

Tough Questions for Millenarians (Chiliasts), or Believers in a Thousand Years of Blessedness

Lu. 17.20-37 And when he was asked by the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation. Neither will they say, Lo here! or lo there! for behold, the kingdom of God is within you. And he said to his disciples, The days will come, when ye will desire to see one of the days of the son of man, and ye shall not see it. And they will say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them. For as the lightning that lighteneth from the one part under heaven, shineth to the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day. But first he must suffer many things, and be rejected by this generation. And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark; and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot: they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all: Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. In that day, he who shall be upon the house-top, and his furniture in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife. Whoever shall seek to save his life, shall lose it; and whoever shall lose his life, shall preserve it. I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed; the one will be taken, and the other will be left. Two women will be grinding together; the one will be taken, and the other left. Two men will be in the field; the one will be taken, and the other left. And they answered and said to him, Where Lord? And he said to them, Wherever the body is, thither will the eagles be collected (Webster's Version).

The majority view of the Church catholic has been that the millennium or thousand years, are not only figurative precepts of the spiritual kingdom, but that this gospel millennium now reigns. Among Baptists the author knows of no creed until the 1855 revision of the New Hampshire Confession, the Southern Baptist Convention's foundational creed, which taught a millennial reign, saving Dr John Gill. This means the unbroken chain of the Baptist family tracing back to the Lord's promise to Cephas have not ascribed to chiliasm. The most popular view of this department of eschatology today is dispensational premillenarianism; each view

Ryan La Fleur Psalm 60.4, 61.5, 100.5, 115.1, 130.5 AV, host, Strict & Particular Baptist Radio has ebbed and flowed in time. Postmillennialism, popular among the Puritans, likewise has waxed or waned in popularity. The common thread between each is an interpretation of Apocalypse 20 with the prophets that a literal 1000 year reign shall transpire; they debate about the timing whether it is prior to or after this date. The author, after careful study, poses the following questions for brethren deceived away from the resurrection promises, from the glorious gospel of grace ruling as well as reigning, in all hope, verity, charity. The author welcomes all attempts to answer all these questions with scriptural proof texts to be sent to particularbaptist1695@gmail.com provided they adhere to Christian decency.

- I. Will sinners exist in the millenary?**
- II. Shall these sinners, assuming they exist, require evangelization?**
- III. When does the Spirit of truth return to heaven to sit on the left of the Father with the Son on the right hand?**
- IV. Will the unrighteous procreate?**
- V. How can all the armies of the earth compass the whole breadth of it?**
- VI. When do men inhabit their glorified bodies?**
- VII. Will human government be required in the millenary?**
- VIII. If King Jesus reigns in Jerusalem, will sinners be subject to Him?**
- IX. How will King Jesus reign anywhere if this present world is destroyed?**
- X. How will King Jesus reign mortally if to Pilate He said that His kingdom is not of this world?**
- XI. If God is the light of the New Jerusalem, will the millenary require human infrastructure?**
- XII. Will physical war occur in the spiritual kingdom should governments disagree, or rebels arise?**
- XIII. What will become of Abbadon in the millenary; when was he bound, and when shall he be loosed; when shall he taste the lick of the furnace if he presently prowls the earth like a roaring lion?**
- XIV. Will the two horns of antichrist and his kingdom be disposed of in this millenary?**
- XV. Will crime exist in this thousand years?**
- XVI. Will men require medical treatment?**

- XLI. When will Christians be judged according to the works they have done in the body, good or bad?**
- XLII. When will Christians be rewarded according to the selfsame?**
- XLIII. Are there weather patters in the millenary?**
- XLIV. Will natural or man-made disasters occur in the millenary?**
- XLV. When will the sinners, small and great, be judged in the millenary?**
- XLVI. If the Apocalypse is a book *signified* to the apostle John, how can it be taken literally in all places?**
- XLVII. If antichrist is a person, when does he appear?**
- XLVIII. What are the traits of antichrist?**
- XLIX. How long is the tribulation?**
- L. How can the tribulation be literal if Joseph, Mary and Jesus literally endured it according to prophecy?**