!
- **Believers:** interlocked with Christ (1 Thess 4:14)! *His death & resurrection = our eternal life!*

THE MILLENNIAL WEEK



"Dry Land"

THE INFINITE INTERRUPTION

①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
Adam	Noah	Moses	Jesus	Church	Remnant ✨	Rest
1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000	7000

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Rev 21:4).



- “And I saw/heard” = Then? (Rev 5:1,2,6,11; 6:1,2,5,6,12; 7:2; 8:2,13; 9:1; 10:1; 13:1,11; 14:1,6,14; 15:1,2; 16:13; 17:3,16; 18:1; 19:11,17,19; 20:1,4,11,12; 21:1)
- Rev 20-21: specific chronological sequence, not consecutive sensation - *with eager anticipation!*
- 1,000 years: duration towards completion - contrast: Satan bound vs. saved reigning with Christ (20:4, 6).
- 1,000 Texts: Ps 90:4; 2 Pet 3:8 comparisons, not correlations. Luke 10:35: 2 denari = 2,000 years is allegorical, and Hosea 6:1-3 - 2 days, 3rd day has no direct relation.

THE PRINCIPLE OF PAUSE



SABBATH REST RESTORED

Lev 26:31-35 “I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas. 32 I will bring the **land** to desolation, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it. 33 I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your **land** shall be desolate and your cities waste. 34 Then the **land** shall enjoy its **sabbaths** as long as it lies desolate and you *are* in your enemies’ **land**; then the **land** shall **rest** and enjoy its **sabbaths**. 35 As long as *it* lies desolate it shall **rest**—for the time it did not **rest** on your **sabbaths** when you dwelt in it.”

2 Chron 36:20-21 “And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon ... **until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.**”

Jer 4:23-28 (→ **GC 658-659**) “I beheld the earth, and indeed *it was* without form, and void; and the heavens, they *had no light*. 24 I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, and all the hills moved back and forth. 25 I beheld, and indeed *there was no man*, and all the birds of the heavens had fled. 26 I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of the LORD, by His fierce anger. 27 For thus says the LORD: “**The whole land shall be desolate; yet I will not make a full end.**”

PROPHETIC PERSPECTIVES



6,000 YEARS OF SIN

Ellen White: “for six thousand years”: 40x · “about six thousand years”: 4x · “over six thousand years: 1x

Example: “and that the world is now only **about six thousand years** old” (ST March 20, 1879 par. 4).

4,000: 65x - “But Jesus accepted humanity when the race had been weakened by **four thousand years** of sin” (DA 48). “For **four thousand years** the race had been decreasing in physical strength, in mental power, and in moral worth; and Christ took upon Him the infirmities of degenerate humanity. Only thus could He rescue man from the lowest depths of his degradation” (DA 117). “Christ was standing at the point of transition between two economies and their two great festivals. He, the spotless Lamb of God, was about to present Himself as a sin offering, that He would thus bring to an end the system of types and ceremonies that for **four thousand years** had pointed to His death” (DA 652).

1890: “The continual transgression of man **for over six thousand years** has brought sickness, pain, and death as its fruit” (*Christian Temperance & Bible Hygiene*, 154). **1913 Counsels to Parents & Teachers, 467:** **for nearly six thousand years**

Claim @ Jackson Camp Meeting: Close of Probation October 1884 → “I there stated in public that the Lord had been pleased to show me that **there would be no definite time in the message given of God since 1844**” (2SM 73 1885).

RH October 9, 1894 par. 10 “God has not revealed to us the time when this message will close, or when probation will have an end. Those things that are revealed we shall accept for ourselves and for our children; but let us not seek to know that which has been kept secret in the councils of the Almighty. It is our duty to watch and work and wait, to labor every moment for the souls of men that are ready to perish.”

10 MR 270.1 “Our position has been one of waiting and watching, **with no time-proclamation to intervene between the close of the prophetic periods in 1844 and the time of our Lord’s coming.**”

Ms1-185.1 “The Lord showed me that the message must go, and that it must never be hung on time, **for time never will be a test again.** I saw that some were getting a false excitement arising from preaching time; that the third angel’s message can stand on its own foundation, and that **it needs not time to strengthen it**, and that it will go in mighty power and do its work, and will be cut short in righteousness.”

RH Nov 27, 1900.3 [Ms32-1896.34] “God gives no man a message that it will be 5 years or 10 years or 20 years before this earth’s history shall close.” Contra AG Daniells, Lt 34-1887.10: “*Within 5 years*” - “Let no such remarks be made. They do no good. Seek not to obtain a revival upon any such grounds, but let due caution be used in every word uttered, that fanatical ones will not cease any thing they can get to create an excitement and the Spirit of the Lord be grieved.”

4T 307 “The definite time of our Lord’s coming is declared to be beyond the ken of mortals. Even the angels who minister unto those who shall be heirs of salvation know not the day nor the hour.”

GC 370 “Though no man knows the day or the hour of His coming, we are instructed and required to know when it is near.”

🔥 In the end, safe and secure from all alarms - forever, and ever! “Although the whole earth, with the exception of that portion where the city rests, will be wrapped in a sea of liquid fire, **yet the city is preserved as was the ark, by a miracle of Almighty power. It stands unharmed amid the devouring elements**” (3SG 87). **God wants YOU where He is!**