

Millennium

purpose: To show that the Millennium commences with the 2nd coming of Jesus; it is a period of judicial review preparatory to both the destruction of the wicked and the meek inheriting the Earth.

center it: To vindicate God's character before the redeemed and the lost.

Pre-Advent Judgment

- John 5:28,29 (Acts 24:15)
 - There are 2 resurrections:
 - Resurrection of life
 - Resurrection of damnation
 - **Transition:** Let's look at the sequence of the resurrections.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17
 - Dead in Christ (resurrection of life) shall rise first
 - Occurs at the 2nd coming

Millennial

- Revelation 20:4,5a
 - Vs. 4 Redeemed reign with Christ on thrones for 1,000 years.
 - John was writing from a dungeon, at the mercy of men seated on evil thrones.
 - Vs. 5 Lost did not live again until the 1,000 years were finished.
 - Analogy: 2nd coming is the wedding of Christ and His bride. The Millennium is the honeymoon. ☺
- Revelation 20:1-3
 - Devil roams the earth for 1,000 years with no purpose.
- Revelation 3:20-21
 - Reward of overcoming is to sit with Jesus on His throne.
 - God's people get to sit on the throne that the Devil craved.
- Romans 8:15-17
 - We are joint-heirs with Jesus by way of adoption as children of God.
 - **Transition:** Now let's talk about the condition of the earth.

Executive

- Jeremiah 4:23-27
 - During the millennium, the earth is without form and void.
 - Longer description in Isaiah 24.
 - **Transition:** What will we be doing during the 1,000 years?
- 1 Corinthians 4:5
 - Paul tells us not to judge before the time, because the time for us to judge will come after the Lord comes.
 - God will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and will reveal the motives of hearts.
 - Man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7)

- 1 Corinthians 6:2,3
 - The saints will judge the world. (Actually judging God's decisions about the salvation of men.)
 - The saints are those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus.
 - Before God resurrects the wicked, there will be no doubt in the minds the redeemed about the decisions that God has made. God is on trial. We, the redeemed, are the jury. We will investigate all His dealings, and no one will afterward doubt God.

- Revelation 20:7-9
 - Satan released at the end of the 1,000 years.
 - Every wicked person is raised. All are alive at once.
 - **Transition:** What are some characteristics of the city of God?

- Revelation 21:11,18
 - Light like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.
 - Walls of the city are jasper, too, with walls that are see through.
 - Wicked can see into the city, and we can see out!

- Isaiah 5:1-4
 - Vinedresser (God) who does an exceptional job and is expecting a good harvest, but reaps a bad one (poisonous grapes).
 - Vinedresser says, "judge me in my treatment of the vineyard. What more could I have done? I have done all that I can, yet it has not produced."
 - God then lays the vineyard waste. (Revelation 20:7-9)
 - The vineyard is Israel, the people of planet earth.

- 2 Peter 3:12,13
 - We are looking for a new heavens and a new earth in which dwells righteousness!

appeal: Friend, do you see how God is a God of love? Do you see that God wants us to sit next to Him on His throne? In the end there are only two kinds of people, those inside the city and those that are outside the city. Friend, what group do you want to be in?

- If Yes:
 - Praise God!
 - Are there any obstacles in your life that would hinder you from being inside that city?
 - If no issues, say, "There is no wall dividing us from that city. Let's run to it!"
 - Pray together.
 - Leave in a spiritual atmosphere. Just leave the next lesson and confirm next week and go.

defend it:

- 1,000 year reign of peace
 - Shown by the study.
- Personal life objection at the appeal.