

**CHRISTIANITY**

The Millennium



will be resurrected before the millennium. They will rule with Christ and will be priests of God and Christ (Revelation 20:4). The unbelieving dead will wait for the second resurrection (Revelation 20:5).

After the thousand years, Satan will be released and will again resume his work of deceit (Revelation 20: 7-8).

The most important aspect of the millennium is the reign of Christ. Peter taught that Christ now rules from the right hand of God (Acts 2:33-36). that rule will last until His enemies are made His footstool "The Lord said to my Lord, "sit at My right hand, till I make your enemies Your footstool" (Psalms 110:1). The apostle Paul also understood Christ to be presently reigning in a period designed to bring all of God's enemies underfoot (Corinthians 15:25-27). Thus the impact of Christ's present rule over the earth from God's right hand must not be seen as unrelated to His future reign during the millennium.

The millennium is viewed by interpreters in several different ways. One position holds that the millennium only refers to Christ's spiritual rule today from heaven. This symbolic view is known as the amillennial interpretation. Another position views Christ's spiritual rule as working through preaching and teaching to bring gradual world improvement leading up to Christ's return. This is the postmillennial view.

A thorough reading and study of the scriptures referred to above will serve to give a clear understanding of the millennium and how Christ intends it to effect us.

The millennium is defined as being the thousand-year period mentioned in connection with the description of Christ's coming to reign with His saints over the earth (Revelations 20:1-9). Many Old Testament passages are reputed to refer to the millennium. ( Isaiah 11:4; Jeremiah 3:17; Zechariah 14:9).

These and many other Old Testament passages are often taken to refer only to the thousand-year period itself. However, it is often difficult in these passages to see a clear dividing line between the earthly period of the millennium and the eternal state of new heavens and earth. Therefore, it is best to let one's teaching about the millennium be drawn specifically from words in Revelation 20. The other great promises to Israel, while they may have a temporary fulfillment in the thousand years, still await the fulness of the new heavens and new earth and the unhindered presence of Israel's king and the church's husband - Jesus Christ our Lord.

During that thousand-year period, Satan will be bound in the bottomless pit so he will not deceive the nations until his short release (Revelations 20:3,-7-8). The faithful martyrs who have died for the cause of Christ

**What's Cook 'n?**

**Old Fashion Sweet Potatoe Casserole**



- 4 cups sweet potatoes (cubed)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 teaspoons softened butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup flour
- 3 Teaspoons butter
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Put sweet potatoes in a medium sausepan with water to cover.

Cook over medium heat until tender, drain and mash. In large bowl mix together the sweet potatoes, sugar, eggs, butter, milk and vanilla.

Mix ingredients until smooth. Pout into 9 x 12 baking dish. In medium bowl mix sugar and flour. Cut into butter until course. Stir in pecans. Sprinkle over the sweet potatoe mixture. Bake in preheated oven thirty minutes or until the topping is lightly brown.

**Orange Julius**

- 6 oz. can frozen orange juice
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 10 ice cubes

Put all ingredients in blender and mix until ice is well crushed. Pour into glasses or cups. Servess 4.

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