

The Last Dispensation

Webster, who defined words **in their modern usage**, defines millennium as (2) *Theol.* The period of a thousand years during which Christ will reign on earth. *(Remember he also defined the modern use of the word baptism as (1) the rite of admitting a person into a Christian church by dipping him in water or sprinkling water on him (2) an initiating experience.* Thayer, the Greek scholar, defined baptism as it was used in the New Testament (2) to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water)*

**Act 2:47 ... And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*

- The “*millennial*” doctrine basically states that **Christ** was not accepted by the **Jews**, thus blindsiding the **all**-knowing **God**, so **He** set up the church as an interim system until **He** returns for another stab at setting up a physical kingdom on earth. By this doctrine, which goes against **Jn 17:4**, **Jesus** would have disappointed **His Father** because **He** wouldn’t have accomplished **His** task. **Jn 17:4**, then, would make **Jesus** out to be a liar.

Joh 17:4 I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do.

- With all the hype over various **false** doctrines of the millennial ages (*pre, present and post*) there are a lot of denominationalists who are promoting scare tactics in such a way, if for nothing else, as to make a name for themselves. And they’ve been promoting their message for generations. Only the names have changed along with the governments of those they do not agree with.

Rom 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Deu 18:22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

- This passage **alone** should have ceased certain denominations from staying in existence because some began as a result of prophesying this lie.

Rev 21:8 ... and **all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. (First death- Rom 6:3)**

- According to certain groups the **Lord** was to return sometime in the late 1800s, sometime in the 1900s (*early, mid or late makes no difference*) and although **He** didn’t return as “*prophesied*” their existence still remains. Talk about “believing the lie” (*2 Thes 2:11*).

Mar 13:32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

- After giving signs to look for in the then coming destruction of **Jerusalem**, **Jesus** went on to speak of the end of **all** things. But this passage is often quoted in such a way as to try

to make us believe that these, self-proclaimed, “*prophets*” have a personal connection with God or that they are more in touch with the spirit realm because they can see the “*signs of the times*” more clearly than the common man.

Mat 16:1 The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired Him that He would shew them a sign from heaven. 2 He answered and said unto them, **When it is evening, ye say, *It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.*** 3 **And in the morning, *It will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowring.*** O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not *discern* the **signs of the times?** 4 **A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign;** and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And He left them, and departed.

- These sects of the Jewish religion didn’t see that the Romans were about to sack Jerusalem (*in AD 70*) believing they were the elite and in good with God because of who they were. So it is with those who promote false doctrines on **this** issue as though they are interpreting the very words of the apostles.

2Th 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto Him, 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter **as from us**, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

- They also like to quote (*more correctly “misquote”*) verses 3-9 but stop there.

2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they **received** (*Gk.1209- accept*) **not** the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong **delusion** (*Gk.4106- fraudulence*), that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

- The truth has always been available for inquiry. As those of Paul’s day had no desire for it so it is with those today who preach these false millennial doctrines.

The End

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom (*the church*) shall be preached **in all the world** for a witness unto **all nations** (*those then in existence since new nations are still emerging*); and **then** shall the end (*of the Mosaic age*) come.

Mar 16:15 ... Go ye into **all the world**, and preach the gospel to **every** creature.

Act 8:4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went **everywhere** preaching the word.

Col 1:23 ... the gospel, which ye **have** heard, *and* which **was** preached to **every** creature which is under heaven; ...

- Jesus was here speaking (*in the 30s AD*) of the coming destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in order to warn His followers to flee. Those who accepted this prophesy did leave when they saw Jerusalem surrounded. Thus Jesus spoke truth. (*Deut 18:22*)

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel (*9:26-27*) the prophet, stand in the holy place (*which is the “type” for the church*), (whoso

readeth, let him understand:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that nurse in those days! 20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day (*Neh 13:19*): 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

*Mat 24:34 Verily I say unto you, **This generation** (Gk1074- a generation; by implication an age [the period or the persons]) shall not pass, till **all** these things be fulfilled.*

*Luk 9:27 But I tell you of a truth, there be **some standing here**, which **shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God** (the arrival of the church in Acts 2).*

Mat 16:28 ..., till they see the Son of man coming (Gk.2068- [figuratively] accompany, appear) in His kingdom.

Heb 8:10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel **after those days**, (*the Mosaic age*) ...

Heb 8:13 In that He saith, A new *covenant*, He hath made the first old (*Gk.3822- declare obsolete*) [*Webster: no longer in use, out of date*]. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is **ready to vanish away**. (*and it did so in 70 AD when Rome destroyed Jerusalem*)

 Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to shew unto His servants things which must **shortly** (*Gk.5034- a brief space [of time]*) **come to pass** (*Gk.1096- be ended*); and He sent and signified *it* by His angel unto His servant John: 2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. 3 Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the **time is at hand**.

- **at hand**- *Gk.1451- near*. This was revealed to the apostle John (*after 70 AD*) almost **two thousand years ago**. Near does not mean “*in the distant future*”. Near gives the idea of happening soon, within the lifetime of the one receiving the message.

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in **these last** (*Gk.2078- final [of place or time]*) **days** spoken unto us by *His* Son, Whom He hath appointed Heir of all things, by Whom also He made the worlds;

- The **Patriarchal age** began in the garden. Later the **Mosaic age** began with the giving of the law of **Moses** which ended at the cross (*Col 2:14*). The Hebrew writer was speaking of the end of the **Mosaic age** here but writing **during** the **Christian age** (*or last days*).

 Jud 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for **the** faith which was once delivered (*past tense*) unto the saints.

- There will be no more prophesies concerning **the** faith, which includes the time of **Christ's coming**. To predict such would be adding to scripture which is sin (*Rev 22:18*).

 The Day of The Lord

1Th 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. **2** For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh **as a thief in the night.** (*A thief never lets you know in advance that he's coming to rob you!.*) **3** For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. **4** But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. (*In other words, you'll be ready.*)

2Pe 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, **by the same word** (*Gen 1:3 And God said,..*) are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. (*Things will end in the same manner they began.*)

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come **as a thief in the night**; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. **11** Seeing then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, **12** Looking for (*Gk.4328- [to watch]; to anticipate [in thought, hope or fear]*) and hasting (*Gk.4692- urge on; to await eagerly*) unto the coming (*Gk.3952- advent [often, return; specifically of Christ to punish Jerusalem, or finally the wicked]*) of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? (*Thus there can be no physical "1,000 year" reign on earth!*)

The Thousand Year Reign

2Pe 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day **is with the Lord as a thousand years**, and a thousand years as one day. (*Not to be taken as literal because time doesn't exist in eternity!*)

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. **2** And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him **a thousand years**, **3** And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, **till the thousand years should be fulfilled**: and after that he must be loosed a little season (*Gk.5550- a space of time or interval*). **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 (*the Roman empire*), neither his image (*Caesar*), neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads (*were not influenced by Rome's decadence*), or in their hands (*did not participate in Rome's idolatries*) (*Rev 13*); and they lived and reigned with Christ **a (figurative) thousand years**. **5** But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. **6** Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection (*Rom 6:4-5*): on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and **shall reign with Him a thousand years.** (*The respite from the persecution of the church under Roman Emperor Constantine, until the final judgment.*) **7** And when the thousand years are expired (*This is the part of the Revelation that has yet to happen!*), Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, **8** And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog (*anti-Christian institutions and beliefs-1 Jn 2:18 ...even now...many antichrists...*), to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea. **9** And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp (*Gk.3925- encampment, barracks, army*) of the saints about, and the beloved city (*the church*): and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. **10** And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone,

where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. **11** And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from Whose face the (*physical*) earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. **12** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. **13** And the sea (*not physical here because the physical sea was destroyed in verse 11. See Rev 7:15; 15:2*) gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell (*Hades*) delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. **14** And death and hell (*Hades*) were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. **15** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

- We will all face physical death (*unless Christ comes first*) but most will face spiritual death being separated from God for eternity. (*Mat 7:13-14*)

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. **21** To him that overcometh (*separated from sin –Rom 6:7*) will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame (*separated from God because of other's sins -Rom 6:10*), and am set down with My Father in His throne.

Eph 2:4 But God, Who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, **5** Even when we were dead in sins, hath **quickened us together with Christ**, (by grace ye are saved;) **6** And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* **sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus** (*the church from where He rules the earth*): **7** That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are **buried with Him** by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so we also** should walk in newness of life. **5** For if we have been **planted together** in the likeness of His death, we shall be **also in the likeness of His resurrection**:

Change

Job 14: 14 If a man die, shall he live *again*? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, **till my change come**.

1Co 15: 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God (*here referring to Heaven*); neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. **51** Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, **52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, **and we shall be changed**.

The Kingdom Passages

Luk 11:2 And He said unto them, **When ye pray, say, Our Father Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.**

- This was for His disciples **then**. We are not to pray this prayer **now** because we are not to anticipate something to come that has already come. The kingdom and the church are synonymous through which His will here, that righteousness exist, is already being done.

Mar 1:14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 And saying, **The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand** (*Gk.1451- near*): repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Mar 9:1 ...there be some of them that stand here, which **shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.**

Act 1:4 And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should **not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise** of the Father, ..

Act 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And He said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power. 8 But ye shall receive power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Act 1:12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they (*the twelve apostles according to 1:26*) were all with one accord in one place (*in Jerusalem*). 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they (*the 12*) were all **filled with the Holy Ghost** (*received power*), and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- The kingdom came on that day of the feast of Pentecost (*fifty days after the Passover*) when the (*figurative*) thousand year reign with Christ began.

Joh 18:36 Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world:** if My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is My kingdom **not from hence.**

Luk 17:20 And when He was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, He answered them and said, **The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.** (*It is a spiritual kingdom!*)

Col 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, Who hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and **hath** (*past tense*) translated (*Gk.3179- to transfer*) **us into the kingdom of His dear Son:** (*Act 2:47 ...the Lord added to the church...*)

- If you have not been added to the Lord's church because you have not experienced the "first resurrection" (*Rom 6/Rev 20*) you need to do so now since neither we nor the angels of Heaven know when He's coming (*Mk 13:32*) during this last dispensation.

Hear: **Romans 10:17** ..."faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Believe: **Heb 11:6** ..."for he that commeth to God must believe that He is"...

Repent: **Lk 13:3** ..."except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess: **Mat 10:32** "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven."

Be baptized: **Acts 22:16** "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Remain faithful: **Rom 6:4** ..."even so we also should walk in newness of life."

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