

Chapter 1 : Project MUSE - The Upcoming Seventh Millennium: Just One Year Away

The Seventh Millennium and its prophecies interpreted through typologies; Daniel J Waddick.

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Chapter 2 : Are we in the 7th Millennium

The seventh millennium of the Gregorian calendar will begin on January 1, , and end on December 31, Astronomical events. These are astronomical dates, so.

Of the two natures, human nature and spirit nature, Br. Russell wrote in R Adam generated no children until first Eve had been taken from his side R The first Adam is the sample of what an earthly body will attain to in the resurrection. The Apostle Paul in this statement from 1 Corinthians Then Christ and the Church will together restore and uplift the world, and bring them back to perfection during the Millennium. Adam was made a living soul since he was given a natural body, which is earthly. Eve was drawn from Adam when his side was opened up after he passed into a deep sleep. Jesus also was caused to pass into a deep sleep, the sleep of death, and then his side was opened up by the spear of the soldier at the cross John From this came blood and water, which represents redemption and the water of the Spirit, by which the Church class is developed. We share the same hopes for glory in the service of God, as our Lord Jesus had. That means that despite the tortuous trials and treatment suffered by Jesus, not one of his prospects for the future was in the least damaged. Upon condition of their obedience to him, they may then obtain everlasting life. Our Redeemer presently enlivens us, in the respect that our old nature has been lifted from condemnation. This allows us to present ourselves in devotion and service to God, in order that we may grow a new life, a spiritual life, a heavenly life, to be secured in the first resurrection. Our renewed standing is then laid down in sacrifice to God for the prospect of a heavenly life above. Our higher prospect is mentioned in Ephesians 2: The period in question, judging by the Hebrew Scriptures, was on the order of years. As we are now on the order of years further, brethren of our fellowship recognize that it is now timely for the blessed Kingdom of God to become established on Earth. By this measure, the six days of labor in the Jewish economy represent years of sin and death, and the sabbath of rest represents the year Millennium of restoration Revelation The gate of the inner court that faces east shall be shut on the six working days, but on the Sabbath day [the 7th day, which represents the Millennial Age of Revelation A Historical Perspective In the days of William Miller and the early Adventist Movement, they supposed years were drawing to a close in the mid s. When Christ did not return as expected, some brethren gave up their faith but others simply recognized that they needed to keep looking. Nelson Barbour was among those. He came to believe that Jesus would return in Therefore, he assumed that years would end about that time. Barbour was a younger associate of Br. Miller, so he followed Br. As far as we know, Br. Barbour did not consider another optionâ€”namely that years would take us to the completion of the Church, rather than simply to the return of Christ. Barbour in Philadelphia in , and accepted the prophetic package, as it seemed reasonable. At the time they anticipated that the Church would be complete in , after that they supposed it would be in , and subsequently the expectation was reset to How could this be explained? Some of the dear brethren seem unaware of the perplexity expressed on this issue by Pastor Russell himself. However, his words are clear and to the point about the uncertainty. It thus surprises us that even some who honor and revere his service bypass the important and specific points he advised brethren of, respecting this. Thus, near the end of the year , the following specific question was submitted to Pastor Russell. If Christ began to reign in , and Satan will not be bound until , the two periods do not seem to synchronize; and â€| both extend beyond the seventh-thousand year period which â€| began in the Autumn of It was not apparent how this synchronized with the then-current view that years had been completed. Pastor Charles Russell continued to affirm his view that the years of Revelation 20 would not commence until the Church was completed. Nor does he express any view other than this, respecting Revelation 20 directly. In R Diagram 3 , you will find a diagram showing years beginning in , when he supposed the Church to be complete. He later supplemented this with the following comments in later years. Then these shall â€| reign with Christ a thousand years Revelation Then for a thousand years the Restitution privileges will be open to the whole world of mankind. It will no longer be necessary to preach; for all will know the Lord, from the least unto the greatest, and unto Him every knee shall bow and every tongue confess. Sometime late in the year , Br. Russell changed the chart to accord with the expression cited just above. The reason seems apparent.

Strictly speaking, the years of Revelation A perceptive awareness of these points is the foundation for a recent presentation by Br. This presentation is specially excellent for brethren with high regard for the teaching of Pastor Russell. What is the Answer? What, then, is the answer to the question that has spurred so much discussion during the Harvest period? Namely—how does one reconcile the end of years early in the harvest of the Gospel Age, with the fact that the thousand years of Revelation In the century and a half since the harvest began, and decades after Pastor Russell completed his course, the history of the Old Testament has clarified. The timeline from the Hebrew scriptures directly, respecting the synchronisms of the kings of Israel and Judah, shows that some of the kings of Judah and of Israel overlapped one another, in periods of coregencies. The testimony of these facts comes from the scriptures directly. However, the issues had not been solved while Pastor Russell lived. The overlapping of Judean kings, testified to in the Old Testament Scriptures, reduces the period of Kings from years to years. From that text we can then place the Exodus at bc. Charles Russell page —the time from Adam to the Exodus is widely agreed among brethren to be years. See Genesis 12 ; If we now count from the Exodus date of bc, a period of years backward to Adam, the result is the date bc for the creation of Adam. Six thousand years forward from there will be the year ad—thus the date opening the Seventh Millennium, which apparently is the same as the year Millennium of Revelation chapter The resolution is straight forward. The end of years of permission of evil synchronizes with the close of the harvest, rather than with the opening of the harvest. With this key, all is harmonious. David Rice—editing and content, May, George Tabac — Written Work: However later, like Br. Charles Taze Russell, Br. George too came to realize the need to clarify his understanding by one year in his General Convention discourse, where he concluded the years from creation would be up in , which concurs with Br. Note the distinction in the final charts of these two discourses.

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The living wicked will then be destroyed. The righteous will be taken to heaven. And Satan will be bound. During the millennium, the earth will remain in a state of desolation, devoid of human inhabitants, and Satan will therefore be "bound" by a chain of circumstances for one thousand years. While the saints will be reigning with Christ in heaven, for one thousand years, they will judge the wicked. At the end of the millennium, our Lord returns to the earth with the redeemed and a retinue of angels. The wicked dead will be resurrected and arise with the same spirit of rebellion with which they went down to the grave. The New Jerusalem descends from heaven, and Christ, with the redeemed and the angels, enters the holy city. Satan being loosed from his prison, still claiming to be the rightful owner of this world, proposes to his followers to take possession of the city. Then fire comes down from God upon His enemies and consumes them leaving neither root nor branch. Desolation of Earth "Now the event takes place foreshadowed in the last solemn service of the Day of Atonement. And as the scapegoat was sent away into a land not inhabited, so Satan will be banished to the desolate earth, an uninhabited and dreary wilderness. Cities and villages, shaken down by the earthquake, lay in heaps. Mountains had been moved out of their places, leaving large caverns. Ragged rocks, thrown out by the sea, or torn out of the earth itself, were scattered all over its surface. Large trees had been uprooted and were strewn over the land. Here is to be the home of Satan with his evil angels for a thousand years. For a thousand years he can enjoy the fruit of the curse which he has caused. Limited alone to the earth, he will not have the privilege of ranging to other planets, to tempt and annoy those who have not fallen. During this time, Satan suffers extremely. Since his fall his evil traits have been in constant exercise. But he is then to be deprived of his power, and left to reflect upon the part which he has acted since his fall, and to look forward with trembling and terror to the dreadful future, when he must suffer for all the evil that he has done and be punished for all the sins that he has caused to be committed. Judgment of the Wicked "During the thousand years between the first and the second resurrection the judgment of the wicked takes place. The apostle Paul points to this judgment as an event that follows the second advent. In union with Christ they judge the wicked, comparing their acts with the statute book, the Bible, and deciding every case according to the deeds done in the body. Then the portion which the wicked must suffer is meted out, according to their works; and it is recorded against their names in the book of death. Second Resurrection "At the close of the years, Christ again returns to the earth. He is accompanied by the host of the redeemed and attended by a retinue of angels. As He descends in terrific majesty He bids the wicked dead arise to receive their doom. They come forth, a mighty host, numberless as the sands of the sea. What a contrast to those who were raised at the first resurrection! The righteous were clothed with immortal youth and beauty. The wicked bear the traces of disease and death. As the New Jerusalem, in its dazzling splendor, comes down out of heaven, it rests upon the place purified and made ready to receive it, and Christ, with His people and the angels, enters the Holy City. Then he looks over the vast army, and tells them that the company in the city is small and feeble, and that they can go up and take it, and cast out its inhabitants, and possess its riches and glory themselves. Satan succeeds in deceiving them, and all immediately begin to prepare themselves for battle. Destruction of the Wicked "Then the wicked saw what they had lost; and fire was breathed from God upon them and consumed them. This was the execution of the judgment. The wicked then received according as the saints, in unison with Jesus, had meted out to them during the one thousand years. They are now consumed root and branch. They have died an everlasting death. They are never to have a resurrection, and God will have a clean universe.

Chapter 4 : Bible Truth Versus Adventist Truth - Millennium

The Shechinah Sabbath Bride also portrays the Millennium of global peace, justice, and prosperity. Here the Millennium identifies with the Jewish Seventh Millennium. With it, in the divine scheme of things, the Christian Third Millennium overlaps enough to be called The Millennium too.

When I align the chronological details in these three prophecies, I reach the following conclusions: When Jesus returns to Earth, the armies of Earth will actually attempt to destroy Him. Jesus will face His enemies and command them to die. The sharp sword that comes out of His mouth represents this. Incidentally, the righteous dead are resurrected by words from the same mouth! The Antichrist the false prophet and his global administration the beast will be thrown alive in a lake of fire at the Second Coming. Everyone will be destroyed in that fire, but the fire itself will burn on throughout the 1, years. Lucifer and his angels will see the place of their coming execution for 1, years. Lucifer and his angels are allowed to physically appear on Earth during the fifth trumpet. At that time they will be given visible bodies for the benefit of mankind to see. During the thousand years, the saints reign with Christ. This means they will Share in Jesus authority in reviewing the records of the wicked to determine the appropriate amount of restitution as required by law. At the end of the 1, years, the holy city, New Jerusalem, descends from Heaven to Earth with the saints inside. God allows this to occur to demonstrate once again that sin cannot be justified. Sin is nothing but rebellion against the authority of God. When the righteous sees the defiant behavior of the wicked in the very presence of God, this evidence will be more than enough to satisfy any question that may linger about the necessity of destroying the wicked. Every tear will be dried. As the wicked rush the city, the Great White throne judgment scene takes place. The Maker of Life will stop the great throng as it advances toward the city. Jesus will address His created beings and reveal to each wicked person why He could not save him or her. He will also reveal his or her forthcoming punishment. I presume there will be a few special words addressed to Lucifer, the father of sin. Jesus will lament the rise of sin as He speaks to the being who was once His best and closest friend. It will be an awesome day of reckoning. When the wicked realize their great loss, when they see that their fate was sealed by their own rebellion, when they hear their sentence of restitution and death, panic stricken they go into an agonizing frenzy. Jesus calls fire down out of the heavens and the judgment decided by the saints is applied and ultimately, the penalty of death by execution brings an end to sin. Some Questions Perhaps the best way to conclude the study on this topic is to answer nine commonly asked questions. Where are the saints during the 1, years and what will they be doing? They will reign share authority with Christ in Heaven. This conclusion is based on four concepts: First, the righteous dead of ages past and the righteous living will be caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Christ does not walk on Earth at the Second Coming. With the exception of those who participated in the crucifixion of Jesus, the wicked are not resurrected at the Second Coming. They remain in a state of soul-sleep or death. They wait for the second resurrection and the White Throne Judgment scene. He was let out of the Abyss during the fifth trumpet. Remember from page , Lucifer is the scapegoat. All the sins from the temple will be placed on his head. Did God pre-decree a precise period of 1, earth-years or should this time-period be interpreted as a general statement? Evidence from the Bible suggests the 1, years will be a sabbatical millennium. There is nothing in the Bible to prevent the 1, years from being a precise time-period that fulfills the weekly template God designed at Creation. Based on the material presented in this lesson and the previous one, Jesus will return for the saints at the beginning of the millennium. During the 1, years, the saints will conduct a judgment process upon the wicked, determining the amount of restitution that each wicked person must pay. At the end of the 1, years, the Holy City and the saints descend to Earth. At that time, the wicked are resurrected to see the reality of salvation and why He could not save them. Then the punishment begins and ultimately, God cleanses the Earth of every impurity. After seven millenniums of sin, a new Heaven and a new earth will be created. The Second Coming What event marks the end of the 1, years? It could be called the Third Coming, since the Holy City descends and the wicked from all ages are resurrected to meet their fate. Will the 1, years of Revelation 20 be the seventh millennium since sin began, in effect, a sabbatical rest for Earth? Yes, it appears that way.

See 2 Peter 3: All issues surrounding the judgment process will be resolved before God permanently annihilates anyone. The first 1,000 years of eternal life will also include their judgment regarding restitution from the wicked. God gives this job to the saints at the beginning of their eternal life because He wants the redeemed to carefully consider the seriousness of sin and rebellion from His perspective. Therefore, He requires them to sit in judgment upon human beings, as He must do. As ages of eternity about the importance of maintaining a nonnegotiable faith in God and His government. Although the 1,000 years are only mentioned in Revelation 20, do other Bible writers indirectly speak of this time-period? Old Testament prophets give no details or comments about the millennium. Conclusion We have reached the end of this study. Each of these doctrines centers on the generous ministry of Jesus Christ. I have written this study for two reasons. First, I want to exalt my Savior, Jesus. Even though I continue to learn more about Him every day, my desire is to share a number of wonderful things I have gleaned from Scripture. No one compares to Jesus. Second, this study was written as a primer for prophetic study. The prophecies of Daniel and Revelation are an advanced area of study and a harmonious understanding of the prophecies require a solid foundation of these five essential truths presented in this study. For example, Revelation 8: As we examine the ministry conducted at the Alter of Incense on Earth, it helps us to understand the significance of casting down the censer at the heavenly alter. Bible prophecy does involve a study of future events, but not in the way most people assume. Bible prophecy covers a number of topics that believers should want to understand. Ultimately, Bible prophecy reveals how Jesus will resolve all the problems caused by sin. He will eventually destroy the wicked, both humans and angels. Earth itself is so contaminated with sin that purification by fire is required! Unfortunately, the elimination of sin also involves destroying human beings that Jesus deeply loves. The deliberate and final destruction of fallen angels and fallen human beings must be done within a framework of justice and mercy that every survivor can understand. Throughout eternity, the drama of sin will be reviewed and discussed by men and angels. So, God has given us who live before the drama comes to a close, an opportunity to understand the sweeping outline of how sin problem will be resolved. By giving this information to us in advance, our understanding of what He must do to the human race during the Great Tribulation makes sense. At the present time, one man says this about Revelation and another says that, so no one can determine the truth. This is about to change. When the Great tribulation begins, God will make sure all people will see and hear His truth. He will empower , spokespersons all over the world and they will speak with authority, as did Moses and Elijah. For now, we must accept by faith that God is unbelievably generous in His grace and His government is based on the equitable rule of law based on love. He is the engineer of everything and the Creator of all creations. But for a few hours in the tomb, He is eternal. He has no beginning and He is alive forever more. He is unmoved, unchanged, undefeated, and never undone. He was bruised but He brought healing. He was pierced but He eased pain. He was persecuted but He bought freedom. He was put to death but He brought life. He was raised and He brings power to those who believe Him. The world cannot understand Him, the armies of Earth cannot defeat Him, the schools of men cannot explain Him, and the leaders of nations cannot ignore Him. Herod could not kill Him, the Pharisees could not confuse Him, and the crowds could not get enough of Him. Pilate could not hold Him in the tomb, Caesars could not silence His followers, traditions cannot replace Him, and modern science cannot explain Him. He is the way, the true light, and the bread of life, perfect love and Lord of lords. He is goodness, kindness and gentleness. He is God, He is the angel of the Lord and He is man. He is holy, righteous, mighty, powerful, and pure.

Chapter 5 : United Nations Millennium Development Goals

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middle and the end of the 1, years. The two shot prophecies that follow 17 and 18 add more detail. Notice how the chronology in each prophecy contributes to the overall story. Prophecy 16 Revelation With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshipped his image. The two were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest of them [the wicked] were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshipped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priest of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil, which deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever. This prophecy reveals certain details that take place at the end of the 1, years, just after the wicked are resurrected, but before they are destroyed in the lake of fire. After studying the contents of this prophecy, see if you can chronologically harmonize this prophecy with the previous prophecy. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and the books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that ere in them, and each person were judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth has passed away, and there was no longer any sea. This prophecy reveals certain details that take place just after the wicked are resurrected, but before the destruction of the wicked. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

Chapter 6 : THE SEVENTH MILLENNIUM

proof the seventh millennium will be the sabbath Jacob (Israel) worked 7 years for a bride. This foretold that Jesus will also work (leading men to repentance) for 7 days (or 7, years) till he receives his final righteous bride.

August 14, at 9: That is not proper biblical exegesis. August 14, at 5: Each time I try to get through this, I might pick up something but I have yet to really feel like I understand the message s. And, yeah, this is fairly off topic “ but I do ponder how the days give or take actually continue into the 7th millenium, if I read it correctly. It sort of changes some of my concepts for the 7th millenium. Back on topic, as applied to America, we have less than 10 years. Unless a watchman were to convince me otherwise. August 14, at I have been following the ideas of the Chiliasts ever since I read the Epistle of Barnabus many years ago. Turns out pretty much all all those who wrote at least of the earliest Christians felt that there would be 6 days of 1, years and then Christ would return to rule the earth for the 7th day of 1, years. Christians believed this all the way up until Augustine in the early s converted from being a Chiliast to believing the whole thing the Book of Revelation in particular was spiritual. The Roman Catholics are generally stuck on that to this day. Why he changed “ he never said. This actually ties to the year with Demetrius “ the first ever Bible chronologist writing long before Jesus was born. That means we are in the year or so “ and all the theories seem to be shot down. No way to anchor the beginning of the other end of this 6, year string though. To check this dates “ take a look at Calendrica “ a free online applet which calculates any date very accurately. I see us as going before then too “ so I echo “ what will you be doing with your last decade? August 15, at 9: Augustine did much to rectify that but he still retained their allegorization of Eschatology. The Septuagint and Josephus and other records give an earlier dating to creation but also give an earlier dating of the flood which also seems to be more compatible with the known archeological record of ancient civilizations. Maybe God actually started the week anew when He told Noah that He was wiping out the corrupted earth and would be starting over again with those on the Ark, and announced to Noah that His Spirit would only strive with Humans for divisions of time Jubilees? Of course if you subscribe to that conjecture you also have to believe the theory that there are gaps in the biblical lineage. August 15, at The timeline continues “ father to son being born “ until the 24th generation “ Joseph being born to Jacob in BC. This model puts the Exodus from Egypt at BC. There are NO gaps in the Biblical lineage. God knew when to stop showing us these birth dates because we can calculate time from then on using other methods. The flood BC to today is 5, years. In any case, we cannot get precise dating because of the calender changes and the best indicator is that a day with the Lord is as a thousand years and the sacrifice for sin by Jesus fulfilled one of those days also putting us in the last days. This would still make the likely start of the last millennium. I do not see how you say there has been about years since creation but there are not any lineage gaps in the Bible using this older earth date? There appears to be a 60 year error in his dating but there is nothing that would make it off by over a thousand years unless there were gaps in the lineages that he could not possibly count. The date of creation by Josephus and the Septuagint both indicate an older earth but they have no agreement on the date of creation if I remember correctly. I think they were centuries if not millennium apart on the date of creation. August 16, at The LXX generally adds years to the birth of the listed son in other words Arphaxad had Cainan at , not This is 1, years more than the MT Ussher. However, I have BC so Ussher made other changes too “ he subtracts or compresses out years in total. I can see that he has the Jewish Exodus in “ whereas I have it in Guess I need to research more details of Ussher and see how he differs after the early Genesis period. There are a variety of dates set by all of the older Christians for the creation of Adam. So the big difference is that the Septuagint LXX adds about years to each of the genealogies. I do not know how that can be rationalized with any Hebrew text and not only the Masoretic Text. So it seems to me that either the Hebrew text is wrong or the LXX translation is wrong, but we know the original autographs are not wrong and they are very close to the Masoretic Text, which is not a translation like is the LXX. Then we should keep in mind that modern Jews only think that there have been years since creation and also keep in mind that the calenders have changed a number of times, so knowing all this is there any wonder why even knowledgeable people comes up with

different dates? The Vorlage " the original Hebrew text was not finalized nor put together until about BC although written between and BC. It makes sense that the LXX is thus the first translation into Greek of the original autographs. This is supported by the amount of times the LXX type text is quoted in the NT " including by Jesus " as being much greater than the number of times the MT type text is quoted in the NT. It is also clear that the LXX has many more clear references to the Messiah than the MT" Knowledgeable people do come up with different dates " I moved to the LXX because it is more supported by the NT and it happens to fit world history a whole lot better. The LXX flood date actually fits in quite well with all the civilizations around the world. Back to the topic " we are not even close to the year 6, and have no anchor starting the 6, year countdown in the Bible. So, we must look to other factors " such as the last days 2, years spoken of by Jesus and others in the Bible. With that evidence in hand, we are evidently near or in the last decade of this age" Maranatha! August 16, at 1: Since Jesus was the author of the Hebrew scriptures if His intent was more like it was understood in the translation then obviously that would be what He would express in His sayings. The Masoretic Hebrew text has been compared to the dead sea scrolls of about BC and there are no major differences between them. Most of the differences are minor spellings and such. In other words, the Hebrew text has not been corrupted over the years and the Masoretic Text is reliable. We might not be close to the year 6, when counting from Adam but not necessarily from the time that God announced time periods jubilees that His Spirit would strive with men. August 16, at 7: There is no way we have over a thousand years left until the end of the age. The newly built data center in utah could even bring the system to life. I also think the chaos in egypt right now is really prophetic i mean it looks like one of those Isaiah prophecies coming to pass. I also do not think the Utah center has anything to do with The system is a worldwide buy sell system that links up everyone from the poorest to the richest. It is more like a strictly controlled worldwide second or third generation Internet financial system and it would require worldwide communications. Those types of birds are not up yet, and they are probably at least two generations advanced from the more limited 4G systems of today. I just look to Matthew " the gospel written primarily to the Jews so that they would believe. That is one nail in the scholarly discussion from my point of view. The other and final nail is that Ussher dates the flood that destroyed the world at BC. The timeline of the LXX pushes the flood back to around BC " which is in perfect alignment with that the rest of the world evidences. It has been an interesting discussion though" Maranatha!

Chapter 7 : 7th millennium - Wikipedia

The 7th millennium BC spanned the years through BC. During this time, agriculture spread from Anatolia to the Balkans. World population begins to grow at an exponential pace due to the Neolithic Revolution, reaching perhaps 10 million.

Links Y7K, The Seventh Millennium We are recognizing the end of the second millennium and the beginning of the third millennium since Christ. However, according to our Biblical view, there were four 4 millenniums before Christ, two since Christ and the seventh about to be entered. Seven is the number of Spiritual completeness or Spiritual perfection. For emphasis, Psalm Seven is the number of days God assigned to a week. Seven is the number used to illustrate the attributes of the Holy Spirit: Just for your own enlightenment, take a concordance and look up every reference to seven in the book of Revelation. You will be amazed. Are you ready for Y7K? Look at Matthew 1: Then notice that the writer does some math for us in verse God timed these events with the number of Spiritual perfection. By the way, eight is the number of new beginnings. Would you like to guess what takes place for believers after the seventh millennium is finished? A dispensation is a period of time in which God worked with a particular people in a particular way according to His divine purpose. Here is the Biblical picture I am trying to paint for you concerning Y7K and, please note: I am simply telling you that Y7K is the setting for the coming of Christ and fits well with the Divine number of Spiritual perfection. His coming may be a month, a year, years. Four thousand years from creation to Christ: Again, Are you ready for Y7K?

Chapter 8 : The Seventh Millennium by Jay Friedman

The seventh millennium under the rule of Christ cannot be delayed if a biblical week of years has been determined for mortal man. God has a purpose for the seventh day of one thousand years under the rule of His Messiah.

Was Ellen White a millionaire? More than once in her ministry, Ellen White was confronted by reports that she was accumulating great wealth because of her book royalties. Here is her direct response to one detractor, written in while she lived in Australia: How did you know I was? For about ten years I have been working on borrowed property. Should I sell all that I have in my possession, I would not have sufficient to pay my outstanding debts. You well know where. I have been the bank from which to draw to carry forward the work in this country. Not one shilling of the donations sent me, from the least sum to larger amounts, has been used for myself. Our good Sister Wessels made me a present of a silk dress, and made me promise I would not sell it. But I thought that had she placed in my hands the amount the dress was worth, it would have been used in the cause of God. I cannot but feel distress over the matter. I have invested money in the Parramatta church, in the Prospect church, in the Napier church, in the Ormondville church, in the Gisborne church, and in the education of students. I have sent persons to America that they might be fitted to return and do work in this country. If this is the way to become rich, I think it would be well for others to try it. Thousands of dollars have been thus expended. Is this the way to accumulate money? The old story that Canright and others have circulated, that I was worth thirty thousand dollars, all fiction. It has increased to thirty thousand pounds, by report, since I came to Australia. I am using up my means, just as fast as it comes in, to carry forward the work in this country. If I had thirty thousand pounds, I would not have sent to Africa for the loan of one thousand pounds on which I am paying interest. If I could, I would get a loan of another thousand pounds, so that we might be able to put up the main school building. I only wish I had a million dollars. I would do as I did in Sydney. I would put men in the field to labor, defraying their expenses from my own funds. We need one hundred men where we now have one in the field" Letter 98a, Six years later, in a private letter dated October 19, , Ellen White wrote, "I have done all I could to help the cause of God with my means. I am paying interest on twenty thousand dollars, all of which I have invested in the work of God. And I shall continue to do all in my power to help to forward His work" Letter , Did Ellen White handle her finances irresponsibly and in complete disregard to her own counsels? When all the facts of her business affairs are considered, it is clear that Ellen White did not violate the spirit and intent of the counsel she gave concerning freedom from debt. It should be noted that Ellen White did not advocate an extreme position on debt--that under no circumstances should one make any moves unless the money is in hand. She recognized that opportunities present themselves where the appropriate response is to move forward in faith, even if it is necessary to "borrow money and pay interest" Counsels on Stewardship, p. There were only two ways in which such expenses of book preparation could be met--either in profits from former publishing i. In the years following her death the continued sales of her publications entirely met her obligations, as she had anticipated. In such cases, however, some person or group has donated funds to cover the printing costs--just as copies of the Word of God are circulated freely only by means of the generosity of others. When one bears in mind that Ellen White herself underwrote the costs of preparing book plates, illustrations, and translations, not to mention the costs of producing the book manuscripts themselves, it does not appear unreasonable that she should expect to cover those expenses through the regular mechanism by which most authors are remunerated--royalties. In addition, copyrighting a book provides a protection for maintaining the accuracy of the text. At a time when certain denominational workers were being inadequately sustained or deprived outright of legitimate salaries, Ellen White acted upon instruction she received from the Lord that she should assist such workers with her own tithe funds, if necessary. She did not regard her action as either the withholding of tithe funds from the treasury or the redirection of them to unauthorized uses. Rather she recognized the inability of the "regular channels" to meet the needs of those particular workers at that point in time. What about that "pork" testimony? Ellen White did not claim that after her health vision she never again ate meat. Prior to the vision, she believed that she "was dependent upon a meat diet for strength. She cut meat out of her "bill of fare"

immediately, and it was no longer a regular part of her diet. She practiced the general principles she taught others, such as that one must use the best food available under the circumstances. When away from home, either while traveling or camping in austere conditions, decades before convenience foods were invented, finding an adequate diet was often difficult. Not always able to obtain the best, for whatever reason, she at times settled for the good--the best under the circumstances. Ellen White was not dogmatic regarding meat eating. In she noted, "I have never felt that it was my duty to say that no one should taste of meat under any circumstances. I have never felt that it was my duty to make sweeping assertions. What I have said I have said under a sense of duty, but I have been guarded in my statements, because I did not want to give occasion for anyone to be conscience for another" *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, pp. In modern attempts to understand history, too frequently the past is judged by the present, most often unknowingly. Individuals of the past must be judged in the context of their circumstances, not ours. In a day without refrigeration, when obtaining fresh fruit and vegetables depended on where one lived and the time of the year, when meat substitutes were rarely obtainable before the introduction of peanut butter and dry-cereals mids , on some occasions one either ate meat or nothing at all. In our day, in most circumstances meat eating is rarely a necessity. While in Australia, she came to the place where she "absolutely banished meat from my table. From that time on January it was understood "that whether I am at home or abroad, nothing of this kind is to be used in my family, or come upon my table" *ibid*. Changes in certain emphases through the years only refined those principles, they did not add or subtract from them. As time passes, even prophets must take time to assimilate revealed principles--time for theory to become practice in their own lives. She constantly advocated the principle, in practice as well as in teaching, that everyone who is committed to truth will move from the bad to the good, from the good to the better, from the better to the best. Such was her experience. What about her apparent reversal on the question of eating pork? In she wrote to the Haskells Brother and Sister A on a number of items, rebuking them for insisting that pork-eating should be made a "test question": He will teach His church their duty" *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. In the health reform vision of June 6, , a broad array of health principles was revealed. The next year she published a fifty-page chapter entitled "Health" in *Spiritual Gifts*, volume 4. Her vision in did not inform her as to the rightness or wrongness of eating pork. Rather, it reproved this brother for creating division among Adventists by making the issue a test question at that time. Douglass, *Messenger of the Lord: Pacific Press Publishing Association*, , pp. White are equal to, or an addition to, the Scriptures? Another way of framing this question is to ask why the church should need any of the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Scriptures are to be accepted as an authoritative, infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the revealer of doctrines, and the test of experience. On the contrary, the Spirit was promised by our Saviour, to open the Word to His servants, to illuminate and apply its teachings. And since it was the Spirit of God that inspired the Bible, it is impossible that the teaching of the Spirit should ever be contrary to that of the Word. During the ages while the Scriptures of both the Old and the New Testament were being given, the Holy Spirit did not cease to communicate light to individual minds, apart from the revelations to be embodied in the Sacred Canon. The Bible itself relates how, through the Holy Spirit, men received warning, reproof, counsel, and instruction, in matters in no way relating to the giving of the Scriptures. And mention is made of prophets in different ages, of whose utterances nothing is recorded. In like manner, after the close of the canon of the Scripture, the Holy Spirit was still to continue its work, to enlighten, warn, and comfort the children of God" *The Great Controversy*, pp.

Chapter 9 : the seventh millennium â€“ BIBLE Students DAILY

Chuck Missler examines current and ancient calendars, the Year , and they relate to Christ's return (end-times). Also admonishes against date setting for the Second Coming.

Is the reign of the saints limited to judging the dead? Even the SDA publication on doctrine is forced to ask the obvious question, "in what sense can the saints be said to reign if they are in heaven and all the wicked are dead? What exactly are the saints in heaven reigning over? No, according to Adventists, the reign consists entirely of judging the dead. But Adventists tell us that the saints will not actually be judging the dead in the sense of deciding cases, for "God makes that decision before the Second Advent. It consists of reviewing the cases of the dead. So, we are told to believe the saints will be auditors, not kings. That does not sounds like much of a reign! Rather, this 1,year audit sounds like a huge waste of time! The word "reign" used in Rev. There is a vast difference between "reiging" and "reviewing cases of the dead"! John was certainly familiar with the word "judge" krin , since he used the word 24 times in his writings, including Rev. If John had wanted to convey the idea that the saints would be judging, not reigning, during the Millennium, he certainly could have chosen to use the word "judge" krin. However, he did not. He said the saints would "reign" with Christ. Bible Truth about the Millennium 1. God will stand upon this earth at the Second Coming! Instead of God grabbing the saints in the air and whisking them away somewhere into heaven without ever touching the earth, Job says that he will witness his redeemer standing upon the earth: For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. If He is going to return "in like manner", then what is the reverse of this process? Saints live on earth during the Millennium The Bible teaches that at the Second Coming many of the wicked are slain Rev. The righteous dead are raised to life and "we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. The question is, after we meet the Lord in the air, do we return back down to the earth? Or do we go up to heaven? The book of Revelation states that the resurrected righteous will rule with Jesus for 1, years: Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: What is their kingdom? Are they reigning over heaven? The Bible clearly states that the righteous shall reign "upon the earth": And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: No, of course not! The Bible teaches that mankind was created to "have dominion" over "the earth" Gen. But who will the saints rule over? As noted above, Isaiah 24 says a small remnant of people are left alive. Seventh-day Adventists interpret Isa. However, as you will see below, Ellen White in her book The Great Controversy quotes Isaiah 24, but leaves out parts that show people alive upon the earth during the Millennium. Notice the passage from her book below. We have added, in red all the Biblical words she left out of the passage--words which reveal an entirely different picture than the one painted by Ellen White: Christ takes his people to the city of God, and the earth is emptied of its inhabitants. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: There are "haughty" people living on the earth who are now languishing, or in mourning. There are inhabitants of the earth that are defiling it. The Bible clearly says there are "few" men left not none. For some reason God does not destroy all the wicked. Perhaps these are descendents or relatives of the saints or others for whom there is still some hope of salvation. Perhaps these are people whose services are needed during the Millennium to maintain the earth, farm its land, and provide other needed services for the saints. A "few" people can turn into many millions over the course of 1, years. During this time the righteous saints will "reign" on the earth" over these nations. Daniel says the kingdom will be established in the earth and that kingdom will rule for ever. Zechariah teaches that the Lord will set up his kindgom upon the earth: Behold, the day of the LORD cometh Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which [is] before Jerusalem And it shall be in that day, [that] living waters shall go out from Jerusalem And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: Who are the righteous reigning over? Notice from Zechariah Every year the people of the earth will go to Jerusalem to worship the Lord and keep the feast of tabernacles v. That is an earthly throne. Notice how God promises a

king will reign on the earth: Isaiah 11 describes the coming king who will slay the wicked and reign over the earth during an era of peace, when even the animals will be at peace: And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him But with righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth and He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And many people shall go and say, "come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: The saints are living on the earth when Satan is loosed At the end of the thousand years, when Satan is released for a season, the Bible clearly states that the righteous are living upon the earth at that time. Notice carefully in the text below that the righteous are living in "the beloved city. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city. The saints are occupying the earth, the old Jerusalem, when Satan is loosed at the end of the Millennium. Satan gathers an army from among the heathen nations living upon the earth during the Millennium and assaults Jerusalem. Conclusion While we have only a limited understanding of the Millennium, the weight of Biblical evidence presented above indicates: Adventists have never been able to adequately explain away all of these verses and the preponderance of Biblical evidence is heavily weighted against their view. Yes, Isaiah 24 is quoted by Adventists when referring to the Millennium. However, in that passage, the word "inhabitants" is used. So far as I know, animals do not engage in these professions. Verse 4 again refers to "people", and verse 5 says the "inhabitants" have transgressed the laws. The law was made for people, not animals. Finally, the Hebrew word for "men" in Isa. It is never used in the Bible to refer to an animal. The events of Revelation do not always happen in chronological order, so why is it wrong for Adventists to change the order of events in Rev. Revelation does not follow a chronological order from chapter 1 to chapter However, Revelation is a highly structured book divided up into various sections. Nearly all Christians agree that within those sections, a chronological order is followed. Unless there is a parenthetical break, there is no reason to disbelieve the chronology presented within a section. There is nothing in the section on the Millennium Rev. Seventh-day Adventism is forced to twist the events of the Millennium because the Biblical chronology makes no sense if the earth is completely de-populated as the Adventists propose. If Adventists were to agree with the weight of Biblical evidence that the Millennium takes place upon the earth, then they could simply accept the chronology of Rev. Let us take a look at the passage in question: They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was in the days of Lot--they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom fire and sulphur rained from heaven and destroyed them all-- so will it be on the day when the Son of man is revealed. God said unto Noah: Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Likewise, the Bible calls Lot "just" 2 Pet. If God continues the same pattern as before, then we can expect to see all the wicked destroyed at the Second Coming, and the righteous and their families will be spared. This is no doubt because God does not wish pain and suffering upon His righteous ones.